

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Alain Leinbach
Trustee Catherine McCue
Trustee Nancy Willen
Trustee Andrew Goodwillie

ALSO PRESENT: Village Clerk Jill Schwarz
Village Attorney James Birnbaum
Village Treasurer Maryann Baietti
DPW Superintendent James Johnson

Member of the Public

ABSENT: Mayor Bonnie Christian

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Mayor Leinbach called the open session to order at 7:35pm. Laura Steinberger, on behalf of Preserve South Nyack, read aloud a letter that was emailed to the Board of Trustees dated July 25, 2017. The open session was closed at 7:38pm.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee McCue, the corrected minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of June 27, 2017 were adopted with a 3-0 vote. Trustee Goodwillie abstained because he was not present at the June 27th meeting.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee Willen, the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 11, 2017 were adopted with a 3-0 vote. Trustee McCue abstained because she was not present at the July 11th public hearing.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee Willen, the corrected minutes of the regular BOT meeting of July 11, 2017 were adopted with a 3-0 vote. Trustee McCue abstained because she was not present at the July 11th meeting.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Treasurer Baietti submitted the 2016-2017 year-end report. AUD reports are due on August 31, 2017.

Village Attorney Birnbaum and Treasurer Baietti gave an update on the status of the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). There was a discussion about what the Village planned on covering with the BAN and what is allowed to be covered by a BAN. A BAN resolution is being drafted for the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWT PARK: Deputy Mayor Leinbach gave an update on the “Pop Up Park” scheduled for Monday, September 4th 11am – 3:00pm in Towt Park.

VIDEO RECORDING – LAND USE BOARDS:

- Deputy Mayor Leinbach expressed that he thinks the decision of video recording these meetings should be left up to the Chair of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Trustee McCue expressed that she thinks that the Land Use Boards should be required to video record their meetings. If applicants & members cannot attend the meeting a video recording would enable them to know what the outcome was with an agenda item. If an applicant cannot attend a meeting and had someone attending on their behalf, they would be able to view the video to see what was discussed.
- Trustee Willen expressed that she thinks that the Land Use Boards should be required to video record their meetings.

- Trustee Goodwillie expressed that he thinks that the Land Use Boards should be required to video record their meetings.

Decision on this item was postponed to the next Board meeting.

STREET LIGHT BUY BACK: Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on this project.

MID-HUDSON STREET LIGHT CONSORTIUM: Trustee Goodwillie proposed that the Village send a letter to Orange & Rockland requesting the cost of purchasing the Village's street lights. The Board was in support of the Village Clerk sending this letter to Orange & Rockland. In addition, Trustee Goodwillie proposed that the Village adopt a resolution in support of the activities of the Mid-Hudson Street Light consortium.

Trustee Goodwillie moved as follows:

WHEREAS, street lights are an integral public service provided by municipalities, and are important for the safety of homeowners, businesses, institutions, pedestrians, motorists and first responders, and

WHEREAS, street lights make up a large portion of municipal electricity bills, and consume a significant amount of energy, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller in 2008 issued a report finding that municipal purchase of street lights from utilities can result in substantial long-term savings from avoided rental of the lights, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of New York to 1) encourage shared services among municipalities due to cost saving opportunities, and 2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and,

WHEREAS, advancements in lighting technology have made it possible for municipalities to realize energy savings of at least 65 percent and returns on investment of under five years after converting to Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has funded the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium to help communities convert to LED street lights,

#60 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Village of South Nyack hereby supports the activity of the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium and encourages other Rockland County municipalities to work with the Consortium to identify and implement economical pathways to LED street light conversion, including through municipal purchase of existing street lights and participation in an aggregated purchase of new LED street lights.

This resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach and unanimously adopted.

Trustee Willen suggested that the Board of Trustees visit Central Nyack to view their new LED lighting to get an idea of how it looks.

Trustee Goodwillie commented that the American Medical Association released a report about the health hazards of blue light.

There was a discussion about a joint venture with the Village of Nyack or the Town of Orangetown related to the maintenance contract for the street light buy back.

HISTORICAL SIGNAGE REPORT: Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on this project.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Piermont Avenue Road and Drainage and the Salisbury Point projects.

Trustee Goodwillie inquired about the status of the title search documents. The Board is still waiting to receive these.

Village Attorney Birnbaum reported that he submitted the village code revisions to General Code.

NEW BUSINESS:

VILLAGE STREET USE: Nyack College – New Student Orientation – Sept. 3, 2017

Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#61 RESOLVED, to approve the request of **Nyack College to close Upland Drive** on Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 10:00am – 7:00pm for their new student orientation.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and unanimously adopted.

INSURANCE ANALYSTS & CONSULTANTS: Renewal of David Skolsky's contract.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#62 RESOLVED, to authorize Mayor Christian to sign the renewal of the Insurance **Consulting Agreement** for insurance consultation by **David Skolsky** at a cost of \$7,500.00 effective through August 1, 2018.

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and unanimously adopted.

LOGIXS FIRE PROTECTION & DESIGN: This item was postponed to a later meeting. Deputy Mayor will look into installing a city box which connects directly to the Fire District in the case of a fire.

Trustee McCue paid tribute to South Nyack resident Bob Wolff who just passed away.

There was a discussion about a request to hold a birthday party at the gazebo in Franklin Street Park. No action was taken; permission is not needed for a small group of people to gather in the park as long as the group abides by the park rules.

The Village Clerk reminded the Board that the Village's first Franklin Street Park concert is on Sunday, July 30th.

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS: Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment:

Abstract #A18-04 – General Fund - \$46,845.31

Abstract #B18-04 – Police - \$40,771.61

At 9:08pm, upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk