

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021
VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Bonnie Christian
Deputy Mayor Catherine McCue
Trustee Jeffrey Hirsch
Trustee Michael Lockett
Trustee Michael Hogan

ALSO PRESENT: Village Clerk Jill Schwarz
Village Attorney James Birnbaum
DPW Superintendent James Johnson
Police Sergeant Ryan Eirand

Members of the public

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Christian called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Andrew Goodwillie, former Trustee, discussed the village street light LED conversion project which is currently at a standstill because Orange & Rockland does not have in place any agreement for the municipal use of smart node gateways on its poles. Despite a utility-run pilot project to assess the power consumption of the gateways, it is unknown when O&R will begin approving such devices. Discussions with the Guth DeConzo project lead engineer and with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) project manager suggest that the only feasible way for the village to guarantee completion of the LED conversion project before dissolution is to forgo the smart nodes and switch instead to basic on/off photocell sensors which do not require the gateways. Mr. Goodwillie recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the basic photocell sensors. Switching to these cheaper sensors would reduce the material cost of the project by approximately \$23,000, would enable the LED conversion to move ahead this summer, and would allow field crews to install cut-off fuses within an imposed two-year time frame. DPW may have to install baffles on some LED street lights to reduce glare.

Following discussion, Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#37 RESOLVED, to approve the purchase and installation of basic photocell controllers (instead of the smart node controllers) for approximately 200 village streetlights at an approximate cost of \$12.00 each.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Lockett and adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

At 7:55pm Mayor Christian called the open session to order. Comments from the public included:

- Joe Garreffa and Maggie White discussed a mini-library project that was created by the Nyack School Summer Academy at Upper Nyack Elementary School for the purpose of housing free children's books for the community to use. They requested to have this mini library installed at the Franklin Street Park. At the request of the Board, they stated that the glass panels in the mini library will be replaced with plastic due to safety concerns.

Following a discussion, Trustee Hirsch moved as follows:

#38 RESOLVED, to approve the installation of the mini library in the Franklin Street Park for the benefit of children in the community. Installation materials will be provided by Nyack School Summer Academy. Books will be provided by the Nyack School Summer Academy and people in the community; and installation will be provided by the South Nyack Department of Public Works.

This resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor McCue and adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch - Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 8:08pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 21, 2021, were adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

Upon a motion by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Hirsch, the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of July 27, 2021, were adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows (Mayor Christian did not attend the July 27th BOT meeting):

Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

Upon a motion by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the amended minutes of the special Board of Trustees meeting of July 30, 2021, were adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

REPORTS:

POLICE: Sergeant Eirand presented the July report which included that \$10.00 in fees were collected.

Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#39 RESOLVED, that the Board will accept the resignation of Police Officer David Novick.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Lockett and adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan – Aye

An email dated August 9, 2021, from Police Chief Wilson was read aloud regarding jake brakes on the New York State Thruway and the proposed location of Cedar Hill Avenue to be used for a layover site for buses.

Mayor Christian read aloud an email dated August 4, 2021, from Nyack Mayor Hammond which proposed that the Board consider allowing the County Department of Transportation to use Cedar Hill Avenue (between Franklin Street and Depot Place) as a layover site for TOR and Transdev buses.

Following discussion, the board agreed that Cedar Hill Avenue is not a suitable location for this purpose.

Mayor Christian read aloud an email from Diana Swartz and Maureen T. Rawding opposing the proposal that Cedar Hill Avenue be used as a layover site for buses.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Johnson presented the July report.

There was a discussion about the proposed South Broadway paving project.

BLDG/CODE/FIRE INSPECTOR: The July report was reviewed including that \$2,485.00 in fees were collected.

VILLAGE JUSTICE: \$4,281.00 in fines were collected in July 2021. Of the \$21,217 in fines collected in June 2021, \$14,122 remained in the Village and \$7,095 went to the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Christian reported that Collazuol Engineering will be surveying the Interchange 10 property this week.

Trustee Hogan noted that if the Interchange 10 property is returned to the village, the village will be responsible for maintaining it.

Following discussion, Trustee Lockett and Trustee Hirsch will facilitate live streaming future Board of Trustees meetings.

There was a discussion about the traffic control devices at the intersections of Clinton Avenue and S. Franklin Street, and Clinton Avenue and S. Broadway.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUCTIONEERS – Village Property: This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

DPW SURPLUS: Trustee Hirsch moved as follows:

#40 RESOLVED, to accept the bid of \$100.00 from Matthew Johnson for DPW surplus equipment – 1989 International Dump Truck with plow and spreader.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Lockett and adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan – Aye

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS: Upon a motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCue, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye

Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

No. A22 – 05 - General Fund - \$134,388.05
No. B22 – 05 - South Nyack Police Fund - \$8,185.41

At 9:10pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Hirsch, the meeting was adjourned with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue - Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye
Jeffrey Hirsch – Aye
Michael Hogan - Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk