

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor Bonnie Christian
Deputy Mayor Alain Leinbach
Trustee Catherine McCue
Trustee Andrew Goodwillie

ALSO PRESENT: Village Clerk Jill Schwarz
Village Attorney James Birnbaum
DPW Superintendent James Johnson
Police Chief Daniel Wilson

Members of the public

Mayor Christian called the open session of the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

T. Paul Bailey expressed that a permit should not be required to remove invasive species trees and that a homeowner that removes a tree without a required permit could be issued a summons. Roger Seiler expressed that the Norway Maples have taken over the mountainside and have blocked the views.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 7:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Trustee McCue, the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of July 28, 2020 were adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye

REPORTS:

POLICE: Police Chief Wilson presented the July report including that \$15.00 fees were collected. Chief Wilson recognized the Department of Public Works for their hard work to clean up the Village after the recent storm. Trustee McCue inquired if the State Police has arranged a meeting to connect with our community. Chief Wilson responded it is being coordinated.

Mayor Christian thanked DPW Superintendent Johnson and his team for their hard work cleaning up the Village after the recent storm.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Johnson presented the July report.

Trustee McCue expressed her appreciation to DPW Superintendent Johnson and his team for the excellent clean up job they did after the recent storm. She inquired who is responsible for the maintenance of the Shared-Use Path (SUP) trailhead at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and S. Franklin Street. Mr. Johnson responded that the property on the right-hand side of that entrance is the responsibility of the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA). He also noted that the NYSTA's temporary easements are still in effect so any Village property falling under this category should be maintained by the NYSTA.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach stated that in a New York State Department of Transportation document there is a maintenance jurisdiction table which states that NYSTA is responsible for the maintenance of the SUP and side path.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the new generators that have been installed at the Village Hall, DPW building and Orangetown Fire Company No. 1 fire house. He also discussed a project that Optimum is doing at the corner of Brookside Avenue and S. Franklin Street, which is being done in the utility right of way.

BLDG/CODE/FIRE INSPECTOR: The July report was reviewed. \$5,820.00 were collected.
VILLAGE JUSTICE: \$3,475.00 in fines was collected in July.

Village Attorney Birnbaum noted that he and the Deputy Clerk are working on approximately two hundred letters going out to defendants related to traffic violations.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC LIGHTS – S. Franklin St./Clinton Ave., S. Broadway/Clinton Ave.: There was a discussion about removing the right on red restrictions at the traffic light at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and S. Broadway because there is less traffic due to the relocation of the thruway entrance; and possibly changing the traffic light to a four way stop or flashing red/yellow light. A traffic count study should be performed, and a public hearing would have to be held to modify the local law.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: There was a discussion about updating the Comprehensive Plan including needing a funding source. Bill Pfaff will present his proposal to update the Village Comprehensive Plan at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Deputy Mayor Leinbach discussed whether the Village should take ownership of the traffic light located at Clinton Avenue and S. Franklin Street. The information that has been emailed to the Board will be reviewed.

Trustee Goodwillie discussed the circulation of documents related to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) streetlight LED conversion project with a request that trustees review the documents in readiness for a discussion at the next meeting. A call with NYPA to go over the proposed streetlight maintenance contract will be held. He also gave an update on the Community Choice Aggregation electricity supply project.

Mayor Christian will reach out to George Paschalis, Deputy Project Director for Outreach at NYSTA, about the spacing of the bicycle dismount barriers at the northern entrance to the SUP and about the maintenance of the NYSTA plantings.

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS: Upon a motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Goodwillie, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment with a 4-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach - Aye

No. A 21 – 05 - General Fund - \$11,187.64
No. B 21 - 05 – Police - \$8,726.70

At 8:30pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee McCue, the meeting was adjourned with a 4-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye

Mayor Christian noted that there is a Leaf Blower Board of Trustees workshop on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk