

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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
Village Treasurer Maryann Baietti

Members of the Public

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

Comments from the public included:

- Shane Kite: Discussed the cost involved with updating the comprehensive plan including that the Village should go out to bid for a consultant.
- Patricia Katz: Stated that she was not in favor of regulating leaf blowers.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 7:39pm.

Mayor Christian appointed Michael Lockett to the vacant Village Trustee position through December 7, 2020; end date subject to confirmation with the Board of Elections.

Mayor Christian thanked former Trustee Nancy Willen for her time, service, and commitment to the Village.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Trustee McCue, the minutes of the Regular BOT meeting of August 11, 2020 were adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

TREASURER REPORT: Village Treasurer Baietti stated that the Treasurer report and abstracts were emailed to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Bill Pfaff presented a proposal for his services to assist the Village with updating the comprehensive plan with a projected timeline of 32 months.

Village Attorney Birnbaum will research to determine if the Village must go out to bid for these services.

NEW YORK STATE DOT – Traffic Light Transfer of Ownership – Application & Permit: Deputy Mayor Leinbach commented that his questions regarding the Village taking ownership of the traffic light at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and S. Franklin Street are still not answered. Mayor Christian will reach out to the State.

LEAF BLOWERS: Following discussion about the possibility of regulating the use of leaf blowers, the Board decided not to act at this time. Public education about the use of leaf blowers and possibly revising the Village noise ordinance can be considered.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM – Electricity Bid: Trustee Goodwillie reported that on September 3, 2020 Joule, Project Administrator, will be reviewing the bids received from the Energy Service Companies (ESCO). Mayor Christian and Trustee Goodwillie will assist Joule with this review via teleconference. Trustee Goodwillie noted that Village residents may opt out of this program at no cost if they choose.

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY (NYPA) LED STREET LIGHT PROJECT: Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on this project including that the Village Clerk will reach out to CLG to clarify if we currently have the insurance coverage for the newly purchased streetlights and that the maintenance contract will cost approximately \$20.00 per light fixture.

NEW BUSINESS:

FRANKLIN STREET PARK – Basketball Court: Mayor Christian reported that the Franklin Street Park basketball courts are closed effective today due to public safety concerns.

Police Chief Wilson reported that South Nyack/Grandview Police Officer David Novick assisted with the initial investigation of a recent shooting which took place in the Village of Nyack and played a vital role in getting the suspect to turn himself in.

VILLAGE STREET USE - FRANKLIN STREET PARK – “We Move To Vote”: Mayor Christian read aloud an email from Kristy Leader, dated August 11, 2020, requesting that Franklin Street Park be used for an event “We Move to Vote”, an initiative to encourage young people to register to vote. Following the kickoff participants will walk/bike across the Shared Use Path.

The Board agreed to approve this request. It will be categorized as a Village. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will provide necessary services and the public restrooms will be open for this event.

TREE & PARK COMMITTEE: Trustee McCue inquired about when plantings in the Franklin Street Park can begin and reported that the Tree and Park Committee is ready to stake potential locations where 20 trees should be planted, which will be west of S. Franklin Street. DPW Superintendent Johnson stated that first the locations should be marked, utility mark outs will have to be done and he will review the chosen locations. DPW will plant the new trees.

Trustee Goodwillie reported that there are two possible compost programs. The Climate Smart Task Force will inquire about the private compost program.

Trustee Goodwillie requested that Police Chief Wilson provide a list of pros and cons of alternate side parking. Chief Wilson will compose a list.

Trustee McCue discussed invasive trees and Mr. Bailey’s request to waive the tree removal permit fee for homeowners that are requesting to remove an invasive species tree from their property. A list of invasive species will be posted on the Village website for public reference. Village Attorney Birnbaum will draft a resolution to incorporate this decision into the Village code.

A discussion took place about a request from residents residing on Gesner Avenue to install a security camera at Gesner Park. This will be discussed further after some additional information is gathered. Also discussed was the parking restrictions on Gesner Avenue including that temporary no parking signs are currently there. Permanent signs that reflect the parking restrictions on Gesner as stated in the Village code will be installed so that this restriction can be enforced.

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 21-06– General Fund - \$439,802.19
No. B 21-06 – Police - \$34,239.43

At 9:23pm, 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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk