

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
Via: Zoom**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Village Clerk Jill Schwarz
Village Attorney James Birnbaum
Police Chief Daniel Wilson
Village Treasurer Maryann Baietti

Members of the Public

Mayor Christian called the regular meeting to order at 7:32pm.

William Harrington, Esq. gave an update about the property formerly owned by Nyack College which included the following:

- Meeting took place in August 2020 with village counsel and the counsel representing the yeshiva. It was said that the property was to be used for a religious school for 400 male college students who would reside on the property along with faculty and staff; as well as 400 high school students who would commute via bus.
- Learned from Yeshiva Viznitz that they had closed on the property in December 2020.
- January 2021 the yeshiva stated that they would begin to use some of the buildings.
- Various buildings have different requirements – ex. some buildings pre-date the zoning code, newer buildings have a special use permit granted by the village Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Village Board operates to protect the health and welfare of residents.

Mayor Christian called the open session of the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:44pm. Comments from the public included:

- Vicki Schwaid: Inquired how much money the village has spent on the services provided to date by William Harrington, Esq.
 - Lee Prisament: Inquired what is happening with the Critical Environmental Areas (CEA) and stated that the village code 330-10 contains important information related to CEA. He commented that a New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) study related to the building of the new bridge identified 160 historical houses in South Nyack. He commented about the village Bonds.
 - Roger Seiler: Inquired about the progress of the dissolution plan.
 - Mark Dery: Inquired if the village will enable the Zoom chat feature which allows members of the public to message each other directly. Inquired when Nyack College stopped using the property has a college. Inquired if the special permit that Nyack College operated under governed all the properties. Suggested that a second Inspector be hired to assist Building Inspector Fine.
 - Roger Seiler: Clarified that the former Nyack College property is made up of many individual lots and that the private school use requires that each lot is required to have its own special permit.
 - Matthew Chapman: Agreed that the CEA are properly addressed, and that the designation of historic areas should be investigated and commented about who he thinks should be included on the Steering Committee.
 - T. Paul Bailey: Commented about drainage problems on the mountainside and expressed that the Town of Orangetown should be included on the Steering Committee.
- Mayor Christian closed the open session at 8:17pm.

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Trustee Hirsch, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of January 12, 2021 were adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Michael Hogan – Aye
Jeffery Hirsch – Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye

TREASURER REPORT: Village Treasurer Baietti emailed the abstracts and Treasurer reports to the Board of Trustees. She reported that \$13,257.00 has been paid to BleakleyPlatt, the firm that William Harrington works for.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC LIGHT – Clinton Ave. & S. Franklin Street: Trustee Hirsch reported that more information is needed about this matter.

PARKING: There was a Board discussion about village streets that should have paid parking or parking restrictions. Trustee Lockett reported that the list of streets recommended for paid parking is as follows:

- S. Broadway from Cornelison Avenue to Cedar Hill Avenue
- S. Franklin Street from Clinton Avenue to Cedar Hill Avenue
- Depot place north from Brookside Avenue to Cedar Hill Avenue
- Cedar Hill Avenue from S. Franklin Street east to S. Broadway
- Elysian Avenue from Prospect Street east to S. Franklin Street
- White Avenue from Spring Street east to S. Franklin Street
- Brookside Avenue from Cooper Drive east to S. Broadway
- Clinton Avenue from Cooper Drive east to Piermont Avenue
- Division Avenue from Depot Place east to S. Broadway
- Voorhis Avenue from Depot Place east to S. Broadway
- Prall Place form S. Broadway east to Piermont Avenue
- Washington Avenue from S. Broadway east to Piermont Avenue
- Mansfield Avenue from S. Broadway east to Piermont Avenue
- Cornelison Avenue from S. Broadway east to Piermont Avenue
- Western portion of Smith Street from dead end east to Piermont Avenue

DISSOLUTION CONSULTANT: Trustee Hogan gave an update on the dissolution consultant committee and reported that proposals were received by CGR, MRB Group, and Laberge Group and that a special Board of Trustees meeting will be held next week so that the Board can interview these three candidates.

Trustee Hirsch expressed his appreciation that improvements have been made to the village website.

NEW BUSINESS:

INSURANCE CONSULTANT – David Skolsky: Following discussion, the Village Clerk will inquire if Mr. Skolsky can submit a revised, lower proposal for his consulting service.

Mayor Christian called the open session of the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:56pm. Comments from the public included:

- Vicki Schwaid: Inquired about the village’s landlord registry and commented that the village does not have a secure website.
- Lee Prisament: Stated that Critical Environmental Areas is described in the code - Article 4, Section 330-10 and commented that the village bonds are called at par.
- Roger Seiler: Stated that when the village passes a law, the law is registered with New York State.

- T. Paul Bailey: Requested that instructions on how to use the chat feature on zoom be shared with the public.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 9:06pm.

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS:

Upon a motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Michael Hogan – Aye
Jeffery Hirsch – Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye

No. A 21-16– General Fund - \$99,389.67
No. B 21-16 – Police - \$39,226.89

At 9:12pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the meeting was adjourned with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Michael Hogan – Aye
Jeffery Hirsch – Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk