

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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

ABSENT: Trustee Michael Lockett

Mayor Christian called the open session of the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:30pm. Comments from the public included:

- Vicki Schwaid: Inquired if the Village has received a narrative from the potential buyer of the Nyack College property and if there is any update about the property.

Mayor Christian responded no to both questions.

- Jeffrey Hirsch: Commented that he sent an email expressing his support of the Village of South Nyack parking bill to Senator Carlucci and Assemblywoman Jaffee and he requested new temporary No Parking signs in front of his property.
- D. Hillsman: Expressed her support of the proposed honorary dedication of Cooper Drive to Dr. Frances Pratt.

Trustee Goodwillie noted that Cooper Drive was named in honor of a former South Nyack Mayor, Louis Cooper.

- Matthew Chapman: Inquired about the noise ordinances in South Nyack and expressed concern about a resident who drives around with a very loud car which disrupts the neighborhood.

Police Chief Wilson will investigate this matter.

- Sharon Bailey: Inquired about the status of the appraisal of the Nyack College property which the Village hired Greystone Valuation to perform and how mail in ballots will work related to the dissolution referendum on December 17th.

Mayor Christian responded that it is still pending.

- T. Paul Bailey: Expressed that the fixed amount that the Village of Grand View residents pay towards the South Nyack/Grand View Police Department is not adequate and that it should be based on property assessments.

Grand View Mayor Lynn responded that the amount that Grand View pays to the Village of South Nyack towards police services was re-evaluated based on assessment in the past and it was determined that Grand View's contribution would decrease. Mayor Lynn commented that Grand View is about 1/10th the size of our Village and pays approximately 22% of the police budget.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 7:49pm.

Mayor Christian reported that the link for the website that CGR has created related to proposed dissolution of South Nyack will be shared later in the week. The meeting date that CGR will present their findings to the Board and the public will soon be announced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, the corrected minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of September 22, 2020 were adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Wilson presented the September report which included that \$20.00 in fees were collected.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach inquired if any of the tickets were issued to bicyclists. Chief Wilson responded that some of the local law tickets were bicycle citations.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Johnson presented the September report.

BLDG/CODE/FIRE INSPECTOR: The September report was reviewed including that \$2,625.00 in fees were collected.

VILLAGE JUSTICE: \$10,792.00 in fines were collected in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

COOPER DRIVE - Proposed honorary dedication to Dr. Frances Pratt: A conversation took place about how to best honor Dr. Frances Pratt. This will be continued at the next BOT meeting.

NYPA STREETLIGHTS: Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on the streetlight purchase project.

TRAFFIC LIGHT – Intersection of Clinton Ave./S. Franklin St. – Village Ownership:

Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#46 RESOLVED, to empower the Mayor to sign required documents to transfer ownership of the Clinton Avenue/S. Franklin Avenue traffic light to the Village of South Nyack and to enter into the maintenance agreement as required by the New York State Department of Transportation pending legal review.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

VILLAGE STREET USE: Clinton Avenue Block Party – October 31, 2020 (closed west of South Franklin Street intersection): Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#47 RESOLVED, to approve the request of Jessica Hans-Smolin to close Clinton Avenue (west of S. Franklin Street intersection) for a block party on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10:00am – 10:00pm and to suspend the open container law at that location during that time.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

There was a discussion about updating the Village Code to reflect changes related to traffic control devices and the truck route within the Village of South Nyack.

JUDICIAL COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANT: Mayor Christian moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of South Nyack operates a Justice Court in conjunction with the Village of Grandview, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, Village Justice Courts in the State of New York qualify for grant assistance;

WHEREAS, the Judicial Court Assistance Program (JCAP) offers grants to Justice Courts in Villages in the State of New York;

WHEREAS, the Village of South Nyack’s Justice Court qualifies to apply for a grant from JCAP for the 2020-2021 cycle;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may authorize the Justice of the South Nyack Village Court to apply for the JCAP grant available for the 2020-2021 cycle,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has chosen to authorize the Justice of the South Nyack Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant for the 2020-2021 cycle; and,

#48 NOW, BE IT RESOLVED; That The Board of Trustees of the Village of South Nyack authorizes the Village of South Nyack Justice on behalf of the South Nyack Justice Court to apply for a grant from the Judicial Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for the 2020-2021 grant cycle.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

Village Attorney Birnbaum gave an update on the plea by mail letters that have been going out to those who have plead not guilty to traffic violations.

Village Attorney Birnbaum will investigate the cost of legal assistance with drafting a Village of South Nyack employee manual.

A discussion took place about a filming permit request for November.

Mayor Christian reported that the Village computer server crashed and needs to be replaced. Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#49 RESOLVED, to empower the Mayor to sign the proposal by VJ Networks to purchase and install the Village and Police computer servers for a total cost of \$15,022 (Village - \$5,870, Police - \$9,152).

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

Related to work that New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) was to perform at Elizabeth Place park, Deputy Mayor Leinbach reported the following still outstanding:

- Proper grading of the dog park area.
- Berm to be built in the dog park.
- Plantings to be installed on top of berm.

Trustee McCue reported that some plantings that were installed by the NYSTA have died and need to be replaced.

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

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

No. A 21 – 09 - General Fund - \$193,777.25

No. B 21 – 09 - Police - \$79,282.95

No. A 21-07– General Fund – Corrected to \$34,277.73

At 8:53pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee McCue, the meeting was adjourned with a 4-0 vote as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk