

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

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

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 regular meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Mayor Christian stated that the Village does not have to go out to bid when seeking professional services. Mayor Christian thanked Bill Pfaff for his proposal for consulting services for updating the comprehensive plan and noted that this project is currently on hold until after the dissolution referendum.

Mayor Christian called the open session to order at 7:33pm. Comments from the public included:

- Patricia Katz: Spoke about her concerns about Gesner Avenue park such as the use of alcohol and drugs, noise, people there after dark. She requested:
 - Installation of restricted parking signs.
 - Installation of a “dead end” sign.
 - Replacement of the faded “rules of park” sign.
 - Installation of a security camera.

Mayor Christian noted:

- A security camera will be installed there.
- An idling law is in effect.
- Gesner Avenue Park is a public park which is open to anyone.

Trustee McCue stated that the park rules should be enforced.

Trustee Goodwillie noted that the Rockland County idling law states a three-minute limit.

- Janice Falcicchio: Inquired about the experience of CGR, dissolution consultants.
- Rich Tannenbaum: Inquired if the village has received the narrative from the potential buyer of the Nyack College property.

Mayor Christian responded that the Village has not received anything from the potential buyers of the Nyack College property.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 7:50pm.

Mayor Christian re-opened the open session at 7:51pm.

- Robert Blejer: Inquired about whether or not a student attending a school in South Nyack can register to vote in South Nyack. He also asked if a classroom building can be converted into a dormitory under current regulations.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 7:57pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of August 25, 2020 were adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Trustee McCue, the minutes of the special Board of Trustees meeting of August 31, 2020 were adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Catherine McCue – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye
Michael Lockett – aye

REPORTS:

POLICE: Police Chief Wilson presented the August report and noted that in-person court will resume on Monday, September 21, 2020. Chief Wilson congratulated Detective James Coyle on his recent retirement, Det. Coyle has served the Villages of South Nyack and Grand View since 1992.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Johnson presented the August report.

BLDG/CODE/FIRE INSPECTOR: The August report was reviewed. \$2,200.00 were collected.

VILLAGE JUSTICE: \$2,940.00 in fines was collected in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

CGR – Dissolution Consultant: Mayor Christian stated that due to the complexities of the Town of Orangetown and the shared police services of the South Nyack/Grand View Police Department, CGR has revised the cost of their services from \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#39 RESOLVED, to amend resolution #38 from the August 31, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting which stated that the consulting services of CGR had a cap of \$15,000, the cost will be amended to have a cap of \$18,000; and in addition the Mayor is authorized to sign any required documents to facilitate this.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach requested that the CGR proposal be placed on the Village website for public review.

Following a discussion, the resolution was adopted with a 5-0 vote as follows:

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

PARKING CONSULTANT – There was a discussion about the updated draft of the parking report that Chazen Companies submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLERK – P/T POSITION – Establishment: Village Attorney Birnbaum stated that David Majewski, currently a part-time clerk/typist for the Police Dept., is entitled to New York State retirement benefits. For his time to be reported he must occupy a part-time clerk/typist job under the Village instead of the Police Department because he is not a Police Officer. The Police

Department will reimburse the Village for his salary. Following discussion Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#40 RESOLVED, to establish the position of Clerk-Typist (part-time) in the Village of South Nyack and to empower the Mayor to sign any documents required to do so.

This resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows (Trustee McCue was not present for the vote):

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye

VILLAGE STREET USE: Glen Byron Avenue Block Party – Sept. 19, 2020: Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#41 RESOLVED, to approve the request of Becky Holt Fine to close Glen Byron Avenue (south of Edgewater Avenue) for a block party on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 10:00am – 10:00pm and to suspend the open container law at that location during that time with a rain date of Sunday, September 20, 2020.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and adopted with a 4-0 vote as follows (Trustee McCue was not present for the vote):

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye
Michael Lockett – Aye

Trustee Goodwillie discussed the possibility of a private subscription-based service that the composting sub-committee is exploring.

Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) electricity program.

Village Attorney Birnbaum reported that approximately 175 plea bargain letters have been sent to people who have plead not guilty to traffic tickets. There has been a backlog of tickets with not guilty pleas because court has been closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Village Clerk noted that she has a new list of old village records that are ready for destruction per the New York State MU-1 Record Schedule.

There was a discussion about amending the Village Code related to tree removal and invasive species. This will continue at the September 22, 2020 BOT meeting.

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

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye
Michael Lockette - Aye

No. A 21 – 07 - General Fund - \$35,539.89
No. B 21 - 07 – Police - \$40,545.44

At 8:46pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Lockett, the meeting was adjourned with a 4-0 vote as follows (Trustee McCue was absent for the vote):

Bonnie Christian – Aye
Andrew Goodwillie– Aye
Alain Leinbach – Aye
Michael Lockett - Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk