

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
January 8, 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Muller, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Matthews and Trustee Zablocki and David Bird

Visitors:

Absent: Trustee Harvey

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 170 - 185, Totaling \$4,916.22.
Water Fund Vouchers # 50 – 59, Totaling \$3, 685.66.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department. Received both 2017 November & December Reports.
- Code Enforcement: No report.
- Planning Board: Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that Planning Board is still working on the rezoning of the property located next to Afton Equipment. The Village Zoning Code Amendments were submitted to the attorney.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the committee is holding a Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday February 10, 2017. To be held at the River club starting at 6 pm. Tickets are available for purchase.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.

Old Business:

- Weiss Cleanup – Remains the same. The Mayor stated that she would speak with Mr. David Bird at some point about the progress of this project.
- Sidewalk- Strong- David Bird stated that they are still working on this. He stated that DOT will be looking into this issue, there appears to be an issue with the drainage. DOT has not been available to look at this sight, currently, on hold until they do.

- Water Tank Discussion – Engineer – The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that she is waiting to hear back from the engineer for an available meeting time.

New Business:

- The Village received a Thank you letter from Brenda James & the Friends of Afton, for the Village of Afton donation towards the Village Christmas Parade.
- The Village received the December 2017 animal report from Amy Cross.
- The Village has been in contact with NBT Bank to obtain a Business Credit Card for purchases that require such. The bank is working on this.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to purchase a generator for Vallonia Springs for no more than \$300.00. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to approve Shirley Butler & Diane Whipple as election inspectors for the Village of Afton March election. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that she will looking for an alternate election inspector.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to appointment Michael Lawrence as a Zoning Board of Appeals Member. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that Mr. Robert Granger would like to help the Village with Clean Energy Communities Program.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to allow the Mayor to construct a letter giving permission to Mr. Robert Granger to represent the Village with the Clean Energy Communities Program. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that we need 1 more Planning Board Member.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to purchase a new furnace for the DPW Building not to exceed more than \$4,375.00. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to allow the Mayor to take the necessary steps to have the Vallonia Springs property posted according to the law. There shall be no hunting, fishing or trapping of any kind on Village owned property. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- Estimates for the purchase of a new backhoe were distributed to the Village Board of Trustees.

- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to purchase a new backhoe from Monroe Tractor not to exceed no more than \$67,606.75. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor motion passed.
- Discussions were made of the parking ticket fee schedule for the Police Department.
- A motion to change the parking ticket fee schedule for the Police Department has been tabled at this time. This will be discussed with the Village attorney before a motion is made.
- The Mayor informed Mr. David Bird that the breakers for the heating system may need to be changed in the building. The heating has gone off 3 times, please check into this. If this does not fix the issue then we will contact a certified electrician.
- The Mayor informed Mr. David Bird that the Village hydrants need to be flushed 2 times a year. This cannot be done before 9 am, plus this needs to be done to coincide when school is not in session.
- The Mayor informed Mr. David Bird that the odor in this building needs to be taken care of. It's been an ongoing issue.
- DPW David Bird informed the Village Board of Trustees that he thinks he may have found the drainage issue on Orchard Street. He will be contacting Mr. Jeff Webb from Bainbridge to come with a camera for further inspection.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to sign and return warrant for unpaid taxes to county for relevy. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki and Seconded by Trustee Simonds to go into executive session. For personnel reasons. All in favor, motion passed. 8:05 pm
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to close the executive session. All in favor, motion passed. 8:15 pm
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to rehire Donald G Lockwood Jr. with past experience as a general labor for DPW at \$15.00 hourly. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthew to increase Edward Jones hourly wage by \$1.50 the next pay period after proof of passing GED test. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8.30 pm and Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
 Ann Palmatier
 Clerk/Treasurer