

MINUTES  
For  
Village of Dryden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on  
November 19, 2015

MAYOR PRESENT: Reba Taylor  
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Charlie Becker Mike Murphy, Mike Hattery, Les Hibbert  
SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Chief Michael Watkins, Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte, Supt.  
Ron Moore  
SECRETARY PRESENT: Abby Homer  
ATTORNEY PRESENT: David Dubow  
GUESTS: Chris Gibbons, Greystone Drive

The Pledge was recited at 7:04 p.m.

Privilege of the floor and the Board meeting were opened at 7:04 p.m.

All agreed to move the Executive Session from the beginning of the meeting to the end.

Chris Gibbons of Greystone Drive passed around pictures of the flowing from the creek behind Greystone Drive. A beaver damn is impeding the flow of the creek and adds to the flooding problem. The beavers were trapped out the previous year.

Trustee Hattery added that he would like to authorize the Public Works Superintendent to being the permit process with the DEC to remove the impediment. This and other items have been a part of the Flood Committee discussions (next meeting 1/15/16 8:00 a.m. DPW was invited to attend). The Board all agreed and Supt. Moore stated he would follow up with DEC in the morning.

Mayor Taylor explained the need for a Planning Board Member and an alternate and asked Mr. Gibbons if he would be interested. He expressed interest and would discuss further with Chairman Curtis.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

New Members of Neptune Hose

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and second by Trustee Becker, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
New Members of Neptune Hose

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following new member(s) of the Neptune Hose Co. #1 Inc: Clayton Bronson, Brian Petrella, Amber Lobdell & Richard Brendan Young

The Board discussed the timing of the minutes and the agendas. All agreed that the agenda's should be out to the Board 24 hours prior to the meeting and the minutes, per NYCOM, should be available in draft form two weeks prior to the meeting.

A few minor changes were made to the March 12 and April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes. On a motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the March 12, 2015 and April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Trustees Meetings, with corrections noted.

Forestry Contract

The Board discussed the second of two agreements related to the harvesting of trees on the Bradshaw Road property. A forester was previously contracted to mark the trees and assist with the harvest process. 5 bids were received and the Gutches Lumber was the high responsible bidder. The contract is a three party agreement with Gutches, the Village and the Forrester.

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Log Harvest Contract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Forestry/Log harvest contract, and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Budget Amendment

Clerk Treasurer Marrotte explained that the original street light budget was exceeded with the purchase of a spare light and funds were pulled from shade trees and equipment maintenance to cover the overage.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Budget Amendment/Line Item transfer

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 2015/2016 Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte.

Unpaid Tax Re-levy

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
2015/2016 Un-paid tax re-levy

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the list of unpaid 2015/2016 Village Taxes to be re-levied onto the 2016 Town/County Tax Bills.

Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed.  
Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Taylor-Aye, Hattery-Abstain.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 11/19/2015 Abstract.

Planning Board resignation

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye. Trustee Murphy recommended a letter of thanks be sent for his service.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Steve White Resignation

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby accepts the resignation of Planning Board member Steve White.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board noted a special meeting would be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the next steps in the TAP/SRTS Grant.

The Board set the 2015 Tree Lighting date to be Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The festivities will begin with music on the green at 5:00 with Santa coming via fire truck at 5:30.

The Board discussed the water project. Moody & Associates is awaiting the signed contract to begin work with the State Office of Historic Preservation before additional test wells can begin

being dug. Mayor Taylor was thanked for her pursuance of a land trade with TC3 for an alternate location for the Lee Road reservoir, discussed the previous day with TC3 Officials.

The Board noted a request for late fees to be removed from a West Main Street water/sewer account. All agreed that the late fees charged shall remain on the account.

The Board discussed the recent Tompkins County Planning Department newsletter that came out which talked about the potential Ithaca DOT facility relocation to the property on Ellis/Enterprise Drive. Trustee Hattery stated that the Village Planning and governing Board member should be at all meetings where this is to be discussed. Trustee Murphy stated that the relocation would be a detriment to the Village. Mayor Taylor stated she researched the history of the DOT acquisition of the Village property and noted a resolution in support was passed by the Board of Trustees. The interest to be involved has been made known to the County Planning Department and Mayor Taylor will await further communication.

The Board noted an anonymous letter regarding a stray cat problem in Dryden. The Board stated this was a Town of Dryden complaint.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015  
Adjourn to Executive Session

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby adjourns the meeting to Executive Session, to discuss Personnel Matters/a particular employee, at 8:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened to adjourn at [REDACTED] p.m. There was no further action or discussion.