

MINUTES
For
Village of Dryden
Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on
December 17, 2015

MAYOR PRESENT:	Reba Taylor
TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Charlie Becker, Mike Murphy, Les Hibbert
TRUSTEES EXCUSED:	Mike Hattery
SUPERVISORS PRESENT:	Chief Michael Watkins, Supt. Ron Moore
SUPERVISOR EXCUSED:	Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte
SECRETARY PRESENT:	Abby Homer
ATTORNEY PRESENT:	David Dubow
GUESTS:	David Wood, Evergreen St. Rich DeGuida, MRB Group Paul Simonet, Applewood Lane

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

Privilege of the floor and the Board meeting were opened at 7:04 p.m. The three minute time limit per guest was noted.

David Wood of Evergreen Street questioned if the Public Works would be assisting in the tree removal on the creek bank?

It was stated that a Trustee and Supt. Moore walked the area and determined that the trees were not in bad shape or at risk of endangering anything and are stabilizing the ground.

Mr. Wood also asked about the brush (approx. 12 feet overgrowth) overhanging from the Jim Schug trail onto his property, could those be trimmed?

Supt. Moore agreed to go look at the specific area in question, take pictures if necessary and determine the next step.

Mr. Wood also mentioned that he noticed some kids playing in the culvert pipe underneath the trail.

Privilege of the floor was closed at 7:07 p.m. The Board meeting was opened at 7:07 p.m.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Maple Ridge Subdivision

Paul Simonet, Developer of Maple Ridge Subdivision, addressed the Board regarding another amendment to his development. The Planning Board met on December 3rd and was in favor of the request, sending back to the Trustees for final approval (per the cluster style subdivision law). A certified copy of the resolution was given to the Board.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Maple Ridge Subdivision amendment

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Maple Ridge Subdivision amendment request, as recommended by the Planning Board, and authorizes the Chairman of the Planning Board to sign the amended Plat.

New Members of Neptune Hose

There were no new members of Neptune Hose Co. #1, Inc.

TCEMC

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Spielman-TCEMC

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby appoints Linda Spielman to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

2016 Holiday Schedule

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
2016 Holiday Schedule

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 2016 Holiday Schedule.

Retirement

On a motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Taylor-Aye. It was noted that a letter would be sent to thank Mr. Blenman for his service.

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Blenman-Retirement

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves, with regret, the retirement request submitted by Michael Blenman, effective 11/21/2015.

Part Time Police Sergeant Debra Lawrence also submitted a retirement request. She intends to retire from her full time position with the City of Ithaca and the Village of Dryden, effective 1/23/16. Re-appointment was requested. It was noted that she is a non-union member

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Lawrence-Retirement

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the retirement request submitted by Sgt. Deb Lawrence, effective 1/23/2016.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Lawrence-Re appointment

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby re appoints Sgt. Deb Lawrence, effective 1/24/2016, at her current rate of pay.

Planning Board appointment

On a motion by Trustee Hibbert and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed. Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye. It was noted that alternate seats are still needed for each Board. Possibly a note for the alternate seats should be put on the Village website.

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Planning Board appointment

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby appoints Chris Gibbons to the vacant Planning Board position, filling the remainder of Steve White's term through April, 2017.

Budget Amendments/Line item transfers

This item was tabled. No amendments or transfers were submitted.

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.

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 12/17/2015 Abstract.

Town Recreation Department use request for Village Hall

The request of the use of the Village Hall for a 6 week adult recreation class was discussed. A use fee of \$50.00 was proposed for the 6 week class and the standard use agreement for the Village Hall with Hold Harmless clause would be required.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Village Hall use

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the request by the Town Recreation Department to hold a 6 week group adult fitness class Tuesday evenings 1-19-16 through 2-23-16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Village Hall.

Part Time Clerk for Clerk's Office

Two potential candidates for the part time position in the Clerk's office were interviewed. Trustee Murphy recommended Cathy Lee be hired for the position.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed. Vote: Murphy-Aye, Becker-Aye, Taylor-Aye. (Hibbert was not present at the time of the vote)

RESOLUTION No. 2015

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby makes the following appointment for the Part Time Clerk's position.

Cathy Lee, \$10.65/hr, 10 hours a week average

Water project

Rich DeGuida of MRB Group updated the Board as to the status of the water project. A timeline was distributed and the progress is where it was expected to be. There is a small hold up with the Albany DEC which the Mayor will try to iron out, but the next steps (after the SEQR) are the renderings from DN tanks and then the final location determination. The Permits from the State Board of Ed and DEC are needed and then the test and monitoring wells will be dug.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Water Project SEQR

WHEREAS, the Village of Dryden Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Village Board) has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (SEQR EAF Part

1), prepared by the MRB Group, Engineering, Architecture, Surveying, P.C. (hereinafter referred to as Village Engineer) on the above referenced Water System Improvements Project (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that said Action is classified as an Type 1 under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determined that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and provided written notifications to all of the involved and interested agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has completed Part 2 and Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby designate itself as lead agency for the proposed development above herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board has reasonably concluded the following impacts are expected to result from the proposed Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c):

- (i) there will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
- (ii) there will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed from the site or destroyed as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the proposed Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas on the site; there are no known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; or, are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources on the site;
- (iii) there are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action;
- (iv) the overall density of the site is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations;
- (v) the site is located within an identified archaeological sensitive area; however, the Village continues to work with SHPO and no site disturbance activities will be permitted until a No Impact letter is received;
- (vi) there will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the proposed Action;
- (vii) there will not be any hazard created to human health;

- (viii) there will not be a change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland;
- (ix) there will not be a larger number of persons attracted to the site for more than a few days when compared to the number of persons who would come to the site absent the Action;
- (x) there will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences;
- (xi) there will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact; and
- (xii) there are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information and analysis above and the supporting documentation referenced above, the proposed Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby make a **Determination of Non-Significance** on the proposed action, and the Mayor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Village Board of Trustees determination.

WWTP O&M Contract

Mr. DeGuida asked the Board if there were any other questions related to the water project? All the Board members questions were answered; however Mayor Taylor stated that the WWTP O&M Contract is being reviewed and it appears that some of the terms are not being fulfilled. A list of companies/firms for operation and maintenance was requested as the Board plans to send the contract out to bid.

Sidewalk project

The Board noted that a Public Informational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7th, 2016 to discuss the sidewalk project. The proposed sidewalk on George Street was briefly discussed. It was stated that Trustee Hattery (not in attendance at the meeting) requested that portion be removed from the project; Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte was looking into it. It was later clarified that all members present at the previous meeting discussed removing the George Street portion. A special Board meeting will be held immediately following the public information meeting.

Police Chief Job posting

The Board discussed a note from Civil Service regarding the exemption/waiver received for Chief Watkins to be able to earn over the allotted dollar amount when receiving retirement benefits. The job posting needs to be re-opened and other applicants must apply in order for the hardship waiver renewal to be considered. The question is how the job should be posted, as a full time position or part time. Chief Watkins chose to work part time when the budget was decreased in order to keep the full time staff, however the position is Full time by the job description on file. A test for the Police Chief position will be held in March 15th, 2016. Mayor Taylor stated that she would write back to NYS Civil Service that the Village does still have a Police Chief in a Full time position, that no one else has applied, but the position would be re-opened/posted for applicants through the County Civil Service.

The Board noted a letter received from the Ithaca City Mayor and the County Legislature rep for the area regarding funding received to investigate consolidation options.

Police Record System

Chief Watkins explained that the County will no longer be able to manage the old records management system called SJS. He stated that a new system is in place for records management, but the old information in SJS is too valuable to lose. The County has found a company who can make transfer these records into a usable files to be accessed as needed. A cost sharing formula was used and the proposed cost for the Village of Dryden is proposed at \$1,590. The Board was in general favor of keeping the records available but would discuss further when/if the largest user/municipality agrees to the proposal.

Electronic Door Entry

Chief Watkins discussed the progress on the quotes being sought for the proposed electronic door entry system. They ranged from \$5,400-\$6,200. The cost is to be paid from the \$10,000 grant received. Hard formal proposals were requested and references would be checked.

Proposed Art mural/ Bank building

An art Teacher from Dryden contacted Dryden Bank about a proposed community/school art project to paint a mural. The owner of the Bank advised the Teacher to discuss it with the Village. There were many unknowns about the details of the project therefor Mayor Taylor would inquire further with Mr. Dennison from the Bank. Trustee Hibbert indicated that the idea is worth pursuing, if the Bank is in favor of the proposal. Mr. Hibbert stated possibly the Planning Board chairperson should be contacted, for his experience in similar situations when he worked in Lansing.

Minutes

Trustee Becker noted the receipt of the November 2015 minutes, from the previous meeting, as requested. He made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and carried. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2015
11/19/2015 Minutes

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes, with corrections noted, from the November 19th, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Adjourn

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

RESOLUTION No. 2015
Adjourn

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns the meeting at 9:15 p.m., not to re-convene.