

Village of Union Springs Board of Trustees Minutes for August 16, 2016

Approved 9/20/16

Attendance:

Trustees: Bill Boyd

Marion Case

Brian Cornell

Dawn Locastro Excused

Mayor Shattuck

Clerk Treasurer Joanne Fleming

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sharon Russell

Public Works Dept., Jeff Weaver

Code Enforcement Officer, Howard Tanner excused

Pledge to the Flag

Public Hearing on quarterly rate increase for sewer rents. No one from the public spoke. Previously adjourned from July 19, 2016 meeting. Mayor Shattuck said he will leave the public hearing open throughout the regular board meeting. Trustee Bill Boyd moved to increase the quarterly sewer rates by \$7 for Village residents and \$10 for the Township. Minimum quarterly charge will be \$90 for Village residents and \$117 for Town units.

Hear from the Public: Eric Rosenkrans, Bill Heary regarding **downtown revitalization proposal.** Bill Heary commented that the group has applied for a feasibility study. They are awaiting the results before moving forward with the project. Concern over the Zoning Law's restriction on building height, prohibiting 5 stories, they would like relief for that and for the design of the parking. Trustee Case asked what would happen if a property owner did not want to sell, Mr. Heary said that it could delay the project.

Mayor Shattuck said the next step for the group would be to bring the plans, drawings, etc. before the Planning Board. The P.B. will work within the Zoning Law and work with the group.

Property could be a possible PILOT. The Chamber is chaperoning this project, they can ask for community support.

After entertaining questions from the floor, Mr. Rosenkrans and Mr. Heary exited the meeting at 6:30pm.

Sharon Russell, Deputy Clerk Treasurer remarked that she had recently attended a Governmental Accounting session, they recommend lease rather than purchase of equipment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of the July 2016 Minutes made by Trustee Case and 2nd by Trustee Cornell. Passed.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

- No Financial Report for July. Village granted an extension for completion of Village's Annual Report to the State Comptroller's Office. Working with Rich Ward of Cuddy and Ward on year end adjustments.
- Reported on boat launch permits issued to date. Village residents 33, Town residents 33.
- 4 Bass fishing tournaments scheduled, largest (150 participants) on 8/27 & 8/28.
- Boat launch revenue at 39% year to date.
- 2016 outstanding taxes: 21 properties - \$ 8,998.72 remains uncollected.
- Feral Cat TNR Project, second event 8/6/16. Several cats were sterilized & vaccinated.
- Shut off notices for past due w/s bills to go out week of 8/29/16.

Audit of Bills Abstract #3

General Fund: Voucher #112-167 for \$23,543.82

Water Fund: Voucher #114-165 for \$19,601.99

Sewer Fund: Voucher #114-162 for \$23,346.09

Trust & Agency: Voucher#124-164 \$654.66

Motion to pay the bills entered by Trustee Boyd and 2nd by Trustee Case. Passed.

Code Enforcement Report: Howard Tanner excused, written report only.

**Union Springs Code Enforcement report
Aug 2016**

Permits:

1619 = Robert Ferrera 16 center street (fence)

1620 = Brian Rindflicsh 13 Basin Street (shed)

1621 = Majestic Fireworks (Terrance Oliver)

Order to Remedy

- 1) Christen Lothridge 11 Hillview drive junk and rubbish stored outside
- 2) Larry wolfe court date set for Aug 17th
- 3) Tim Dapolito 4 Basin Street Fire pit and gas grill stored on sidewalk

Certificate of Occupancy

Charels Barbuti 4851 Springport cove (new Home)

Fire Inspections

Certificate of compliance

- 1) Johnathen Bogart 57 Cayuga street (fence)
- 2) Brian Rindfleish 18 Basin street (shed)

Parking Tickets

Updates

- training dates in September 7th thru the 9th

Respectfully submitted 8/9 /16

Howard Tanner

Mayor Shattuck interjected that much of the parking issues have been resolved through the court process. Illegal parkers on Route 90 Cayuga St. have been ticketed and fined.

Larry Wolfe has been court ordered to tear down dilapidated buildings on Grove St. He faces substantial fines for failure to comply.

Attorney and Clerk to follow up with State Comptroller's Office on fines and penalties as the Village should receive the fines and not the Township.

Department of Public Works: Unfortunately, Treatment Plant Operator, Phil Badman tenured his resignation effective 8-1-16. Received proposal from Yaw Services to work as Independent Contractor. They will work with

the WWTP Trainee, Jim Jeffers until he becomes a licensed operator. Yaw Services was very flexible with their schedule and are charging a very reasonable hourly rate rather than what the Village's engineers were charging.

Kneaskern: (excused)

Weaver: He will be doing street maintenance: Chase Ave., Park St., Grove St., Oak Drive (south entrance).

Jeff is inventorying items that can go to auction. Old water meters, items in the lab at the Treatment Plant, etc. Jeff would like to take the items to the auction in Lansing, NY. He will put a list together before the next board meeting.

Village Attorney Hayden verbally outlined three different ways in which the village can dispose of surplus inventory.

Mayor's Report:

NYCOM Conference, he will attend with Clerk Fleming September 12-15.

Cayuga County Soil and Water was in Union Springs and harvested the lakefront.

Mayor would like to get going on GIS mapping system of water/sewer lines, looking at cost to get program underway.

Last month, Jean Lanning, Village Historian and the Mayor were asked by the Historical Society to attend dedication ceremony for Historical markers in the Town of Springport. Mayor suggested holding a Village board meeting at the Frontenac Museum. Board members all agreed this would be a good idea and way to reach out to the community. **October 18, 2016 board meeting will be at the Frontenac Museum.**

- Involvement/ideas from Trustees for Newsletter (electronic version.)
- Mayor Shattuck distributed solar packet of information to board members. Solarization will provide enough energy for to operate the wastewater treatment plant. Additional energy could be used to power residential homes. Request for Proposals will be going out in a few weeks. Mayor will not enter into any contracts for solarization until the full board has an opportunity to review.
- Discussion concerning services being provided to Springport Cove Rd. residents, he has drafted a letter that will go out to the property owners. Mayor Shattuck would like to invite the residents to the September board meeting to further discuss the matter.
- Mayor Shattuck has contacted Town of Springport Supervisor Dave Schenck about the need to raise sewer rates to village and town residents. Village residents will move to \$90.00 per quarter, per contract (Town must pay 130% of the village resident rate) the new Town rate will be \$117.00 per quarter. Trustee Boyd moved to increase the quarterly sewer rate as recommended, the motion was 2nd by Trustee Cornell. Vote:

Boyd	Aye	
Case	Aye	
Cornell	Aye	
Locastro(absent)	-0-	
Shattuck	Aye	
Tally:	4-0	Passed

- Motion to expend up to \$20,000 for the purchase and installation of 3 portable flow meters to measure amount of sewage received from Township to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. Motion by Trustee Cornell and 2nd by Trustee Boyd.

Vote:		
Boyd	Aye	
Case	Aye	
Cornell	Aye	
Locastro(absent)	-0-	
Shattuck	Aye	
Tally:	4-0	Passed.

Village Attorney’s Report

Attended a webinar on shared services. He highly recommends all board members to view the PowerPoint presentation.

He then reported on the Lakeside Entertainment Bingo Hall, court decision is to be rendered at the end of August. Bill Boyd remarked that he would like to have a public meeting on this issue with residents.

Trustee Reports/Updates

- Case (Park): Most of the lifeguards have returned to school, park will be closing soon. Gretchen Weir, Frontenac Park Recreational Leader. Gretchen reported that one of the lifeguards, Josiah Waterman will be available to do some maintenance projects around the park.
- Locastro (Street): excused
- Cornell (Sewer): No report given.
- Boyd (Water): Route 90 & Spring St. condition after the Fireman’s Mud Bog. Trustee Boyd commented that he had received complaints about the amount of mud on route 90 and village streets following the Mud Bog event. Perhaps next year, the village can reach out to the fire dept. and ask that they address the situation.

Old Business:

- Water meter upgrade
- LWRP

New Business:

Association of Villages in Cayuga County dinner meeting, Tuesday, August 23. Union Springs is host Village. Speaker: Dinner at Yawger Brook, **RSVP to Joanne on or before Thursday, August 19 .**

Miscellaneous Correspondence:

Citizens Campaign for the Environment’s annual house to house canvass. Mayor Shattuck reported that the campaign had sent written request to the village to go door to door.

Note of thanks from Betty Shockey regarding removal of trees.

Mayor and Board entered into Executive Session to discuss staffing issue. Action taken was to change employment status for DPW employee. Motion entered by Trustee Boyd and 2nd by Trustee Case.

Any other business to come before the board: None

Motion to close public hearing at 8:50pm Motion by Boyd, 2nd by Cornell. Passed.

Motion to Adjourn regular meeting at 8:55pm Motion by Boyd, 2nd by Case. Passed.
Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Fleming, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Next meeting: September 20, 2016 @ 6pm Village Office, 26 Chapel St.