

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 at the Village office at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Scholl, Trustees Bennett, Jarvis, LeDuc and Mullady

Guests: Kevin Maine, NYS Rural Water Association, Shawn Ryan, PW Supervisor, Mark Petrashune, Myndi Almodovar-Solar Farms NY

Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. Bennett to accept the **minutes** of the previous meeting, all were in favor, motion carried.

Kevin Maine from **NY Rural Water Association** came to discuss the **Apprenticeship program** for a new Wastewater Treatment Plant trainee. He stated that they just got accredited. It is a 2 year program where they need 4000 hours of training. There is no cost to the village for textbooks and Suncoast Classes. The Village will have to pay for the Morrisville classes and the lab classes and wages. The village must pay the trainee \$15 per hour the first year and \$16.00 per hour the second year. There is a grant for reimbursement of \$7000 in the first year. He stated there are money's available from the local labor department for wage reimbursement but he was not sure of which programs. He will look into this more.

Myndi Almodovar-Solar Farms NY had discussed with Mayor Scholl about the grant money from the Solar Farms fund. Mayor Scholl had asked if it could be set up designating the fire department as recipients for unfunded costs and the Village could control the spending out of the account. This would need to be put in a separate account. Ms. Almodovar stated that once the account is set up, they will send the money once a month. She also stated that they and NYSEG are going to hold meetings to inform the community about the ESCO companies that are out there scamming people and charging ridiculous costs. Tr. Mullady offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-01** to approve setting up the account for the sign up funds to be deposited for the fire equipment, Tr. Bennett seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Tr. Jarvis offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-02** to approve Mayor Scholl signing the revocable License agreement with **Saranac Central School District** for the **Walking path** using the deed description, Tr. LeDuc seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Tr. Mullady offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-03**, seconded by Tr. Jarvis to approve purchasing the used **plow truck** from RR. Charlebois for a cost of \$15000 and appropriate the money from the **public works equipment reserve** fund, Tr. Jarvis seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Tr. LeDuc had done some more research on the **credit cards** companies and she found that **Worldpay** the company that the Town of Dannemora uses for ***Property Tax payments*** – they accept Visa Credit, MasterCard and Discover Credit and Debit cost is 2.45% of payment or \$3.99, whichever is higher, ***Clerk Fees(dog licenses, Code Enforcement permits, misc. fees and licenses)*** the cost is 2.45% of payment or \$1.75, whichever is higher and ***Utility (Water/Sewer) Payments*** - 2.45% of payment or \$1.75, whichever is higher. There is no contract so it can be cancelled any time or no start up fees. They can put this on the internet. Tr. LeDuc offered **Resolution No. 20-02-04** to go with **Worldpay** to set this up, Tr. Bennett seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

The board discussed extending the **moratorium** for a longer time as the **Zoning amendment** is not completed. **Mark Petrashune, Chairperson** of the Zoning Board of Appeals told the board that his board met and reviewed the proposed changes. He would like to see a sunset clause in it where say there is a big building with 10 units where only 4 belong in that zone that this would not be able to be continued. Tr. Mullady offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-05** to introduce **Local Law No 2 of 2020-** a local Law amending Local Law No 1 of 2018 to extend the moratorium an additional 6 months to September 20, 2020, and hold a public hearing on February 27 at 4:00 pm, Tr. Jarvis seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Bruce Barber, Byron Wing, Jeremy Miner, Nick Pain and Mark Woodward came into the meeting. They presented the board with **specifications** to replace the **pumper truck**. Byron Wing stated that this can be purchased off state contract instead of bidding which he thinks is cheaper.

Mayor Scholl stated that **Kevin Garrow** has not responded since he told Mayor Scholl that he would contact Attorney Douthat with an offer on the **furnace issue** and there is a problem with the air conditioner unit that he had installed. Tr. Leduc offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-06** to authorize Village Attorney Matt Douthat to move forward with a lawsuit to recoup the additional money that the village has had to pay to correct the problems with the furnace, along with attorney fees if possible, Tr.

Bennett seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Mayor Scholl appointed **Darryl Gomez** to the **Planning Board** with a term ending March 31, 2027. Tr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Tr. Jarvis to accept the appointment all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Scholl appointed Novia Lee Wood, Bernadette Hart and John Bingel as **Inspectors of Election**. Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. Leduc to approve the appointments all were in favor, motion carried.

After a discussion, Tr. Jarvis offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-07** to reduce the EMS bill to \$180.00 and allow them to make payments for Rick Young for 9/11/19 service date, Tr. Mullady seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Mayor Scholl appointed **Mark Ryan, AEMT/Driver**. Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. LeDuc to accept the appointment all were in favor, motion carried.

Public Works Department had traced **Jeff Joswick's sewer** and found the problem he had sent the letter for was in the middle of his lawn so he will have to have it repaired as it is his responsibility.

Jamie Willette requested that she and Kody Thomson attend **training** in Montour Falls 2/28-3/1/20 and requested that the village pay for Hotel only for a total cost of \$384.00. Tr. Jarvis offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-08** to approve, Tr. Mullady seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Mayor Scholl appointed **Derrick Martineau CEO/Zoning Enforcement Officer**, that he will hold office hours 2 hours per week during April through September, will attend village meetings and a salary of \$5,000 per year. Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. Bennett to approve the appointment all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Scholl read the gas, diesel, overtime, parking and fire department for January.

Mayor Scholl stated that he had met with **Earl Bell and Jon LeClair** at the prison to discuss the **parking lot on Fairbanks Avenue**. They want to pave it which everyone was in favor of as long as the water does not run down the road and the understanding that they cannot block the gate to the mine.

Tr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Tr. Mullady to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss the employment history of particular persons all were in favor, motion carried. Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. Mullady to adjourn the executive session at 8:35 pm all were in favor, motion carried. The action taken is as follows: Tr. Jarvis offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-09** to hire **Anthony Taylor as Laborer** at a rate of \$13.50/hr. with a one year probationary period, the understanding that overtime is to be worked as needed and that he will obtain a CDL License in the near future, Tr. Bennett seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried. Tr. Bennett offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-10** to appoint **Jamie Willette Supervising AEMT/Driver** with a one year probationary period, Tr. Jarvis seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried. Tr. Jarvis offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-11** to pay **Justin Drollette** his 50 cent raise retroactive to the December 4, 2019 meeting, Tr. Mullady seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Tr. Bennett offered **Resolution No. 20-02-05-12** to pay the **bills** as presented on abstract no. 9 for \$49,636.71, Tr. Jarvis seconded upon roll call vote: Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, LeDuc-yes, Mullady-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes Resolution Carried.

Tr. LeDuc made the motion, seconded by Tr. Jarvis to adjourn at 8:45 PM all were in favor, motion carried.