

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
VILLAGE OF GRAND VIEW-ON-HUDSON  
July 20, 2015

Present: Mayor L. Lynn  
Deputy Mayor J. Abrams  
Trustee C. Whitney  
Trustee J. Lattes  
Village Attorney D. Ulman  
Village Clerk/Treasurer J. Pagliaroli

Absent: Trustee J. Bell

Mayor Lynn opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Lynn asked for motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2015 meeting. No resolution was forthcoming because Trustee Lattes was not in attendance at the June 23rd meeting and Trustee Bell was absent.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer reported on receiving the first payment for the FEMA project to rebuild Village Hall has been received in the amount of \$69,698.00, which represents 2% of the costs incurred before the grant was finalized. The Village Clerk asked that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor sign the signature card for the account where the money is deposited. The Village Clerk reported that the grant is being reviewed by the New York State Governor's Office for Storm Recovery to reimburse the Village for the 10% not covered by FEMA.

The Village Clerk/Treasurer reported that the total tax revenue budget was \$657,800. and to date we have collected \$599,791. Mayor Lynn asked that reminders be sent to people who have not paid the Village taxes.

Trustee Lattes reported on the renewal of insurance policies received from NYMIR. There is a new policy that the Village has been required by statute to bond for \$100,000 the Mayor and the Village Clerk/Treasurer; entitled a crime policy. Trustee Lattes made a motion to accept the renewal of insurance quote from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal in the amount of \$8391.05 for all coverages. The motion was seconded by Trustee Whitney and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absentee.

Deputy Mayor Abrams reported that he had a conversation with Skip Vezzetti today regarding the proposal to repave River Road. At present they are working on easements. They have reported that they are on schedule to begin work some time in 2016/2017. Deputy Mayor Abrams said there is one thing not confirmed about this and that is a contiguous standard sidewalk. Because of the width of the road in places it

does not allow for standard width sidewalks. Therefore, the County is asking NYS DOT to allow sidewalks to be installed that do not meet all of the DOT requirements.

Deputy Mayor Abrams discussed privatization of the street lights. He said that he had a discussion with a Trustee from South Nyack and they are considering buying the street lights. Deputy Mayor Abrams said that there are 29 street lights in Grand View-On-Hudson and the buy back is between \$160 and \$270 per light and the available service contract would be \$25 per light. Deputy Mayor Abrams said this is all in the planning phase, no one has done this yet.

Deputy Mayor Abrams discussed a conversation with Andrew Stewart regarding what he believed was a platform on Hader Park where he believes the railroad station was located. Mr. Stewart was proposing creating historical signage along Hader Park. Deputy Mayor Abrams said that the Village historically was not interested in doing this.

Trustee Whitney reported she has been in negotiation with the insurance company to retrieve additional funds for the storm damage to Village Hall. She also reported that the company the Village hired to do the historical documentation has been on the site a couple of times and that is going well.

Trustee Whiney reported regarding the demolition, an evaluation was done of the retrievable items from Village Hall, including fireplace material, cornices, signage, the yacht club plaques, etc. to be included in the demolition bid documents. Ken DeGennaro has prepared the list.

The Village Clerk explained that the Town of Orangetown had referred for comment a Planning Board application for the Shaw property, which abuttes Hader Park. The submitted plans included an illegal bridge which goes from the property in question to Hader Park. The Orangetown Planning Board put into their approval that the bridge will be removed in perpetuity. The Village Board asked that a thank you be sent to the Planning Board for their cooperation.

Mayor Lynn reported that he had attended a meeting about a new grant program in connection with the Tappan Zee Bridge. They invited river villages from both sides of the Hudson. The Mayor asked if the Village's that were bearing the brunt of the new bridge would be considered first for this grant money. This grant was for things on the waterfront that people could do, to enhance the use of the waterfront. A week later, Brian Conybeare called the Mayor and said that one of our residents, Nick Prastos, has a sail boat on an anchor and during a recent storm the boat was dragging the anchor and the people who work for the bridge were helping him with the mooring. Mr. Conybeare asked if the Village was interested in putting these two grant programs together to create a communal dock and a site where people could recreate. Mayor Lynn said that this was something he has thought about for years. Mayor Lynn said that because there was a dock at Village Hall in the past he felt that would give the

Village certain rights. Mr. Conybeare wanted to know if the Village was interested in grant money for those two things, creating something on the River so people who don't have river access could access the river. Trustee Lattes asked if there would be enough money to do this without costing the Village taxpayers more money and the question of liability and taking care of this dock and there has to be someone there to make sure that it is used safely. Discussion was held regarding the construction, use and maintenance costs of a project such as this.

Mayor Lynn asked the Village Clerk to ask the MS Society how much of the revenues from the MS Bikeathon actually goes to the MS Society.

Deputy Mayor Abrams discussed the Air BNB situation. He said he had a discussion with Doris Ulman about what constitutes a transient rental or not and the answer was six months or longer is considered appropriate for Grand View anything less is considered transient. Deputy Mayor Abrams said there are a number of people doing this. Deputy Mayor Abrams wanted to send a registered letter to every resident informing them of the laws against transient rentals.

Deputy Mayor Abrams reported that the Village Board should be using village email addresses for any village business. The board has asked that he investigate the cost of setting up these emails and the costs.

Trustee Lattes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Whitney and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absentee.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Pagliaroli, Village Clerk/Treasurer

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

