

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 20, 2015 MINUTES

Mayor Mike VandeVelde presiding

MEMBERS: Rob Cochran, Mike Catalano, Al Holbrook, Dave Brooker

OTHERS: Becky Jackson, Becki Paternosh, Ed LeBarron, Rob Genthner, Venn Blakely, Wayne Cardy, Lynne Vilardo, Marybelle Beigh, Tom Tarpley, William H. Bills, Andrew Thompson, Jim Pacanowski, Debra Puckhaber, Cliff Brown, Jeremy Izzio (Dunkirk Observer)

**MAYOR/BOARD  
MINUTES**

**The board made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/6/15 by Trustee Holbrook, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #10-2015 NYMPA DELEGATE**

**The following resolution was approved on a motion made by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Cochran and was carried unanimously.**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Westfield, New York, held on April 20, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Cochran and was carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Westfield, New York is a municipal member of the New York Municipal Power Agency, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the New York Municipal Power Agency, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Andrew W. Thompson be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Westfield, New York.

**SAFE BOATING PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor read the following Proclamation declaring May 16-22, 2015 as Safe Boating Week.

Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands. However, our waterways can become crowded at

times and be a place of chaos and confusion. While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical “Rules of the Road,” drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is clearly not the smart thing to do, are all examples of human error or lack of proper judgment. One particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives.

Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family. That is why we must continue to spread the message of boating and safety not only during National Safe Boating Week but also throughout the year.

Whereas, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

Whereas, today’s life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today’s boating public.

Therefore, I, Michael VandeVelde, do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe boating Campaign and proclaim May 16-22, 2015, as national Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Whereof, I urge all those who boat to “Wear it” and practice safe boating habits.

#### **REQUEST BY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**The Fire Department requested to do a Fire Engine-Ladder “Salute” in Commemoration of Father Albert W. Clody, Jr.’s. 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination on May 23<sup>rd</sup> motioned by Trustee Holbrook, seconded by Trustee Brooker and was carried unanimously.**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **MONTHLY OVERTIME REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly/Overtime Report as presented by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**NRA GRANT**

Chief Rob Genthner thanked Mike Foti for all his assistance with our receiving the NRA Grant.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly Report by Trustee Cochran, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**PARADE**

**The board approved the Little League Parade May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the usual escorts provided on a motion made by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Holbrook and was carried unanimously.**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY/OVERTIME REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Recreation Program Report by Trustee Cochran, seconded by Trustee Brooker and was carried unanimously.**

**HISTORIAN**

**The board made a motion to approve the Historian's Monthly Report by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Cochran and was carried unanimously.**

The Historian also made a request for assistance in locating a place for safe storage of files. The board will evaluate.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly Report by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Brooker and was carried unanimously.**

Code Officer Pacanowski noted to the board that Joel Seachrist scaffolding has now been taken down.

**TRAINING SESSION**

**Jim requested permission to attend a training session on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Houghton and will use the Electric Department vehicle which was**

**approved on a motion made by Trustee Holbrook seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly/Overtime Report by Trustee Cochran, seconded by Trustee Holbrook and was carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**MONTHLY/OVERTIME REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly/Overtime Report by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**WATER SERVICE REQUEST BOURNE ST. WATER MAIN PROJECT**

A request was made by Jeff Fortner for a 2" water line to be installed on Bourne Street.

**REFUSE CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**The board made a motion to approve a 6 month extension with Casella for Refuse Contract which was approved on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL-FILLING OF LABOR POSITION**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY OVERTIME REPORT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly/Overtime Report by Trustee Cochran, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

**The board made a motion to approve for Erin Schuster to attend the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) Conference in May by Trustee Holbrook, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY OVERTIME REPORT**

**The Monthly/Overtime Report was approved on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Cochran and was carried unanimously.**

**AWARD SUPPLIES BID**

**The board made a motion to approve the WPCF/Water Annual Supplies Chemical Bid as follows on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Holbrook and was carried unanimously.**

<b>Liquid Chlorine</b>	<b>JCI</b>	<b>\$56.6667/CWT</b>
<b>Liquid Propane</b>	<b>TPS</b>	<b>\$.7688/over Belview index</b>
<b>Hydrofluosilicic Acid</b>	<b>Slack</b>	<b>\$6.34/gal.</b>
<b>Hypochlorite Solution</b>	<b>Slack</b>	<b>\$1.157/gal.</b>
<b>Carus 3050 Zinc/Poly</b>	<b>Slack</b>	<b>\$1.59/gal.</b>
<b>Liquid Coagulant (AS2811)</b>	<b>Applied Specialties</b>	<b>\$3.33/gal.</b>
<b>Zetag-Polymer</b>	<b>Applied Specialties</b>	<b>\$2.596/lb.</b>
<b>Aluminum Sulfate</b>	<b>Chem Trade</b>	<b>\$259/dry ton</b>
<b>Phosphoric Acid</b>	<b>Riverside Chemical</b>	<b>\$8.93/gal.</b>
<b>Aqua Ammonia</b>	<b>Slack Chemical</b>	<b>\$521/Ton</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PARTICULAR PERSONNEL**

**NYSERDA GRANT RECEIVED**

Chief Bills reported that Recruit New York Initiative will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; 10-3:00 p.m.

Cliff reported there is a petition being circulated to complete a crosswalk from the Library to run directly across Rte. 394.

**TREASURER**

**REVIEW ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER BUDGETS**

The board agreed to table approval for the 2015-2016 Budget until the next meeting on May 18, 2015

**CLERK**

**WARRANTS**

**The following warrants were approved on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

<b>Water</b>	<b>#55</b>	<b>\$13,732.86</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>#49</b>	<b>18,652.62</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	<b>#53</b>	<b>46,955.15</b>
<b>Electric</b>	<b>#50</b>	<b>345,704.56</b>

**The board made a motion by Trustee Cochran, seconded by Trustee Brooker and carried unanimously to enter into Executive session to discuss personnel in the Public Works and the Sewer Department.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Following discussion the Executive Session was adjourned on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**ACTION**

Action taken as a result of the Executive Session is as follows:

**The board made a motion to approve the hire of Alex Buss as Laborer in the Public works Department by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Brooker and was carried unanimously.**

**The board made a motion to extend the Contract for Ed Mackowiak one more year by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Holbrook and was carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Trustee Brooker, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**