

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING**

**PRESENT**

Trustee William Hayes  
Trustee Anthony Girard  
Trustee Timothy Carota  
Trustee Edward LaFave

Wayne Bruce, Asst Code Enforcement  
Michael Muller, Attorney

Mayor Orlow opened the Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Orlow asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Girard moved to approve the minutes from October 7, 2015. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the bills audited today. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the bills.

FY 2015-2016	
<u>Vouchers 90675-90724</u>	
General Fund	\$48,886.12
Water Fund	3,386.31
Sewer Fund	<u>1,061.69</u>
Total	\$53,334.12

Seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow stated that at this time he would open the meeting for Public Forum to be limited to a 5 minute intervals.

Ms. Brigid Martin of Marion Avenue was present to ask questions about the quality of the Village water. She has set up a Facebook page titled the South Glens Falls Village Views in

which she feels will keep the Village residence informed on Village business. Ms. Martin then stated that several residence of the Village are upset regarding the discoloration of the Village water and she as the spoke person for the residents would like to know what the Village is doing to correct the problem. Mayor Orlow stated that the Board is aware that there is problem with the water color and then asked Trustee Girard and Trustee Hayes to try to answer some of Ms. Martin's questions. Trustee Hayes stated that it seems to be a combination of the old infrastructure and the upgrades to the water treatment plant that might be causing some or all the problems. It has been brought to Trustee Hayes attention that another municipal has used a chemical that will coat the inside of the water pipes which prohibits all build up in the pipes from releasing through the lines. The cost, quality and consumption of this product are still be reviewed by the Village at this point.

Harry Gutheil asked why the water has become such a problem. Trustee Hayes stated again that at this point the old infrastructure, the new water treatment plant and possibly over the past 3 years of working on the water treatment plant the Village has had to switching back and forth from Village to Town of Moreau water which is actually Queensbury water that the pressure going through the lines might have been different.. Trustee Hayes then stated that the pressure might have caused the loosening of sediment in the galvanized piping. Mr. Gutheil stated that he has never heard of galvanized piping being in the ground. Trustee Hayes stated that it might just be the runouts that are galvanized, but a lot of the mains are 4 inch lines and they could possibly be 1 inch lines now. Mr. Gutheil asked if the water source was heavy with iron. Trustee Hayes stated that all testing of the water shows normal readings. Ms. Martin stated that residents from her street have taken water to the Department of Health office. Trustee Hayes stated that the Village water is tested at the Queensbury Water Plant. Mr. Gutheil asked who the Engineer

advising the Village is. Trustee Hayes stated that it is Chazen Companies. There were no comments at this time.

## **AGENDA**

### **1A) AHC Resolution – Bob Murray of Shelter Planning**

Mr. Murray was present to review the process and the steps that he has already completed in the Affordable Housing Corporation Grant (AHC). He then explained that the Village Board would have to approve and sign a resolution for the grant award. Trustee Hayes stated that it is he understanding that this is a total grant to the recipients with no pay back. Mr. Murray stated that each recipient will sign a note and mortgage that will be filed in the Saratoga County Clerk's Office; and if the home is sold within 10 years there will be a prorated share that will need to be paid back to the Village. Then in turn the Village will send the money back to the AHC program. Trustee Girard stated that he has been asked several times how the selection process is made and who makes the selection process. Mr. Murray stated that the grant application states that this program will target individuals that are eligible and have lower income ranges and the greatest household needs focused priority on the elderly and the handicap. Mr. Murray stated there is no one set method but more of a judgement call, and once the applications are reviewed then the homes are reviewed and at that point a recommendation is made. The 8 recipients selected are deserving of this grant, and he hopes in the future the Village can assist more through this process. Attorney Muller reviewed the resolution with the Village Board and asked if there were any additional questions for him or the Mr. Murray. There was one comment to change the word Moreau in the resolution to South Glens Falls. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the resolution; Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**1) CheriLyn Dempsey – Betar Byway request, October 23, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 PM**

Mayor Orlow read the letter of request in which Ms. Dempsey an Oliver Winch Middle School teacher and Conversation Club Advisor is asking to hold an event called “Shake N Bake” of mice along the edge of the Betar By-Way. The letter explains that they will coat the mice with florescent food dye-powder and then they will release the mice and allow them to travel where they may. During the time of tracking the mice the student will use “black” light flashlights to see where the mice are. Trustee Carota moved to approve the event along the Betar By-Way; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

**2) Financial Reports- September 2015**

Trustee Carota moved to approve the Financial Report for September 2015; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

**3) SEDC – 2015 Annual Member Investment**

Mayor Orlow stated that the membership cost is \$597.00 for the year. Trustee Hayes and Trustee LaFave asked what benefits there are to having the membership. Mayor Orlow stated that he would like to schedule a date for SEDC representative Tori Reilly to attend a Village Board meeting to explain what benefits the Village will have with the membership. Trustee LaFave moved to table is item; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

**4) Memorial Bench Request – Jane Ross**

Mayor Orlow stated that the Village has received another bench request. Mayor Orlow stated that this has no cost to the Village, but that the requestor pays for the bench and the plaque. The process is to approve the DPW Superintendent to purchase the bench and the plaque and to also determine the placement of the bench along the Betar By-Way. Although

all requested spots for placement are taken into consideration. Trustee Carota moved to approve the request for the bench to be placed on the Betar By-Way; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

**5) Fire Company Membership Acknowledgement**

Trustee Hayes stated that in order to acknowledge the Fire Company members the Village Board will need the Membership Application, Drug Testing Certification and a copy of the members driver's license. The Village currently pays for all physical and medical qualification invoices for the Fire Company members. A member's driver's license is needed to enroll them in the Village's (License Event Notification Service) LENS program. Trustee Carota will contact the Fire Company regarding this.

**6) DPW Report- - on file**

**7) Trustee's Report**

**Trustee Hayes** – Letters of support from the Adirondack Gateway Council might be helpful for future grants that we apply for.

**UPDATE:** At the October 7, 2015 meeting there was mention of the lift station which is in need of repairs and a bypass valve will need to be installed before the rails are replaced. The consultants will be supplying a proposal to the Village for the next Board meeting.

**Trustee Girard** – Stated that he and Trustee Hayes met with members of the Adirondack Gateway Council, and at the present time the Village does not qualify for the recent grant funds that were awarded to the AGC. The Village chose not to contribute \$30,000.00 at the time the applications were filed. They will keep the Village updated on any additional funding that they may apply for and the Village will have an opportunity to join at that time.

The Town of Moreau did participate in the program and their award was somewhere around \$100,000.00.

**Trustee Carota – None**

**Trustee LaFave - None**

- 8) **Mayor Report** – Had a meeting with Assembly Carrie Woerner and several options for funding were discussed. Items of discussion were a Police Car, Gazebo Repairs, DPW Equipment and DPW Building Maintenance. The computer software was also discussed but cannot be awarded funding.

There is also still a skunk issue in the Village, and he hopes to have additional information on the removal of the animals at the next meeting.

Talke with the Board members on the extension of the contract with the Assistant Code Enforcement Office, Wayne Bruce. There is still a need for the property maintenance issues in the Village and at this point he would like to ask the Board to extend Mr. Bruce services that ended on October 15, 2015. Trustee Hayes asked about the budget and if there is enough money in the account. Trustee Girard stated that he would approve it if the Village wants to transfer money from the A1440.0400 Bldg. Insp Contractual to A1440.0100 to Building Insp. Personal Service and to A1440.0800 Building Insp FICA/Medicare. The Board unanimously voted to extend the contract with Mr. Bruce to December 1, 2015 or a \$400.00 limit.

Attorney Muller stated that he will give the Board an update on the court proceedings for Mr. Moss, Main Street. Mr. Moss has had an ongoing property maintenance issue at his property located on Main Street for over a year now. He now has until the week of November 1, 2015 to answer the courts. If he does not comply then Mr. Moss will be assigned a specific court date.

This is being narrowed down and eventually Mr. Moss will have to comply with the Village Property Maintenance codes. Attorney Muller stated again as he did in the beginning of this process, that it is not an overnight proceeding but the Village is headed in the right direction and the courts have now began to act on this issue. If Mr. Moss does not comply with the court rulings then jail time or fines can be imposed. When it comes to law enforcement issues then that is something other than the Village court proceedings. Trustee Hayes stated that Mr. Moss was not cordial with the Village Planning or Zoning Boards and their rulings when it came to him operating his business on Main Street.

Public Forum –

Thomas Wade Planning Board member asked what role the Planning Board had in determining what Mr. Moss could and could not do at this property. Attorney Muller stated that he is not sure if Mr. Moss appeared before the Planning or Zoning Board to ask permission to conduct a business out of his home on Main Street. Mr. Moss was denied the right to do so.

Mayor Orlow asked if there were any additional comments from the public. There none.

Executive Session

Mayor Orlow then stated that the Board would recess into an Executive Session to discuss Contract/Personal matter.

At 7:50 Trustee Lafave moved to enter into an Executive Session with possible discussion at the end of the session; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

At 7:57 Mayor Orlow opened the Public Meeting back up.

Attorney Muller stated that he had received a phone call for Mr. Ed Robbins, Animal Control Officer requesting an appointment for discussion of several topics. Mr. Muller has since meet with Mr. Robbins regarding the following. Mr. Robbins would like to be a Village Peace Officer. Attorney Muller stated that a few weeks ago he had also received a call from Mr. Wayne Bruce Assistant Code Enforcement officer asking about his rights as a Village Peace Officer. Attorney Muller then asked the Village Board if they would like to have Peace Officer status in the Village and if so would they like to appoint the two interested candidates in there current capacity. Trustee Hayes moved that the Village follow the Attorney's position and decline any and all appointments of a Peace Officer in the Village of South Glens Falls. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

At 8:07 PM Trustee Hayes moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

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Clerk-Treasurer