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Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
January 9th, 2024
5:30 PM

Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Carota
Trustee Orlow

Samantha Berg

Absent: Trustee Girard

1. The Mayor called the Special Village Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:30PM. **Motion #010924-1** to convene as the Board of Health. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
2. **Motion #010924-2** to relay Counsel's recommendation to the Board of Trustees. This includes Declaring the property a public safety and health emergency, boarding of the house, occupants to be removed, and a no trespassing sign placed. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: The Mayor provided the point of this meeting is to put into record what has happened in regards to the Fire at 48 Harrison Ave, which has significant structural damage with people still trying to inhabit the structure. Trustee Gutheil asked why he received no communication from the Building Inspector until 30 minutes ago. The Mayor provided the Building Inspector and Chief of Police were at the scene and they just had time to meet together this morning. The Mayor said there were email communications being sent and the Building Inspector was not included in these. Clerk Treasurer Berg provided counsels recommendation that the Board of Health should declare the structure a public safety and health emergency, then vote to authorize the structure to be boarded, occupants to be removed, and a no trespassing sign be put up. Trustee Gutheil asked if the owners have been removed and on what basis. The Mayor said Chief Gifford provided the structure had significant damage, no power or

water, the roof had to be ventilated, and there is an upcoming storm that would also make the structure not safe. The Chief is also worried for curious teenagers wanting to access the premises and possibly being injured. Trustee Gutheil was glad he received communication from the Code Enforcer that outlined all the issues today.

3. **Motion #010924-3** to adjourn the Village of South Glens Falls Board of Health meeting and reopen the Special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Motion #010924-4** to amend the Village Budget to include account A.4010.400 Public Health Contractual. Motioned by Trustee Carota, seconded by Trustee Orlow. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Motion #010924-5** to consider the recommendations from the South Glens Falls Village Board of Health in regards to action for the structure at 48 Harrison Ave. Motioned by Trustee Carota, seconded by Trustee Orlow. All in favor, motion passed.
6. **Motion #010924-6** to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from A.1990.400 to A.4010.400. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: The Mayor provided we received an estimate of \$700 for materials and several hours of labor. Trustee Gutheil believes there should be a couple thousand dollars. Our DPW crew could be busy or an emergency could happen where they cannot get to this. Trustee Guthiel would like to also consider a contractor.
7. **Motion #010924-7** to approve the expenditure of boarding the structure and properly posting per the Village of South Glens Falls Board of Health recommendation. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil said we should discuss the procedure for these instances. Trustee Gutheil said it should be through the Code Enforcer, Trustee Orlow said the Code Enforcer has had contact with the owner. Clerk Treasurer Berg provided CPS has been contacting the Village Office and we are unable to help without having a current Public Health Official. Trustee Orlow and Trustee Gutheil would like to have a qualified Public Health Official. The Mayor said we are working on defining the scope of work for the Public Health Official so the insurance company can make a determination. Once this is done, then the Village will be able to hire a Public Health Official. Trustee Gutheil would like to have this on the next agenda and communicating with the Town to create a Consolidated Health Board.

8. **Motion #010924-8** to adjourn tonight's meeting 5:48PM. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.