

Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
August 3rd,2022
7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Carota
Trustee Girard
Alan D
Kevin Ostrander
Cooper

Samantha Berg
TJ Chagnon
Dave Gifford
John Hoey
Bob
Attorney Bartkowski
518-791-2674

Absent: Trustee Orlow

1. The Mayor calls the meeting to order.
2. The new cleaning contract is \$22 per hour with 15 hours per week or at the request of the Mayor and DPW. This item will be tabled to the executive session.
3. **FAZ Engagement agreement for Jan 1st-May 31st, 2022:** Trustee Gutheil will not be in support due to the amount currently billed is too high. Trustee Girard is also not content with the work that has been done so far. Trustee Gutheil is concerned we are not getting an audit. The Mayor called off the audit until he discussed further with the Board. Trustee Girard believes the Mayor should have gotten Board approval to stop the audit. The Mayor stated that the auditor reported a large issue that the Mayor concluded the audit should be stopped. The forensic audit identified over a thousand entries that were in error. Trustee Girard believes the current agreement is not the type of audit we need. Trustee Gutheil wanted to hire local firms like in the past for a lower cost. Trustee Gutheil stated the Mayor was not authorized to start the audit work. The Mayor stated he did his due diligence and kept the Board involved. Trustee Girard suggested cutting our losses and ending our work with FAZ. Samantha will possibly be able to do the AUD going further, as long as the books prior to her employment with the Village are corrected. We need an audit for the fiscal year 2021-2022. FAZ has billed us higher than what was quoted. The Board wants EFPR to finish the work for the 2021-2022 audit and walk

Samantha through filing the 2021 AUD. Work with FAZ will be ended once they finish December 31st 2021. Board agrees with the final decision. Trustee Gutheil would like the agreements to include a not to exceed clause.

4. Motion #080322-1 to purchase two tablets for the Water Department and DPW with data package from Verizon. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
Discussion: This will allow workers to avoid using personal devices to carry out the tablet's functions. Three quotes have been found and Amazon was the cheapest. One ipad will be for operating the water and sewer system. The DPW tablet will be used for MS4 projects. TJ currently has an android tablet but this does not support the current system we have so he is currently using his personal cell phone. The Village is also choosing to use Verizon for the data plans.
5. **Invasive Species Remediation:** Attorney Bartkowski has reviewed the paperwork and will be sending a document to the Cornell Cooperative contact. Attorney Bartkowski suggests we should table for the next meeting on August 17th.
6. Motion #080322-2 to approve Supplemental Certificate #9. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Trustee Gutheil has an issue paying for the Subway invoice.
7. Motion #080322-3 Motion to approve the Mayor and Samantha to attend a NYCOM training school in September, located in Saratoga. Trustee Carota Motions. Trustee Gutheil seconds. All in favor, Motion passes.
8. Motion #080322-4 to approve bills as audited with invoices #1015 and #132 removed. Trustee Carota motions, Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Trustee Girard wants to collect \$181.68 from the Subway invoice #1015. Trustee Gutheil wants to meet with FAZ. Mayor Bodkin is waiting for a response from the Board on when to conduct the meeting. The Board will have an executive session Meeting the 17th at 6:00PM regarding #132. Trustee Gutheil notices the National Grid bills have varying rates. The Mayor is continually researching ways to help with electric costs. The next election will be in March 2023. Trustee Gutheil asks about the status of overtime and who approves it. The Mayor states the Chief has been supervising who receives it. The Chief is working on hiring additional employees.
9. Motion #080322-5 to approve park use for the upper loop of the Betar Bikeway for a bike ride fundraiser on October 2nd, 8am-12pm, if they can provide the proper insurance. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Attorney Bartkowski suggests proper insurance in addition to the Village agreement. She also suggests they should obtain one day insurance.

10. **EFPR:** They are communicating with Mayor Bodkin and will have findings at the end of this week.
11. Motion #080322-6 to approve 50/50 sidewalk agreement for Monsour and Woodcock. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. Trustee Gutheil abstains. Rest in favor. Motion passes.
12. Motion #080322-7 to approve minutes as presented (11/03/2021, 11/17/2021, 12/1/2021, 12/15/2021, 1/5/2022, 1/19/2022, 2/2/2022, 2/16/2022, 3/2/2022.). Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard and Gutheil are not in favor. Motion does not pass. Trustee Gutheil requested to not have a large batch of minutes at once. Trustee Girard noticed many errors in the minute drafts. Samantha advises that Matthew will review the previous minutes and continue creating the new ones. He will use the order of two old ones and one new meeting at a time.
13. Motion #080322-8 to approve renting a porta potty for the Betar Trail for \$150 a month, cleaned once a week. Trustee Carota motions. There is no second. Motion does not pass.
14. **Update of local laws:** Attorney Bartkowski is working on language for the local laws; parking ticket fee, traffic ticket fee, update speed limits, and nuisance and abatement. Brentwood and Woodcrest need stop signs.
15. **NY Forward discussion:** Regarding upgrading the downtown landscape. The Board is in favor of submitting a grant. Mayor Bodkin will submit a letter of intent.
16. **Sandblasting the Gazebo:** Tabled until TJ looks into prices of repainting the Gazebo.
17. Motion #080322-9 to receive and file the Animal Control Report, Code Enforcement Report, DPW Report, and Police Report from the month of July. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. Motion #080322-10 to approve Firehouse A/C quote to repair out of account A3410.409 with \$5,000 balance. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. Motion #080322-11 to move into Executive Session at 8:46PM regarding PBA negotiations, George Moss estate, GlenGate Plaza, performance of unnamed persons, job title and posting, Police Chief active shooter policy and recruitment, and cleaning contract. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
20. Motion #080322-12 to adjourn the executive session at 9:45 PM with no action taken. Trustee Carota motions, Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

21. Motion #080322-13 to send a letter to an unnamed person or persons of personnel on behalf of the Board members. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
22. Motion #080322-14 to accept the final service agreement between Michael Berg. Trustee Carota motions. Trustee Girard seconds. All in favor. Motion Passes.
23. Motion #080322-15 to advertise for Deputy Treasurer, Account Clerk Typist, and Unnamed Position. All in favor. Motion passes.
24. Motion #080322-16 to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:30PM, Trustee Carota motions, Trustee Girard seconds. Trustee Gutheil votes no. Rest in favor. Motion passes.

Please note the Board did not address Old and New Business during this meeting