

Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
September 4th, 2024
7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Carota
Trustee Girard
Alan Dubois
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
CR
CR
Reed Antis
Nick
Nick
Nick

Clerk Treasurer Samantha Berg
Tim Pease
Attorney Bill Nikas
Alan Dubois
TJ Wade
CR
Andrew Rich
Bill Ramsey
Bruce Lant
Cheryl Lawyer
TJ Chagnon

Absent: Trustee Orlow

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum:

- Cheryl Lawyer thanked the Board for being able to have the concerts. She also reminds everyone about the Moreau Community Center Block party happening on Saturday, September 7th, 2024.
- Bill Ramsey updated the Board on the tree lighting and would like to have Porta potties down at the event for people, if needed. Bill also asked if the craft and food Vendors need to have permits for the tree lighting. Bill also brought up the repainting of the gazebo down at the park and will be getting contact with TJ on that.
- Reed Antis would like to have the furnace serviced down at the museum. He also asked about making purchases for the museum. Mayor Bodkin pointed him to the Clerk's Office to handle that with him.



1. Grant Project Update

a. Carbon Filtration:

- i. **Condensation Update:** Anthony Mantas has been requested to provide the specs of the unit of the dehumidifiers. Delaware is waiting for the Board to approve the proposal for it to go out to bid. The pressure valves need to be replaced as well on the 25-foot vessels. Mayor Bodkin asked if this was something that could be done in-house. They would have to find a lift that would reach that high. Trustee Gutheil is concerned this may be a safety issue and suggests that this should be contracted out.
- ii. **PFOA/PFOS Testing Discussion:** Proceeding with 50% testing in the vessel.
- iii. **Class action Documentation has been filed with our litigation team:** Finished filling the class action with counsel. Trustee Gutheil feels that Bill Nikas should look the class action over and expand the number out and what our numbers will be for the next 30 years. Trustee Gutheil believes they could have asked for a lot more special funds. Bill Nikas stated he could look at it with the specific questions that Trustee Gutheil has on it.

b. GIGP

- i. **Motion 082124-1 to approve Disbursement #6 for Delaware Engineering for \$50,258.87 with the request of being provided the daily field reports and withhold Fergusons with the pending of considering penalty:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil will not be supporting the disbursement. There have been too many problems with the water meter project. The Board has asked for clarification as to why the numbers on the weekly reports do not match the quantities. Trustee Gutheil feels that the contractors have gone way beyond their contract date and should be hearing from the Counsel. Counsel suggested a letter on the status of the approaching daily penalties and put them on notice that this could be happening. TJ Chagnon advised that he's receiving communications from residents of how they cannot get the contractor to install the meter. Trustee Gutheil would like clarification on the mileage and why the hourly rates have changed. Trustee Girard would like to know how to move forward based on the daily penalty amounts. The max amount of the contract was \$123,400. The Board decided to hold the Ferguson disbursement as the penalty clause is in effect. Trustee Gutheil asked if daily field reports had been provided for the project as he requested.

c. **Ferry Blvd:** The Water/Sewer committee met with the DOH and talked about some technology that might be beneficial if the grants don't come through. DOH does have concerns with the designs, and has suggested that the Village request the whole of Ferry Blvd be done. The committee also spoke about the epoxy lining and the hydraulic model. Trustee Gutheil feels that a hydraulic model needs to be done. DOH has also suggested it be done.

2. **Motion 090421-2 to approve the Bills and Payroll as Audited and pull Voucher #205 for further information:** Trustee Carota, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- a. General- \$42,370.25
- b. Water- \$5,305.65
- c. Sewer-\$1,964.64
- d. Payroll-
 - i. 08/21/24- \$24,274.91
 - ii. 08/28/24- \$28,790.54

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil suggests voucher #205 for \$5,900 be pulled. There are no details on this voucher of what this is for. The Clerk's Office will pull the voucher and request the information needed. Trustee Gutheil also brought attention to the employee that worked significant overtime.

The Mayor exited the meeting at this time.

3. **Motion 090424-3 to receive and file Monthly Animal Control, DPW, PD, and Museum Reports:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in Favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil thanked Reed Antis for all the work being done at the Museum.

4. **Motion 090424-4 to receive and file the minutes 05/15/24 and 6/12/24:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil is concerned with the length of time the minutes are being produced.

5. **Motion 090424-5 to receive and file the resignation of Crossing Guard, Addie Rivers:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil thanked Addie for her service to the Village.

Motion 090424-6 to advertise for a crossing guard: Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil would like to make sure the crossing is being covered by the PD.



6. **Building Inspector Training Request:** Approved in the Bills and Payroll Motion. Trustee Gutheil would like to see the agenda when employees attend a multi day conference.

7. **Motion 090424-7 to approve Museum placard: TABLED**

Discussion: Reed Antis had three bids, two from the internet and one from a local business. Trustee Gutheil suggested looking at others that are less costly because of the amount of theft and vandalism happening. Tj Chagnon suggested a vinyl sign with the aluminum back. Cheryl Lawyer stated the Moreau Community Center suggested a dummy plaque. Reed Antis stated he would do more research and get back to the board.

8. **Motion 090424-8 to approve the hiring of DPW employee starting as labor 6 months pending a background check:** Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil moved based on TJ Chagnon's recommendations.

9. Old Business

a. **Bridge Light update:** TJ spoke to the vendor. They are looking at 3 weeks to start installing. TJ wants to get a head start on the process of taking the old fixture down and get a couple of workers to get stuff out of the storage and out to the job site.

b. **Water Filter discussion and official decision:** TJ suggested to hold on this until we have everything in place to move forward. Trustee Girard agreed. The Board clarified that there was no official resolution by the Board despite the article in the Post Star.

c. **The Porta Potty discussion:** Already have had the discussion and approved.

d. Grant Writing and Engineer meeting responses:

- i. Delaware Engineering: Respectfully declined
- ii. Labella Associates: Not available on the proposed date
- iii. Lansing Engineering: Confirmed for 09/11/24 at 6:00 PM
- iv. Barton & Loguidice: Confirmed for 09/11/24 at 7:30 PM
- v. CT Male: Confirmed for 09/11/24 at 6:30 PM

Discussion: Trustee Girard suggested that the village contact Labella Associates and find out their ability to present to the Board. Trustee Girard asked that someone reach out to Labella and confirm their schedule in the event they still wish to meet with the Board. Trustee Gutheil requested a vendor profile of how much we spent with Delaware Engineering. Trustee Gutheil stated he is disappointed with the fact that Delaware respectfully declined.



10. New Business

- a. **Fire Department Contract: TABLED to Executive Session**
Discussion: Counsel stated that the meeting with the Town of Moreau and the Village went well and came up with a proposal.

11. Trustee Reports

- a. Trustee Gutheil spoke with some companies that relayed the availability of grants for LED lighting, etc.
- b. **Motion 090424-9 to follow through with AMP Energy Services:**
Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

12. Mayor's Report: NONE

- 13. **Motion 090424-10 to enter Executive session FD Contract negotiation and performance of unnamed person or persons at 7:55 PM:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- 14. **Motion 090424-11 to adjourn Executive session to public session with no action taken at 8:35 PM:** Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- 15. **Motion 090424-12 to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM:** Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.