

VILLAGE OF TIVOLI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2013

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on February 20, 2013 at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall. Mayor Cranna called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

Present: Mayor Cranna, Deputy Mayor Leedy, Trustees Ezrati, Bruno and Griffith, Attorney Christine Chale and PANDA film representative Steven Roberts.

Public: David Cleaveland, Matthew Kobalkin, Susan Huyser and Radley Glasser.

The Mayor asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Bruno, a motion was made to open the meeting to the public for comments for agenda items only. Comments centered on police patrols throughout the village. On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Griffith, the public comment portion was closed.

The Clerk's report included the sale of 549 trash tags, manual input of 476 water/sewer bills which will be sent out on March 1, continuing work with KOSCO to regulate the temperature of the Village Hall Building, changing the office supply vendor with anticipated savings of 20-30% per month, attendance of a Planning Board Meeting and a Dutchess County Fiscal Officers Association meeting, beginning to work on the upcoming 2013-14 budget and two payrolls.

Mayor Cranna presented the minutes of the January 16, 2013 regular board meeting. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Ezrati to approve the minutes. After a brief discussion, the minutes were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Bruno, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract 9, dated February 20, 2013, in the amount of \$48,069.60, was approved. Trustee Griffith moved that the bills be paid as presented and Trustee Bruno seconded the motion, all in favor.

Trustee Ezrati and Trustee Griffith met with Code Enforcement Officer Steve Cole and Red Hook Town Supervisor Sue Crane.

- Discussed code enforcement role in the Village to create a civil environment
- List of events given with a letter
- Learned about the process used
- Better reporting
- Available in the Town of Red Hook, Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, not a particular day of the week in Tivoli
- One building permit was issued
- Defined patrols and responsiveness to calls
- Shared services since 2009
- Wanted to be sure it is a good value – will function better now

Mayor Cranna stated that Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 12:00pm to 9:00 pm on the 3rd floor of Village Hall. This year there are elections for two seats on the Village Board of Trustees and the Mayor.

Mayor Cranna discussed the progress of the outstanding FEMA funded projects in the village. The elevator repairs should begin next week. The sewer plant repairs are complete. The Clay Hill Road culvert will be finished in the spring when asphalt paving can be completed.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Bruno, Resolution 5-2013, dated February 20, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI TO JOIN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, NEW YORK AND THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK, NEW YORK TO SUBMIT A JOINT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT TO STUDY SHARE PUBLIC WORK SERVICES was approved. Roll call: Leedy: yes, Ezrati: yes, Bruno: yes, Griffith: yes, Cranna: yes. Mayor Cranna explained that he has been meeting regularly with Town of Red Hook Supervisor Crane and Village of Red Hook Mayor Blundell.

The Village of Tivoli will host the Town of Red Hook Board Meeting on the second floor of Village Hall on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Griffith, seconded by Trustee Bruno, Michele Zagorski was approved to be hired as accounting and bookkeeping consultant for the Village. After the Mayor and Treasurer met with the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, it was strongly recommended that a consultant be retained to assist with financial issues.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Bruno, Resolution 6-2013, dated February 20, 2013, STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION (RS-2417-A) was approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Trustee Bruno, seconded by Trustee Griffith, RESOLUTION 7-2013, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2013, RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORITY TO SIGN LEGAL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PARKS GRANT was approved. Roll call: Leedy: aye, Ezrati: aye, Bruno: aye, Griffith: aye, Cranna: aye. Trustee Bruno and Attorney Chale were able to obtain funds for a grant that was secured in 2009 but never claimed by the village. The original grant was for \$3,000. A \$400 administration fee will be deducted and the Village will receive \$2,600 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leedy, Resolution 8-2013, dated February 20, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI, was approved, all in favor. The equipment is a 1990 International 6 cylinder dump truck.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, Resolution 9-2013, dated February 20, STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING ACTION & ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY TYPE 1 ACTION was approved. Roll Call: Leedy: aye, Ezrati: aye, Bruno: aye, Griffith: aye, Cranna: aye. Attorney Chale explained that the Village and the American Legion have been meeting on a plan to transfer the property properly. In 1995 the Legion building burned down and built a new building in the back of the property and the Village took responsibility for the property up front. The properties were never formally transferred. There is now a "draft" purchase agreement that both parties have reviewed. Terms are still being finalized, a plan is in place and the process needs to move ahead with planning approvals to begin the SEQR process including an Environmental Assessment Form and Coastal Assessment Form prepared by Michele Grieg. The process includes this resolution which establishes the Board of Trustees as the lead agency, waiting thirty days, and then the Board can proceed to take action. The subdivision will then go to the Planning Board.

A Budget Workshop will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays until May 1 at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall. The next Regular Meeting will take place on March 20, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall. The workshop will be held at 6:00pm before the meeting. There will be a workshop on March 13, 2012 at Village Hall at 6:00pm.

Trustee Reports:

Deputy Mayor Leedy:

- Dutchess County Sheriff
 - Incident totals
 - 36 incidents

Mayor Cranna noted that there was a water main break at the intersection of Dutchess County Route 78 and North Road and a state of emergency was called on February 12, 2012. Mayor Cranna issued an Executive Order allowing the Village of Tivoli Superintendent of Public Works to purchase necessary materials and or services without adhering to the Village's procurement policy. The state of emergency was filed with all applicable agencies, published in the Daily Freeman and posted on the village website and six places throughout the village.

Trustee Ezrati:

- Length of Service Awards
 - Points were submitted (for a \$500 contribution to be placed in a tax deferred account for each) and will be posted for 30 days
 - 21 firefighters qualify – 4 firefighters joined at the age of 18
 - Account is invested with RBC Wealth Management and is doing well.
- Planning
 - Meeting held – site plan was approved for a new single family dwelling on North Road
 - This is the third home built in six years in the Village
 - Training Classes for Planning and ZBA members
 - Village Planner has offered a class for Planning Board for a reasonable rate
 - Village Attorney may also tailor a class for the ZBA
 - Two planning board and one zoning board alternate are needed

Trustee Bruno:

- Spring Easter Event will be held on March 23, 2013. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:00pm – doors open at 1:30pm. Ages 0-12.... Lots of fun activities, a bake sale and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
- Memorial Park
 - Paving and re-surfacing of the basketball court will be completed in the spring
 - The third year of Tivoli Summer Rec
 - Hours and days will be announced
 - Program may be expanded

Trustee Griffith:

- Well Report – no breaks in January
- Court Report – net fees collected in the amount of \$1,225.
- Court Clerk Barbara Melinsky applied for and received a JCAP Grant for \$5,000 for chair replacement in the courtroom, new air conditioners and a new computer.
- Community Garden
- Tivoli residents interested in applying for a plot should contact Trustee Joel Griffith at 845-757-4214 or via email at jrobertgriffith@yahoo.com. The deadline to submit your name is April 1st, after which there will be a lottery to determine who gets a plot for the 2013 season. There is a \$30 fee for an 8' x 12' plot and availability is limited. Consider sharing a plot with a friend.

Mayor Cranna noted that the work at Memorial Park is 95% complete including handicapped assessable bathrooms.

Public Comments centered on the path behind Kaatsbaan that has not been cleared for use, trash cans left out for long periods of time, replacement of the Stony Creek Bridge, the 2012 CDBG sidewalk grant to replace some sidewalks within the village, the bus stop lighting and the cost of the shared service zoning.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Leedy and seconded by Trustee Griffith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gonnella
Village Clerk & Treasurer