

Village of Allegany Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2014 at 4:30 PM in the Village Hall

The meeting was opened at 4:30 PM. Trustee Cummins and Trustee Nazemetz were absent. The Village Attorney, Janine Fodor, arrived at 4:35 PM

The meeting went directly into public session.

Public Session

Abby Cohen discussed the upcoming Bonagany and how the group has dealt with reduced funding and increased costs. She detailed what items would have to be eliminated this year due to reduced funding. Abby will also be speaking with the town to see if there can be some more funding for the event. The Board will review the current funding to see if any more money can be allotted for the event.

Melissa Meyers produced visual aids to show the area for the prospective boat and kayak launch. The area would be graded and filled with limestone. The DEC has a form that must be completed by the current owners of the land (the village). She has a volunteer to provide the limestone and the grading. There was a concern for the liability of the volunteer contractor on village property.

Bob Fisher arrived at 4:45 and spoke about the same type of project in Portville. Portville is in the process of transferring the property to allow for a park. A grant was not approved for Portville. The Town of Portville is the lead agency on the project and the area is in the flood plain. Bob believes it will be 4 to 5 years before the project is finished. The TAP grant that may be available has to allow for handicap accessibility. The man who drove the walking trail would like to see the project tie with the walking trail and it may be called the Allegany Valley River Trail.

Village Attorney, Janine Fodor, advised that the town own the land before any ground is broken for the project. Chief Papasergi had a concern for the location of the village pipes in that area. He also indicated that if the County has any rights to the property, they county planning board should be contacted. The Inland Waterway designation may allow for a grant with all of the municipalities involved.

A motion was made by Trustee Gleason and seconded by Trustee Davis to sign the DEC form with the understanding that no activity will take place as long as the village owns the property. A survey may have to be done and Janine will look to see if a previous survey has been done with the previous transfer of the park grounds to the town.

A motion was made to make Jeff Baxter the Vice Chair of the Zoning Committee. Trustee Davis made the motion, seconded by Trustee Gleason.

Larry Kardos from the Planning Committee asked about the construction of the new manufactured home on N. 3rd Street. He asked when a building permit was needed since he was not aware of a building permit for the home. The Mayor agreed to contact Lance Jobe, Code Enforcement Officer for the village. Mr. Kardos asked when the code changed that basements were not required in the village. He also asked why it was changed and he wanted to see the ordinance that allowed the change. Mr. Kardos would like to see the ordinance revisited since he feels

that homes without a basement lower the property values in the area. The board told him that they were not aware of the date of any such change and he was welcome to come to the village office to seek any documentation he wanted. Mr. Kardos was also informed that the Olean Public Library houses the state codes and he may want to research there.

It was also suggested that the Planning Board was started about twenty years ago and he could search those minutes for changes.

Mr. Kardos stated that he had difficulty hearing the board and asked if there was a sound system that could be hooked up to be able to hear better.

New Business

The Board agreed to use a local town policy as an example for the Ethics Policy. There will be minor changes and the policy will be presented to the full board at a future meeting for approval.

DPW – Superintendent Papasergi

1. Superintendent Papasergi to contact a resident in regard to a complaint of garbage on Harriett Street.
2. The Superintendent will also speak with the town regarding SCADA.
3. The height of the new truck is between 9'8" and 10'2" and will not fit in the current garage door. A large door will have to be acquired or the end door could be adapted. The Mayor stated that he does not want to heat the building. He also stated that the Town is need of a new sweeper and perhaps that equipment could be shared.

Police report – Chief Papasergi

No discussion

Correspondence

1. HCC Public Risk letter
2. Bonagany Budget report
3. Village Police Report for July
4. DPW Report for July

Old Business

1. New easement and survey needed for the Reehler property. A goal of paperwork completion is February 2015
2. SCADA - policy is needed and has been worked on by Lance Jobe and Chris Crawford.
3. Financial Statement – A special fund was discussed to cover Legacy costs.
4. Chief Papasergi agreed to get the cost for five trees to be replaced.
5. The Board agreed to meet with a solar energy company in the fall.
6. Harriett Street and Sherwood Drive parking issues
7. Workplace Violence Policy to be completed

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Gleason, seconded by Trustee Davis, to enter into Executive Session at 5:35PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Gleason to end Executive Session at 6:15 PM.

A resolution was requested by Trustee Gleason, seconded by Trustee Davis to hire Diane Finch, CPA to assist with the year-end audit and bookkeeping.

Trustee Gleason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Davis at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie B. Fisher

Village of Allegany Clerk/Treasurer