

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY MARCH 24, 2014 10:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Mayor John Martin. Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

Present: Mayor John Martin
Deputy Mayor Alice Hartz
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt
Trustee William Schoonmaker
Trustee Patrick O'Brien

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Robert McKertich, Attorney for the Village

A MOTION was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartz, voted and carried to approve the February 24, 2014 Departmental Meeting Minutes.

*2014-42
Minutes Approval*

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$77,631.37.

*2014-43
Abstract Approval*

Departmental reports for Streets/Water, WWTP, Code Enforcement, Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad were reviewed. No report was submitted by Village Justice.

Street & Water Supervisor L. Connell informed the Board that Buffalo Dental should have a water meter in the small building at the edge of the property which has a larger water main than the rest of the building. There have been two main breaks at that location that were unmetered. Mr. Connell was instructed to get quotes on the purchase of a meter.

According to Mayor Martin, delivery of the new truck for the WWTP is expected by Mid-May.

Police Chief B. diLorenzo informed the Board that the Village of Delhi is interested in A K9 Unit as a shared service. Chief diLorenzo explained that the plan is in the early stages and that he will keep the Board apprised.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Schoonmaker seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartz, voted and carried to accept departmental reports.

*2014-44
Departmental Reports*

The Pennsylvania Avenue Property has been sold for \$80,000, closing was on March 20, 2014. The Village is holding the mortgage for five years at 5% interest. Mortgage payments will be made monthly and there will be a balloon payment at the end of five years in an approximate amount of \$30,000.

The final Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed by the County and a copy of it is available at the Clerk's Office.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, voted and carried to pass the following RESOLUTION:

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*RESOLUTION 5-2014
Support for the Upper
Delaware River Tailwaters
Coalition*

**VILLAGE OF HANCOCK
RESOLUTION # 5 - 2014**

Introduced by: Trustee Patrick O'Brien
Seconded by: Trustee William Schoonmaker
Dated: March 24, 2014

**SUPPORT FOR THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TAILWATERS COALITION (UDRTC)
POSITION STATEMENT SEEKING CHANGES FOR IMPROVED WATER RELEASES
UNDER THE DECREE PARTY REVISED FLEXIBLE FLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN (FFMP)
AND OPERATION SUPPORT TOOL (OST).**

WHEREAS, the FFMP/OST has produced a number of incremental improvements in water releases to the river since its inception in 2008, there remains an opportunity to improve upon those management decisions for the economic and ecological benefit of communities and the fishery below the reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition was formed to represent the interests of the Towns of Colchester, Deposit, and Hancock, the Villages of Deposit and Hancock, and The Friends of the Upper Delaware River through the promotion of sustainable and consistent releases from the Delaware River Basin Reservoirs to improve local economic and environmental conditions, enhance recreational attributes of the cold water portion of the river, and strengthening resiliency to flooding impacts and benefit the needs of all parties downstream; and

WHEREAS, the current interim OST/FFMP is under review for renewal on June 1 of 2014; and

WHEREAS, water releases from the Cannonsville, Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs directly impact municipalities below the dams related to:

- the social-economic impacts resulting from flooding,
- the positive economic impacts of a world renowned cold water fishery and other recreational attributes,
- inadequate sediment transport yielding unnatural sediment depositions affecting the tributaries to the East and West Branches of the Delaware and its main stem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Hancock supports the following UDRTC positions:

1. Recognizing drought circumstances must be a priority, we support the UDRTC efforts to seek new standards and protocols for improved reservoir management including consistent year round water releases with special consideration during the months of May through September that:
 - Improve flood protection from spills that effect downstream communities and manage reservoir releases to correspond with natural bank-full runoff events which enhance sediment transport in the main stems delivered by tributaries;
 - Increase releases to the maximum extent possible to balance reservoir management objectives for flood related issues and the economic value of the tailwater system.

- Maintain a thermal condition for a safe fish habitat with an optimal goal of 68°-72° F at Lordville, NY.
 - Provide water flows adequate to protect people, communities and the economic vitality of the region.
 - Manage direct releases for smoother transition in river flows.
2. The request for improved transparency regarding the management of the entire NYC water supply and the development of the OST/FFMP is needed to understand how it affects releases from the NYC reservoirs and the local impacts. It is imperative that DEP and Decree Parties provide a forum for education and transparency on the OST so interested parties understand OST impacts.
 3. The revised FFMP be extended for just one year to determine the impacts of the newly reactivated East-of-Hudson NYC Croton Water Supply System and other factors that may require timely changes to the OST/FFMP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be sent to the Governors of NY, PA, NJ, DE, and the Mayor of NYC. The 5 Decree Party Principals, United States Senators Kirsten E. Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, Congressmen Chris Gibson and Tom Marino, NYS Senators John Bonacic, Tom Libous, James Seward, Assemblypersons Cliff Crouch Peter Lopez, Claudia Tenney, The Delaware River Basin Commission Executive Director and the Upper Delaware River Council.

ROLL CALL WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor John Martin – yes
 Deputy Mayor Alice Hartz – yes
 Trustee Dawn Gotthardt – yes
 Trustee Pat O’Brien – yes
 Trustee William Schoonmaker - yes

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

I, Phyllis Falsetta, Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Hancock, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Hancock at a meeting of said Board held March 24, 2014.

The Town and Village are discussing a joint community event regarding educating the public on signs of heroin use.

Lourdes Hospital has proposed that July be declared Physical Fitness Month. They are planning fitness related activities throughout the weekends of July with the exclusion of July 4th weekend. Lourdes will be hosting a meeting on April 7, 2014 at 3:30 PM to discuss plans.

There will be a “Palm” Parade on Saturday, April, 12, 2014. Line-up will be at St. Paul’s Church at 1 PM and the parade will end at the “Town Square”. Traffic control has been requested.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Martin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartz, voted and carried to provide traffic control at the Palm Parade on April 12, 2014.

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*Traffic Control at “Palm”
 Parade 4/12/14*

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Brien, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and

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carried to enter into executive session at 11:04 a.m. to discuss litigation.

Executive Session

The Departmental Meeting was reconvened at 11:45 a.m. with no action taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and Carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

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Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta - Clerk/Treasurer