

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2016 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 Morgan. Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

Present: Mayor Eugene D. Morgan  
Deputy Mayor William Schoonmaker  
Trustee Charlene Caramore  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt  
Trustee Shaun Shannon

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
See attached attendance list

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the September 26, 2016 Minutes. *2016-620  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$28,522.30. *2016-621  
Abstract of Vouchers*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

DPW Superintendent Vaughn Karcher informed the Board that the CHIPS projects will begin on October 31, 2016. Mr. Karcher will contact the school to orchestrate the work on Wheeler Street. Street signs on Wheeler and Read Streets were discussed. Mr. Karcher will contact the State about placement. A letter was received from Tara White of 12 Old Bridge Street Spur, Apt. 1 requesting that the Village pay her hotel bill due to lack of water. The letter was discussed with Mr. Karcher explaining in detail the events that took place.

Chief WWTP Operator reported that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is operating well with all numbers within the acceptable range.

Mayor Morgan asked Code Enforcement Officer Michael Salvatore about the legality of Vendor trailers on private property. Mr. Salvatore will look into the issue and report back.

Police Chief Brian diLorenzo reported that he has been in contact with the DEC regarding the bear problems in the Village. He was provided pamphlets which he has been distributing. Chief diLorenzo also reported that the police computer crashed and made an emergency purchase of a new one. Currently the old computer is in Albany where DCJS is trying to retrieve the lost data.

Fire Chief Richard Knapp and Village Justice Herb Buckley were excused but their reports were submitted for review.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to accept all monthly departmental reports. *2016-622  
Departmental Reports*

Under Old Business, the no parking signs on Sands Creek Road were discussed. DPW Superintendent Karcher will get measurements which Clerk Falsetta will submit to the Attorney for the Village for him to draft a local law. It was agreed that the draft should be submitted to the State for review prior to passing.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Excellus Gold 6 Health Insurance Plan for active employees with a 13% contribution from employees and 23% contribution for family and to renew CDPHP with a 46% contribution from retirees after the Medicare Reimbursement is deducted. 2016-623  
2016-2017 Health Insurance

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to remove Ronni Amari from Hancock Fire Department membership as she has moved out of state. 2016-624  
R Amari Removal from  
HFD Membership

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to resolve the following: 2016-625  
RESOLUTION: OFFICES TO BE  
FILLED AT 2017 ELECTION

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE 2017 VILLAGE ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees must designate by resolution and publish the offices which are to be filled in election and the terms thereof:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Section 1. That the Board of Trustees designated the following offices are vacant at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election to be held on March 21, 2017, for the following terms:

Trustees – Two (2) for 2 years

Village Mayor – One (1) for 2 years

Section 2. The Village Clerk shall publish this resolution in full in the Hancock Herald.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, voted and carried to refuse payment for Tara White's hotel bill. 2016-626  
Refusal to Pay T White's  
Hotel Bill

There was no public comment.

James Rotzler of 21 Fifield Avenue contacted Trustee Gotthardt requesting that the water billing from his second meter be looked into. Mr. Rotzler had a second (water only) meter installed for his flower business. In error he has been billed twice for the same water usage going through both meters. Mr. Karcher was instructed to contact Mr. Rotzler to discuss the installation of a manifold. Until a manifold is installed, the water usage from the second meter will be deducted from the usage of the first meter to his residence.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to reduce J Rotzler's water bill by the usage of the second meter to his 2016-627  
J Rotzler Water Adjustment

first (residence) meter.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to enter into executive session at 11:03 A.M. to discuss:

2016-628

*Executive Session*

- Matters which, if disclosed, will imperil the public safety
- Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
- Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed
- Discussion proposed, pending or current litigation
- Collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law
- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation
- The preparation, grading, or administration of examinations
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof

The meeting was reconvened at 11:49 A.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, voted and carried to approve comp time for DPW Superintendent Karcher not to exceed 80 hours per fiscal year pending NYS regulations.

2016-629

*V Karcher Comp Time*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to promote Matthew Loftus to Assistant DPW Superintendent at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

2016-630

*M Loftus Promotion to  
Asst DPW Superintendent*

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Morgan, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to hire Nicholas Picozzi as full time laborer for a six month probationary period at a rate of \$12.50 per hour with full benefit package.

2016-631

*Hire N Picozzi as Laborer*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer