

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 07:00 PM  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Clerk/Treasurer  
Attorney Robert McKertich  
See attached attendance list

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

*2014-145*

*Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartz, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$21,523.70.

*2014-146*

*Abstract Approval*

Robert Wrighter was present to address the Board regarding the developing Ambulance District. It is expected that the district should be in place by January 1, 2015. The 501 C 3 has been approved and the by-laws are currently being completed. The Board of Directors for the Ambulance District will be:

President/Representative of HFD – Robert Wrighter  
Vice President/Representative of Town – Rolland Bojo, Jr.  
Treasurer – Dr. Richard Berg  
Secretary/Representative of Rescue Squad – Pam Rice  
Village Representative – Father Chris Walsh  
Rural Fire District Representative – Richard Ostrander  
East Branch Representative – Yancey Brown

Mr. Wrighter asked if the Board plans to lease the current ambulance bay section of the firehouse as well as the equipment to the Ambulance District and if so, what would the cost be and for how long. The plan is to have 12 to 15 EMS employees that would work 24 hour shifts. That being the case, they would require a section of the upstairs for sleeping arrangements. Male and female showering facilities are already available. The Board requested a floor plan of what would be needed to renovate the upstairs to fit their needs.

Mr. Wrighter requested copies of all fire contracts as well as a copy of the ambulance budget, which Clerk Falsetta was directed to supply. Attorney McKertich requested copies of the fire contracts as well and of Mr. Wrighter, copies of the by-laws as soon as available.

The Hancock Fire Department has requested that the Village allow members that are interested in becoming EMT's to use the Village owned vehicle to travel to and from Delhi for the class which will begin on 9/18, Thursday and Sunday evenings and will run for 32 weeks. Mayor Martin will check with Chief diLorenzo on the availability of the vehicle.

**A MOTION** was made Deputy Mayor Hartz, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, voted and carried to register the village domain name for 5 years at a cost of \$147.96

*2014-147*

*Domain Registration*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to send Deputy Clerk, M. Noble to NYS Retirement Seminar on 10/15/14.

*2014-148*

*M. Noble to Retirement Seminar*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartz, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, voted and carried to send Deputy Clerk, M. Noble to Annual Labor & Employment Law Update Seminar on 10/14/14.

*2014-149*

*M. Noble to Annual Labor & Employ. Law Seminar*

A letter was received from the Town of Hancock regarding a Unified Court – Shared Services Grant from Senator Libous. Supervisor Sam Rowe was present for discussion. The Town proposes to add a unified court room and offices to the Town Hall for use by both the Village and Town Courts. It was agreed that both courts have outgrown their present facilities and that the Village should apply for the grant.

James Rotzler asked about the status of various code violations that were under investigation when he and Engineer Ron Lake were code officers. Mr. Rotzler wanted to know if the Board was aware that the Csoke property on Wheeler Street had been purchased at county auction and has numerous code violations that must be addressed before it can become inhabited. Mayor Martin will discuss the issues with Code Enforcement Officer Salvatore.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, voted and carried to enter into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss litigation.

*2014-150*

*Executive Session*

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:08 p.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer