

MINUTES
Overseers Meeting
January 13, 2013

Present:

President Josiah Huntoon
Clerk Maureen Einstein
Village Agent Bill Paige
Tree Warden Jane Phillips
Office Manager Paul Bartels
Distribution Operator Bill E. Paige

Overseers: Marge Brockway
Ned Lightner
Lee Houghton
Judy Metcalf
Maureen O'Keefe

Absent: Overseers Steve Kazilionis

Visitors: Dick Brockway, Paul Paige, Blair Einstein, Bob Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dancey, Richard MacKinnon

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon.

Minutes: Judy Metcalf moved to approve the revised October 7, 2012 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Marge Brockway – **Voted, motion passed.**

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Treasurers Report:

Bill Cressey circulated and reviewed the year-end financial statements. Judy Metcalf pointed out that Capital Expenses were over budget. Bill said it was probably due to the improvements made to the utilities lab. Bill talked about the long term debt report he gave out. He pointed out that we could save about \$90,000 if we refinanced those bonds. He was told to put it on the annual meeting warrant.

Village Agent, Bill Paige:

Bill brought up the point that the Winter Parking Ban should reflect the needs of snow removal, as it stands it says only that parking is prohibited from 7 PM to 7 AM on all village streets in the winter. A new parking ban notice will be drafted by Maureen O'Keefe for the annual meeting for the residents to vote on.

Bill brought up another plowing issue in that Park Row has not been plowed as previous by the Town. Various reasons for that were discussed, Paul Paige said he will continue to plow it as needed.

Residents Concerns:

Caroline Dancey stated that she wanted to park on her property at the bottom of Clinton Ave. After a productive discussion with the board and Paul Paige she said she understood the issues and would park at the top of the hill when a snow storm is predicted.

Communications:

Bill E. Paige brought up an issue of a catch basin clogged up and causing erosion on south Shore Road. He brought it to the attention of the Town road commissioner but no action has been taken. Maureen asked Ned to follow up at the next Town meeting in her absence.

Facilities:

Judy Metcalf gave Michael Sobota special thanks for his generosity in providing a heating system in the Community Hall, seconded by all the Overseers present.

Safety, Ned Reported:

Kevin Fortier wants to return to NVC as a full time police officer.
Michelle Nealey will return as lifeguard and will be training a replacement since this will be her last year.
The committee is working on a sign that will announce the Centennial celebration and also state the speed limit.

Surface Runoff:

Bob Smith reported a runoff issue in front of the Sobota Cottage causing erosion problems. Bill E. Paige said he feels he has a solution to that.

Tree Warden:

Utilities:

Judy and Denis reported:
The USDA loan portion of the grant/loan has been just about used up as required by the agreement.
The wastewater Consent Agreement has been lifted, which will release us from having to do some costly and frequent testing.
There were no wastewater testing violations.
The Utilities were pretty much on Budget for the year.
The test lab building renovations have been completed.

Other;

Bushes in front of the Clarke Cottage in Beale Park:
Owner Jodi Clarke wants to keep the shrubs.

Resident Richard McKinnon pointed out that removal will affect runoff.
Lee Houghton thinks removal will cause a problem.
Dick Brockway pointed out that removing the bushes will solve a parking problem.
Denis Wang will investigate further.

Belfast Maskers Choral group has offered to perform for the coming July 4th celebration.
Steve Kazilionis will have to coordinate this with other commitments.

Merrithew Park Well: Bill E. Paige said that Dick McElhaney recommended that the well be used as a non-potable water source. The hand pump has to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$300.00 and the handle should be removed. A sign should be posted telling the residents that it is not drinking water and be used for emergency use only.

Executive session was voted at 10:15 AM.

Returned from executive session at 10:50 AM.

Judy Metcalf moved to increase Bill H. Paige hourly salary by 2% effective January 1, 2012, seconded by Marge Brockway – **Voted majority in favor.**

Judy Metcalf moved to offer Kevan Fortier the full time police officer job at \$16.50 per hour, seconded by Lee Houghton – **Voted majority in favor.**

Judy Metcalf moved to offer Michelle Nealey the lifeguard job at \$11.50 per hour and a lifeguard trainee yet to be named at \$9.00 per hour, seconded by Ned Lightner - **Voted majority in favor.**

Walkway boundaries: Judy Metcalf will talk to Gordon Fuller and Bruce Smith to review title boundary questions, re the walkways.

Biswanger property line dispute: Judy Metcalf will speak to the abutters of the Biswanger property to get their input for a resolution.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on February 10, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

Adjourn:

Judy Metcalf moved to adjourn the meeting. Denis Wang seconded the motion, **Voted majority in favor.**

Submitted by Paul Bartels.