**Village of Sylvan Beach**

**Village Board Meeting**

**May 6, 2024**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Sylvan Beach held their regular board meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30pm. The meeting was attended with board members present and the public was provided with a link to attend via zoom videoconference. Mayor Richard Sullivan presided over the meeting with the following in attendance:

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Richard Sullivan Present

Trustee Mark Daily Absent - Work

Trustee Thad Lawrence Present

Trustee Sue Mackay Present

Trustee Mark Ferriter Present

**The Village Board Meeting was called to order with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.**

**Others in Attendance:**

Michael Sayles, Village Administrator

Pat Goodenow – SVBRA

Joe Rowlands – Tug Hill Commission

Kevin Oatman – 1601 Harborview Dr.

Lee Douglas – 1704 Harborview Dr.

Rob Anderson – 1301 Vienna Rd.

Joseph Knauer – 316 Kenwood Ave.

Beth Scholl, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of April 15, 2024 as reported by the Village Clerk.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

**Approval and Audit of Bills:**

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| General Fund | $ 25,604.17 |
| Park Fund | $ 1,956.98 |
| Resort District | $ 3,383.33 |
| Water District | $ 0.00 |
| EOLWPAP | $ 52,882.74 |
| EOL Facilities Project | $ 13,313.86 |
| HCR – Welcome Center | $ 205,333.87 |
| SBSD | $ 0.00 |
| **Total** | **$ 302,474.95** |

Motion was made by Trustee Ferriter and seconded by Trustee Mackay to approve the payment of all bills to be paid from April 16, 2024 through May 6, 2024 in the amount of $302,474.95 as presented and reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

**Michael Sayles – Village Administrator**

* Michael updated the Village Board on the loader for the DPW. The loader has been ordered and expected delivery is in July.
* The pads for the benches in Memorial Park are being poured tomorrow, May 7, 2024 and the lights will be installed later in the week.
* The Hometown Hero banners will be delivered next week and the DPW will be getting them hung on the poles.
* The new mooring signs from the NYS Canal Authority are up with the current regulations. As a reminder, the NYS Regulations are 48 hours a month and the Village allows 3 days per week.
* Michael updated the board on NY Class which is a New York Cooperative Asset Management Group similar to a Credit Union. The Village has an opportunity to open accounts with NY Class at 5%+ interest. With the funding coming in for the DPW and Welcome Center, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, he feels this is a great opportunity to make extra funding on the money we will be borrowing. NYS endorses NY Class and uses them and there are well received. There was question as if Adirondack Bank will match the percentage of interest as they are our current bank the Village uses. The Village Board decided to defer the decision to the next meeting on May 20, 2024. The Clerk’s Office will reach out to Adirondack Bank in the meantime.
* Michael provided a quote to the board from Sheridan Engineering for the design of the three bathhouses in the amount of $24,000, and reminded the board that the design was part of this year’s. Once the design is complete, the Village will be able to send the project out for bid. The restrooms will be located on the canal, VanDerlinde Park and Main St. Park. Trustee Lawrence commented that these are very much needed and feels the board needs to take action on getting this started.

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to approve the quote for the design of the three bathhouses for $24,000 by Sheridan Engineering.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

* Michael reported he has received two quotes for the renovation of the bandstand in Main St. Park. He received a quote from Dixon Building Company and EIF Construction. The low bidder was Dixon Building Company. Michael did report that Oneida County has agreed to pay for half of the renovation. Michael is requesting the board to move forward with the renovation of the Bandstand.

Motion was made by Trustee Ferriter and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to accept and award the bid to the lowest bidder, Dixon Building Company for the renovation of the bandstand in Main St. Park.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

* Trustee Mackay inquired when the Village will be getting new trees. Michael replied when Oneida County comes out with their grant applications for the trees, we will apply. The Village may want to consider purchasing and planting a few to plant in the fall which is the best time to plant trees.
* Mayor Sullivan brought up the NY SWIMS initiative for municipal swimming facilities in underserved communities. The grant application will open June 13, 2024 and must be submitted by July 12, 2024 is the deadline. $50,000 to $10 million to acquire, design, construct or reconstruct facilities, provide major renovations, improvements and modernization or rehabilitation of swimming facilities and natural swimming areas. Micheal indicated he will do some research on the initiative.

**Joe Rowlands – Tug Hill Commission**

* Updated and informed the board on upcoming training opportunities and announcements

**Patrick Goodenow – SVBRA**

* Pat invited the Village Board and Village Administrator to the Annual Meeting of the Sylvan Verona Beach Resort Association to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 @ 6:00pm at the Oneida Lake Arts and Heritage Center.
* Pat also asked for approval for the vendors presented for the Independence Day, Pirates Weekend and Jeeps at the Beach vendor shows.

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Ferriter to approve the vendors presented for the Independence Day, Pirates Weekend and Jeeps at the Beach vendor shows.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

**Communications:**

* **Jenna Smolinski – Would like to conduct Yoga Classes as follows:**
  + Park between Bandstand & Troopers – Sun, June 9, 2024 – 8:30am
  + Beach at 15th Ave. – Sat, June 15, 2024 – 8:30am
  + Beach at 15th Ave. – Sun, July 7, 2024 – 8:30am
  + Beach at 15th Ave. – Sat, July 13, 2024 – 8:30am

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to approve Jenna Smolinski’s yoga classes as presented.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

**Announcements:**

* **Mayor Sullivan –** Informed the board members that the Town of Vienna has invited them to participate in their Memorial Day parade at 9:00am, he will need an answer soon as the town is waiting for a number of participants.

**Public:**

* **Kevin Oatman – 1601 Harborview Dr. –** Mr. Oatman addressed the board with concerns regarding the relocation of the green waste pile as the pile was moved to accommodate the construction of the new DPW garage. Mr. Oatman’s concerns included location, smell, bugs and dust. The Mayor informed Mr. Oatman that he has already spoken to the Village Streets Superintendent, Dan Lehmann, and they have a plan in place to not add the beach waste (seaweed, dead fish, etc.) in the green waste pile which should eliminate the concerns of smell and bugs. The Village is also installing a fence along the tree line bordering Mr. Oatman’s property, which should help with any dust. Mr. Oatman is unhappy with the green waste pile location and would like it moved to a different area completely. He indicated the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be a better location. The Village Administrator said that may be a good option in the future, however currently the two-year/50-million-dollar upgrade is currently beginning and equipment is being mobilized to the WWTP. Moving the green waste pile to the WWTP at this time is not possible. The Mayor asked Mr. Oatman to give their plan a chance to work, and if there are still issues later in the summer, and Mr. Oatman still has concerns, they will address them. Mr. Oatman was still unhappy that the pile was not going to be moved.
* The Mayor asked Mr. Oatman, who is a member of the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department, if he was aware of any plan for fireworks in Verona Beach.Mr. Oatman said he knew nothing about it and told the Mayor he should speak to President of the SBFD, Patrick St. Thomas**.**
* **Lee Douglas – 1704 Harborview Dr. –** Mr. Douglas expressed his concerns with the movement of the green waste pile.
* **Rob Anderson – 1301 Vienna Rd. –** Mr. Anderson requested the board take action on two properties that he feels are in violation of Village Codes:
* 321 Kenwood Ave. – garbage, broken windows, multiple police and fire calls to the property.

-The Village Administrator informed Mr. Anderson that action on this property has been taken.

* 1306 Vienna Rd. – Two boats on the vacant property.

-The Village Administrator will notify the Codes Enforcement Officer to investigate the situation and take any necessary action.

* **Joseph Knauer – 316 Kenwood Ave**. – Mr. Knauer added that he also is concerned with the property at 321 Kenwood Ave. and understands this will take time. He also addressed the board regarding the removal of his survey pins during the sidewalk installation on Kenwood Ave. last year. He received a quote from Delta Engineers in the amount of $1,200.00 to re-pin the 5 pins for his property that were removed. The Village Administrator indicated that he will look into other possible surveyors and exchanged contact information with Mr. Knauer.
* **Jim Rolf** – **1800 Birch Lane** – Mr. Rolf addressed the board with concerns regarding the green waste pile. He also addressed the board with the lack of signage along Fish Creek and into the Canal. The Village Administrator will contact the NYS Canal Authority about adding more signage.

**Resolutions:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* **Village of Sylvan Beach Planning Board’s Recommendation to amend Local Law Chapter 92 to include the review of all subdivision and merging of property requests with the new “Merging and Subdivision of Properties Application” by the Planning Board of the Village of Sylvan Beach. The Village Board must hold a public hearing to amend the Local Law.**

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Ferriter to accept the recommendation to Local Law Chapter 92 and schedule the public hearing for the June 3, 2024 Village Board Meeting at 6:15pm.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Absent Trustee Mackay Aye

Trustee Ferriter Aye Trustee Lawrence Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Scholl

Village Deputy Clerk Treasurer

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