

Regular Meeting #10

A Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloan was held on March 10, 2020, 7:00pm at the Sloan Municipal Building, 425 Reiman Street, Village of Sloan, County of Erie, and State of New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Thomas Ferrucci
Trustee Eric Czubaj
Trustee Paula Bruscani
Trustee Linda Ostempowski
Trustee Jennifer Kregg



Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020 and Audit Meeting and Work Session Minutes of February 26, 2020

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bruscani

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Approval of Budget Modification # 3 of the 2019/2020 General Fund Budget, as follows

From:	Amount:	To:
1990.400 Contingency	49.00	7110.200 Parks- Equip & Capital Outlay
8120.426 Sewer Rental BSA	2,000.00	7110.200 Parks- Equip & Capital Outlay
7180.419 Spec Rec- M&R of Building	139.00	7110.400 Parks- Contractual
7180.419 Spec Rec- M&R of Building	98.00	7180.406 Special Rec- Water
9790.600 NYS Rev Loan- Principal	217.00	9790.700 NYS Rev Loan- Interest
5130.100 Machinery- Per Serv	10,207.00	5110.205 Road Construction- Perm Imp

Motion by Trustee Bruscani, Second by Trustee Czubaj

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Approval of Abstract 020, vouchers 386 through 406, of the 2019/2020 General Fund Budget for a total payment of \$46,047.38.

Motion by Trustee Kregg, Second by Trustee Czubaj

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Department Reports

Highway- Robert Smith: Hybrid Building project status, DOT mandated annual permit application, Parking ban, DPW responsibilities/duties

Seniors- Ed Derenda: Past trip to Niagara Casino, St. Patty's Day Party and Luncheon, Broadway Market

Board- Ostempowski: Ring Program

Bruscani: Household Hazardous Waste, Internal Audit complete for February, Erie County selling backyard compost bins and rain barrels on website

Kregg: DPW Employees

Czubaj: Shared Services, Youth Recreation Center closing April 10 and Easter Event Scheduled for April 11, 2020 at 12:00pm

Mayor Ferrucci: Soup on Sunday Event, Thank you to all volunteers

Soup on Sunday Committee Donation

Check for \$1,500.00 presented to Mayor Ferrucci from Caitlin Carlson, Chair Soup on Sunday Committee

Fire Hall Requests

Stephanie Damstellar 3/29/20

Aaron Eady 4/4/2020

George Hughson 6/7/2020

Maria Decembrini 6/21/2020

Joseph Farris 7/11/2020

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Park Shelter Requests

AMVETS Post #45 8/2/2020

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Czubaj

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Peddling Permit

Motion by Trustee Czubaj, Second by Mayor Ferrucci to approve the solicitation/peddling permit from PKS Enterprises for the 2020 year.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Schedule Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Mayor Ferrucci to schedule the Budget Public Hearing for April 14, 2020 to commence after the adjournment of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Appointments

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Czubaj to appoint Trustee Paula Bruscani as the Village ADA Coordinator, as required under Title II of the American with Disability Act.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Resolutions

2020-24 Public Works Contract

Whereas, the Village of Sloan has solicited bids for the construction of a shelter at Griffith Park, and

Whereas, three quotes were received by the Village of Sloan and

Whereas, the lowest bid was received from John A. Yoder & Sons. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of The Village of Sloan hereby authorizes Mayor Ferrucci to enter into a contract with John A. Yoder & Sons to construct a shelter at Griffith Street Park, in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00.

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Czubaj.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

2020-25 Requesting Withdrawal of the State Budget's Energy Siting Amendment

WHEREAS: NYS is a Home Rule State, which basically means that any and all powers of the State emanate from the people.

WHEREAS: Per the NYS Constitution, Article IX, it is our statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of our community.

WHEREAS: On Feb 21, 2020, Governor Cuomo proposed a Budget Amendment "to dramatically speed up the permitting and construction of renewable energy projects."

WHEREAS: This amendment could be passed with the Budget by April 1st, replacing the current Article 10 process with a radically new method for siting renewable energy projects.

WHEREAS: The stated purpose of this proposed far-reaching change is to enhance the execution of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

WHEREAS: Although the objectives of the CLCPA sound admirable, there is no empirical scientific proof that industrial wind energy (compared to Nuclear, Hydro or Gas) saves any consequential amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO2).

WHEREAS: Conversely, there is considerable scientific evidence that onshore industrial wind energy projects will likely be a net economic liability to NYS host communities. This will be particularly burdensome to social justice communities.

WHEREAS: There is extensive scientific evidence that onshore industrial wind energy projects will likely result in adverse health effects to some citizens of NYS host communities.

WHEREAS: There is substantial scientific evidence that industrial wind energy projects will likely cause extensive eco-system damage to onshore NYS host communities, or to marine locales where offshore wind projects are sited.

WHEREAS: This amendment will effectively remove any meaningful input from citizens, towns, counties, local environmental groups, and community businesses regarding the siting and regulation of renewable energy projects.

WHEREAS: The new process is structured such that scientific data, or testimony from qualified experts, will have little bearing regarding siting regulations and approval.

WHEREAS: Once an application is submitted, the new Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) has 60 days to review and determine if it is complete. If the ORES decision is not made in that time, the application is automatically deemed complete!

WHEREAS: Once an application is determined to be complete, ORES has 12 months to approve the project. If the ORES decision is not made in that time, the application is automatically approved! There is no provision for extending this time limit.

WHEREAS: The Governor's proposal also seems to indicate that the State might get into the ownership and/or operation of renewable energy generation. Such a profound change would also severely limit the ability of local communities to regulate such industrial projects.

WHEREAS: All of these proposed changes are not only in conflict with our Home Rule rights, but are also contrary to our obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of our constituents.

Motion by Trustee Bruscani, Second by Mayor Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Public Comment

Robert Smith

Paul Wiertl

Alicia McDevitt

Ed Derenda

Mary Maly

John Staniszewski

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Ostempowski to adjourn meeting at 8:23pm.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Smith

Village Clerk/Treasurer