

VILLAGE OF SAVONA

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Minutes for July 19, 2021

The Village of Savona Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 15 McCoy Street, Savona.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Scott
Trustee Mary Finch
Trustee Carl Peter's, Jr.
Trustee Tina Carson
Trustee Chris McCann
Clerk Susan Thorne
Treasurer Tammie Nelson
Attorney Elizabeth Oklevitch

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry Dalrymple
Investigator Chris Kennedy
Chris Comstock
Mike Comstock
Judge Michael Horton
Kelly Fitzpatrick
Kyle Fitzpatrick
Emma West
Jessica Stevens
Hal Baily
Mike Slowinski
Harvey Hallenbaugh, D.O.C.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #2 of 2021, Extension of Board Terms

Mayor Scott opened the floor to public speakers at 6:03 p.m.

Mike Horton of 16 Main Street, Savona, New York, agrees with having the extension of terms of office to four years. It saves on extra election which saves money. Also, not a lot of community members want to run for board of trustees or mayor.

Mayor Scott asked if there were further comments.

No further comments.

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Mayor Scott closed the floor to public speakers at 6:04 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Mayor Scott opened the floor to public speakers at 6:05 p.m.

Speaker Steuben County Investigator Chris Kennedy:

Mayor Scott met with Steuben County Sheriff James Allard on June 30, 2021 to discuss problems in the area, example the drug problem and what the Sheriff's office can and cannot do. They do an amazing job but after court they are let back out on the streets. Investigator Kennedy stated he and other investigators are out there in unmarked cars trolling the streets. They have increased investigators however; they still need more. If you have cameras at your home that can be very helpful. The tip line is very helpful to them. They go through these tips on a daily basis. The more information that you leave, the more helpful it is to them and helps them build a case. He asks that you not take any undue risks and call in any information you have instead. It's very safe to call in. He stated it was all anonymous and that your name, address and phone number won't come up with any information so they do not know who is calling in unless you want to give your name, address and phone number. He stressed that it is a process and does take time and work to build a case. Number to call is on their website, www.steubencony.org. He has some magnets and other information regarding the tip line that he will drop off at the Village Hall and give his contact information to Mayor Scott. Also, you can call the Steuben County Sheriff's department directly, at 1-800-724-7777. His motto is "See Something, Say Something." They can get the Code Enforcers involved after the arrest but it is a long process.

Mayor Scott asked if there were further comments.

No further comments.

Mayor Scott thanked Investigator Kennedy for his time and information.

Speaker Henry Dalrymple:

Mayor Scott introduced Henry Dalrymple from Dalrymple Gravel and Contracting.

Mayor Scott stated he is here to explain what Dalrymple's can do at Eagle Valley Road and West Lamoka Avenue drainage situation and with the gravel pit/mining.

Regarding the drainage situation on Eagle Valley and West Lamoka Avenue, they will work with the Village of Savona, can have Village pay half of the cost or what Dalrymple's can do is defer half of the cost till next 2022. A quote on work to be completed will be done.

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Gravel Pit plan, Mr. Dalrymple's proposal is a reserve and to be used for building new Fire Department. They would work with the village as a partnership.

Mayor Scott stated it would be on 150 acres, 8 lots before mining. He also mentioned that Trustee Carson and Trustee Finch met with Mr. Dalrymple on June 2, 2021, and they walked the land and talked about his proposal. Trustee Carson wrote up a report which was passed out at the June 21, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Dalrymple stated that they would box in area with natural barriers. You will not be able to see what is going on and the barriers will help with the noise. It will not be evasive to the village. He is confident no one will know they are even doing anything. They can drive right out to the highway, won't have to go through the village. Harvey Hollenbaugh asked if they would be mining down to the water level and Mr. Dalrymple stated they would go below water level. Also, mining doesn't affect the water table. They will not be any chemicals used, just water from the pond they create, and the water will be filtered. There will not be any blasting wither. This will be set back 100 feet from property lines. They will negotiate with property owners on West Lamoka. Mayor Scott asked if Village of Savona would be able to buy land and use for new housing. Mr. Dalrymple said no, they want to keep this land in their family. There will be 2 lakes at the end-of-life time of this project. Project will take 20-30 years to finish. Then governing Board would decide what to do with it next. Looking into expanding. 6 lots on Grove Street and 2 on Lamoka would be carved out. Sub-divided and made into building lots. Jessica Stevens requested tax maps of parcels affected. Mr. Dalrymple will get her the information. Currently, the Village of Savona does not have a noise ordinance. Mr. Dalrymple stated that they would not be working nights or weekends. Coopers Plains is where their main plant is. You will not be able to see where they are working, they will minimize disruptions. Mr. Dalrymple said he would be glad to give anyone a tour, just let him know.

Trustee Carson asked if they had a record of why the Village voted no to have mining done 30 years ago. Mr. Dalrymple stated he didn't know but they have newspaper clippings of what happened then.

Mayor Scott asked if there were further comments.

No further comments.

Mayor Scott thanked Henry Dalrymple for his time and information.

Mayor Scott asked if there were any others who would like to speak.

Kyle Fitzpatrick built and finished the Veterans Board for the stand outside the Village Hall and is donating it to the Village of Savona. Mayor Scott stated Rick Littell will place it on the stand. Everyone was pleased and thanked Kyle.

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Chris Comstock owns Mud Creek Bison Park at 103 East Lamoka Avenue and would like to expand with building a restaurant, and a public gathering place along with sprinkler system. He can't afford the half -million it would take for holding tanks and is asking the Board to consider, approve of him tapping into the Village water system. He only wants permission to do this, not to have anyone doing any work for him or for any money to upgrade. Mayor Scott stated he doesn't think anyone would mind but he would need approval first from Bath water district. Board members agreed that the expansion would be beneficial. Harvey Hollenbaugh stated that they will also need 4-5 hydrants on his property. Mayor Scott said they will work on having DOT change interstate sign to add under attractions his business. Chris will send his information into Village Clerk.

Mayor Scott asked if there were further comments or speakers.

No further comments.

Mayor Scott closed the floor to public speakers at 7:07 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes -

On motion of Trustee Finch, and seconded by Trustee McCann, and carried, all voting AYE to approve the June 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the July 7, 2021 Special Meeting minutes.

No corrections made. Motion carried.

Finance -

On motion of Trustee Carson, and seconded by Trustee Finch and carried, all voting AYE, **RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to Pay General Fund Abstract #2, Claims #464-494 totaling \$12,670.19 and Water Fund Abstract #2, Claims #457-487, totaling \$2,830.62 Budget Amendment, Water Emergencies.

On motion of Trustee McCann, and seconded by Trustee Peter's Jr. and carried, all voting AYE, **RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the budget transfers.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Peters, Jr. –

- Town of Bath monthly meeting – they are looking into buying a tractor
- DC taking over expand bids
- Volunteered to trim trees on Main Street and Lamoka East and West
- Keys for Village Park Kitchen new back door. Trustee McCann wasn't able to get another set of keys for Fire Department so Carl will go and get the extra key for them.

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Trustee Finch –

- State fixed the sign across from Post Office
- Benedek Memorial Library will be having a movie night on August 23, 2021 at 8:30 p.m., Tie Dye Party on July 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and “Tails and Tales” Crafting on July 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. More information on their website – www.benedekmemoriallibrary.org.

Trustee Carson –

- Grass issue at house at 11 Manning Avenue, is up to her privacy fence. Mayor Scott did state that there is a Property MAINTENACE Local Law started.
- Just past Dollar General, tree in front of green NY State sign, can't see the sign. Who is responsible for keeping signs visible? Mayor Scott thought it was the State of New York's responsibility since it is a New York State sign.

Trustee McCann –

- Garbage by Dollar General, who's responsible for cleaning that up?
- Received more chips at Park Village but could use more
- T-Ball and Softball are done for the season

Mayor Scott -

- Audit will begin on July 27, 2021. This is a request for audit. Mayor Scott asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.
- Picnic tables – he spoke to Kevin Bailey about making wooden picnic tables this summer but he is very busy right now, could make them in winter time. Lumber costs are coming down. Mayor Scott said we can look for someone else to do half now and half next year or we can have them all done in winter for next summer.
- Elliott Construction will begin drainage work end of July. Board of Trustees all agreed to have done.
- Will seal Village Hall and Fire Department parking lots this year. Board of Trustee's all agree to have done.
- Met with Henry and Margaret from Dalrymple's
- Met with Sheriff Allard and Investigator Kennedy
- Met with Dave Gee regarding 5 trees with stumps and several dead Ash trees and trim tow of them. Mayor Scott stated Dave finished removing and trimming the trees
- Worked on water EDU and rate study
- Went to Town of Bath meeting
- Working on eCode Organizational Analysis
- Open Burning Local Law. Need to tweak the kind of container and material and no outdoor furnaces. Mike Slowinski state outdoor furnaces can be 20 feet from house but

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could be closer to neighbor's house. Mayor Scott stated will have amendment and suggestions for public hearing. Public Hearing to be set for August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Attorney Oklevitch will make changes to existing draft. Mayor Scott stated he will email To Trustees after Attorney Oklevitch has made the changes. Trustee McCann and Trustee Carson suggested having information on website.

- Property Maintenance Local Law. Mayor Scott proposed a Maintenance Local Law and passed out information on what he thought it should state and asked Trustees to take and read and bring back to August Board meeting on the 16th.
- RFP Bid opening
- Research on Cannabis Local Law
- Payroll Certification completed and sent to County Personnel. If you would like to review it contact Mayor Scott.
- Applied for Covid Relief. Received grant of \$79,640.00. They will send half the monies this summer and the other half next summer in 2022.
- Several phone calls to NYSEG for tree removal assistance.

Mayor Scott asked if any further comments.

No further comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – report for June 2021:

- Hazardous Conditions: 6
- Mutual Aide: 9
- Lift Assist: 1
- Brush Fire: 1
- EMS: 6
- Rubbish Fire: 1
- Structure Fire: 1
- Motor Vehicle Accident: 1

Total Calls: 26

Calls to Date: 153

Mutual Aide Given: (Campbell - 3 , Thurston - 5, and Bradford - 1)

Mutual Aide Received: (Bath – 6/15/21, Structure Fire, Campbell & Bradford - 6/13/21, Multiple Trees Down, Campbell – 6/15/21, Tree Down)

Average Response: 2:09 Minutes

Calls in Village: 7

Calls in Town: 9

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Water Department – Report for June 2021

No report submitted

Court – Report for June 2021

Received Cases: 44

Closed Cases: 36

Amount Reports: \$9,381.00

Animal Enforcement – Report for June 2021

No report submitted

Code Enforcement – Report for June 2021

- Window Permits Issued: 1
- Water Tie in Permit: 1
- Complaints Investigated: 3

Town of Bath – Report for June 2021

Clerk Report – Report for June 2021

Treasurer Report – Report for June 2021

On motion of Trustee Carson, and seconded by Trustee McCann, and carried, all voting AYE to accept the board and department reports as submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Peters, Jr.	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Extension of Board Terms.** Judge Michael Horton stated that his term ends on an even year, 2024. Attorney Oklevitch stated that the change from 2 years to 4 years would only affect the Mayor and Board of Trustees. We can change election to 3 years and adjust his term to even years. Will table approval of Local Law and further discuss at next Board meeting on August 16, 2021.

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- **Cannabis Local Law** – Mayor Scott asked the Board of Trustees which way they wanted to go with the Local Law, dispensary, consumption or both? This would be treated like the alcohol law; you wouldn't be able to consume it as soon as you left the store. Board of Trustees all agreed to opt out of consumption and to continue to research dispense of cannabis. Will bring this topic back to the Board meeting on September 20, 2021 to discuss further and make a decision.
- **Property Maintenance Law** – Mayor Scott asked Board to review the proposal that was included in their packets. We will bring back to discuss further at the Board meeting on August 16, 2021.

Annexation of Dusenbery – Mayor Scott has decided not to go forward with this.

Mayor Scott asked if there were any comments.

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Town of Bath Meeting:** Bath Town Board Assignment, Trustee McCann, August 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
- **Village Park Rental Reimbursements:** Shawn Spears rented park pavilion, kitchen and bathrooms on June 27, 2021 and when he got there, they had given him the wrong key to get into the kitchen. After getting the key and once inside, the kitchen was not cleaned up and there was no electricity. He could not use stove or refrigerator. Also, we return \$50.00 deposits if everything is cleaned-up, and keys have been returned. Tammie stated she can create an account specifically for reimbursements. She stated we need a paper trail for these. Board of Trustees all approved of this action. Tammie will write up a budget amendment and bring to the August Board meeting.
- **Local Law, Open Burning Ban:**
On motion of Trustee McCann, and seconded by Trustee Finch, and carried, all voting AYE to approve to move to Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Scott	AYE
Trustee Finch	AYE
Trustee Peters, Jr.	AYE
Trustee Carson	AYE
Trustee McCann	AYE

Motion carried.

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eCode Worksheet: Packet distributed to Board of Trustees at Special Meeting on July 7, 2021, Mayor Scott had asked at that time for Board of Trustees to read and review Code Project Guideline. General Code needs a decision by August 11, 2021.

On motion of Trustee Finch, seconded by Trustee Carson, and carried, all voting AYE to approve and continue adoption of Code Organization

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Peters, Jr.	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

Motion carried.

Picnic Tables: Grant monies from the COVID relief fund, that we could possibly use toward this. We received \$79,640.00 that we can use half this summer and half next summer, 2022.

Mayor Scott asked if any further comments.

No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Trustee Finch and seconded by Trustee McCann, and carried, all voting AYE to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Peters, Jr.	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Thorne
Village Clerk