

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2015

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack was held at the village hall on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Those present: Mayor Esmay, Trustees, Diamond, Morgan & Tarapata

Village Clerk: Carol G. Brotherhood; Village Attorney: Robert P. Lewis Esq.

Absent: Trustee Hindin, Village Treasurer Barry MacCartney

Others identified: Lt. Morgan CPD, Sr. Maria Considine, Sr Mary Agatha Cullen, Winston parry, Ben Weiland, Michael Kuhling, David Neil, Howard Andrew, Julian Palmer, Robert Stein, Winston Perry

POLICE REPORTS – Lt. Morgan attended.

108 calls for service to Upper Nyack-some were 911 or medical emergencies

Some of the calls included:

*Domestic incident with assault and an arrest; Drug addiction call- family dispute (Son threatened his Mother with a shotgun/past history drug use/arrested and now out on bail awaiting court appearance/ OOP to stay away from the family/all weapons were confiscated)

*Possible luring incident @ Birchwood & Route 9W

*2 incidents of injured deer that were euthanized

* Fraud increase at this time of year – caller pretending to be from the IRS

Summit School- Student off meds and removed to Nyack Hospital

Clarkstown Police has a towing policy for removal and storage of vehicles. Copy given to Village Clerk

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE-AMENDING ORDINANCE 2.2 (e)

Trustee Hindin made a motioned that the Board set a public hearing to amend Ordinance 2.2 (e) to add no parking at the end of Cedar Avenue at the dead end, to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Morgan and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MINUTES - Trustee Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the **02/19/2015**

Regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Tarapata and with no further discussion, so moved.

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MARYDELL PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Ben Weiland, TPL, appeared before the Board to provide an update to the Board regarding the progress in the negotiation of the purchase of the Marydell property. He has met with other local public officials since his last appearance before the Board (Dec?) Supervisor Gromack, State Officials, Assemblyman Zebrowski; Also meeting with Senator Carlucci, the head of the Legislature and Nyack Mayor Jen White asking for a letter to the Governor for the Community Benefits Program. Will ask that Upper Nyack also show the same report.

The TPL advisory board have been strategizing ways to find Philanthropic funding. One source of funding is the Community Benefit program & State Bonding and Tax Abatement and to work to get in the State funding cycle to obtain land acquisition money.

Mr. Weiland noted that a Contract of Sale must be signed before funding can begin. Trustee Tarapata said she had spoken with Councilwoman Shirley Lasker (ToC) and the Town might be interested in using the camp.

Mayor Esmay noted the Upper Nyack Senior Center is operating there and he would like to see that continue.

Ben Weiland stated now is the time for a “wish list” of ways they would like to see the property used.

It was noted that the property is about 40 acres. The value has been speculated at a value of about 8 million. Minus the convent lot would put the value at about 6 million.

Mr. Weiland predicts that the Sisters will be the most generous donors to the project.

The Durst Corporation is donating a \$200,000 matching fund grant

Mayor Esmay noted that there is no “real” plan of what will happen to the property. Since 1995 he has been talking with the Sisters and RC Executive Vanderhoff and still has concerns about 2 States owning the property. Mayor Esmay repeated that he does not want to see a parking lot on the property.

Ben Weiland stated the ultimate goal is preservation of all the property.

Mr. Weiland noted three specific requests:

- 1) The Village write a letter of support
- 2) Support the TPL in discussion for a Bond
- 3) Consider a funding source commitment for the acquisition (real dollar amount)

A funding Campaign was discussed.

Winston Perry- Village Historian spoke. He thanked the Board and urged then to continue to support this proposal.

- 1) Historical – Last recorded site of an Indian encampment in Rockland County
- 2) Agricultural vestige
- 3) Girl’s camp (1920’s /predecessor to fresh air camps)
- 4) Buildings are worthy of listing on the Historical Register (Sears kits)

He agrees that he would not like to see the property closest to the Hook to be used as a parking lot.

David Neil, Lexow Avenue, spoke and thanked the Board for their support. Has been working with the Trust for the last few years. Moved to this area with his 3 sons. Uses the Hook 2-3 times a week. Would like to see a connection of Hook Mtn, Nyack Beach State Park and Rockland Lake. Hopeful that the Village can step up financially.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Submitted the report for review.

Budget Workshop March 26, 2015

VOUCHERS – Read and approved for payment.

Trustee Hindin made a motion that \$8,000 be moved from the **1415.03** Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to **5110.20** Highway Equipment line for the replacement of the wood chipper and a locking mechanism for the hitch, seconded by Trustee Diamond
Vote:

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee Hindin made a motion, that once appropriate research was done that board approve the purchase of a new used chipper, seconded by Trustee Tarapata and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

2015 Grievance - Assessor Recommendations-

Trustee Diamond made a resolution that the Board of Assessment Review accepts the recommendations of the Assessor and it was seconded by Trustee Morgan and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Trustee Hindin made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM, seconded by Trustee Tarapata and it was so moved. On a call for a vote:

AYES: Mayor Esmay, Trustees Diamond, Hindin, Morgan & Tarapata

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Brotherhood
Village Clerk