

Regular Meeting #1

A Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloan was held on June 13, 2017, 7:00pm at the Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates 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 Barry Ping
Trustee Tammy Bayes
Trustee Paul Zogaria

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017, and Audit Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2017

Motion by Trustee Bayes, Second by Trustee Zogaria

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Approval of Abstract 038, vouchers 560 through 564, of the 2016/2017 General Fund Budget for a total payment of \$18,578.53

Motion by Trustee Zogaria, Second by Trustee Ping

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Approval of Abstract 001, vouchers 1 through 29, of the 2017/2018 General Fund Budget for a total payment of \$127,164.38

Motion by Trustee Bayes, Second by Mayor Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Department Reports

Fire- Alan Wieberg: Memorial mass and inspection, CPR Course scheduled 6/24/2017 for youth recreation employees and residents

Highway- Gene Beszczynski: Village Hall generator repair, street signs ordered, new ice machine at fire hall, front loader trade-in in July, ECWA project update on Lovejoy Street

Code Enforcement- None

Seniors- None

Attorney- James Vallone: DEC meeting, court appearance on June 21 for 11 Halstead Avenue

Trustees- Bayes: Crime Resistance/Police Advisory report, First concert June 22nd- Disco Duck

Ping: Weekend fire hall rental availability

Zogaria: Seasonal hiring for youth recreation complete, CPR training on 6/24/2017, tentative date of pool opening is 6/25/2017

Mayor Ferrucci: DEC meeting 6/13/2017 regarding Order on Consent, Board is accepting Letters of Interest for the vacant Trustee position

Fire Hall Requests

Mary Wojciechowski 7/16/2017

Angela Goodie 8/5/2017

Carole Holakowski 8/19/2017

Coralys Barreto 9/12/2017

Paul Zogaria 9/30/2017

David Holliday 11/4/2017

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bayes

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Appointments

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Zogaria to appoint Samantha Barker, Hunter Rose, Kollin Zawadzki and Cole Belscher as part-time, seasonal recreation attendants, effective June 14, 2017 at an hourly wage of \$9.70.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Resolution 2018-1 Supporting a Home Rule Request: Seeking Permission from New York State to Amend the Erie County Tax Act

WHEREAS, since 2015 more than 800 homes in Western New York have been deemed “zombie houses” defined as properties undergoing the foreclosure process that can remain vacant for years; and

WHEREAS, the economic result of such vacant properties is nearly \$58 million worth of real estate in Erie County since it was last calculated; and

WHEREAS, if the home remains vacant for a long enough period of time the property value could decrease to such a level that it is no longer in a bank’s financial interest to foreclose on the property implying that time is a crucial factor in these cases; and

WHEREAS, these houses remain empty typically due to homeowners’ misunderstanding of proper foreclosure procedure- leaving these houses in limbo, i.e. the homeowners no longer maintain the property and banks are not legally obligated to. This means these properties are maintained oftentimes at the expense of taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in the United States the average time it takes to foreclose on a property is two years. If a house has been deemed abandoned by the municipality the foreclosure process should only take one year; and

WHEREAS, as such the Board of the Village of Sloan requests permission from New York State to make the following amendments to the legislation known as the Erie County Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to recommend the New York State Senate and Assembly amend § 9-1.0 of the Erie County Tax Act to shorten the period in which the holder of a tax sale certificate may foreclose on a property that is certified by a municipality to be vacant and abandoned from two years to one year; and

WHEREAS, additionally to recommend § 11-2.0 of the Erie County Tax Act be amended to shorten the period in which the county may foreclose on a tax certificate on a property that is certified by a municipality to be vacant and abandoned from two years to one year; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the following resolution is hereby adopted by the Village of Sloan; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village of Sloan forward certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Assembly Speaker Heastie and New York State Senate Majority Leader Flanagan as well as to the Erie County Executive, the Honorable Mark Poloncarz and to all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bayes

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Resolution 2018-2 Eagle Systems Contract

Motion by Trustee Zogaria, Second by Trustee Ping authorizing Mayor Ferrucci to enter into a one-year contract with Eagle Systems to provide maintenance and support for the Toshiba E-Studio 355 copier located at Village Hall, effective June 1, 2017.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Reschedule Meeting

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bayes to reschedule the June 28, 2017 Audit meeting to June 27, 2017 at 5:00pm.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Public Comment

Richard Macjiewski

John Staniszewski

Carol Przybylak

Cheryl Repeta

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Zogaria, Second by Trustee Ping to adjourn meeting at 7:28pm.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Ping, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Zogaria

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Smith
Village Clerk/Treasurer