

VILLAGE OF SAVONA

15 McCoy Street
Savona, NY 14879

MAYOR – Brian C. Scott

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Minutes for November 14, 2019

The public hearing meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:01 PM at the Village Hall on the above date by Mayor Scott.

PRESENT: Mayor: Brian Scott; Trustees: Mary Finch, Chris McCann, Tina Carson, Carl Peters Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ken DeWert, Hal Bailey, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Michael Horton, Greg BeGell, Lynn VanSkiver,

ABSENT: Attorney Elizabeth Oklevitch

Mayor Scott led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Mayor Scott opened the floor to public speakers at 6:01 PM.

- Concern was voiced in regards to the law on discharging of firearms within the Village.
- Confirmed by Code Enforcer that you must be 500FT away from a residential dwelling to hunt.
- Brian confirmed he will be calling DEC for more information.
- Compliments given to Machuga Contracting for their snow plowing last year and it was confirmed by Mayor Scott that they have a 3 year contract and will be plowing again this year.

Mayor Scott closed the floor to public speakers at 6:07 PM.

MINUTES:

Mayor Scott requested a motion to approve the October 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion 1: Trustee Peters

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Motion 2: Trustee McCan

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Resolution #1

Mayor Scott requested a motion to approve June, July and August of 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

Motion 1: Trustee Finch

Motion 2: Trustee Carson

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee McCann –

- Austin's Construction fixed some of the drains in Savona. Mayor Scott confirmed that they gave a \$4,500 quote and that Church Street needed a new dry well. They fixed the wall and filled with large stones. Said that Maple street needed the same done but is much smaller.
- Chris said that the Pavilion roof will be done the first of the year.

Trustee Carson –

- There are not a lot of lights that have been fixed, but there is a new way to contact NYSEG.
- Brian commented and said that Tom O'Mara's office gave him an email for someone who can get the lights taken care of.
- Received a lot of compliments on moving Halloween, turnout was great.

Carl Peters –

- Hero Banners are now up and there are many compliments in regards to them.

Mary Finch –

- The pulled pork dinner on Election day went well for the Library. They also had a book and bake that went well.

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- Christmas Magic will be held on December 7th from 4 to 6 PM and there will be a tree lighting at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Scott -

- Christmas Magic is looking for a gift basket donation from the Board of Trustees, and the board agreed to go in on a basket for this year.
- Looking to open Hero Banner Applications in the Spring time. For all questions and to get on the list, contact the Clerk-Treasurer.
- There will be a winter meeting for the Hero Banners.
- The Village switched to Dependable Disposal for trash.
- Village employees are encouraged to use their emails for communications.
- Security cameras have been installed and are operating efficiently for safety purposes.
- There was a meeting in regards to the water shed, Flood Smart Action Plan is in place, full section for Savona in the book.
- NYMIR performed a risk assessment on the Village and there are some minor things to fix, and they are currently underway.
- Sending out RFPs for on-call contracts for the Water Department. Need them received by Jan 1, 2020.
- Taking the Honor Roll Board down until it can be replaced.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - October 2019

EMS:	6
MVA:	1
Mutual Aide:	3
Good Intent:	2
Hazardous Conditions:	1
Total Calls:	13
Calls to Date:	225

Mutual Aide Given:	3 (Campbell 2, Thurston 1)
Mutual Aide Received:	2 (Campbell 10/1, EMS, 10/30 EMS)

Average Response Time:	5 minutes
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Village:	5
Town:	5

Court report for October 2019:	
Report:	\$10,984.00

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Closed Cases: 44
Received Cases: 38

Code Enforcement Officer – None submitted

Water Department - None Submitted

Animal Control - September 2019

Complaints: 4
Action Taken:
Warning: 2

October 2019

Complaints: 1
Action Taken:
Warning: 1

Town of Bath – October 2019

- Finished their budget and they are under the tax cap.
- Courtney Divens now has full accreditation to be an assessor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Scott requested an adjustment to the amount being relieved due to a typo, correcting it from \$15,672.16 to \$15,672.17.

Motion 1: Trustee Finch

Motion 2: Trustee Carson

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

UNPAID TAX LEVY TO COUNTY

Resolution #2

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After having reviewed the return of unpaid taxes and having determined that it is a true transcript, we need a motion to approve the unpaid taxes and return them to Steuben County to be placed on the January 2020 town and county tax. The amount to be returned is \$15,672.17 (\$14,511.26 unpaid tax and \$1,160.90 penalty) for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Mayor Scott requested a motion to approve the resolution for returning the unpaid taxes to the county.

Motion 1: Trustee Finch

Motion 2: Trustee Carson

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

PROPERTY PARCEL MERGE MAIN STREET (UNITS)

There will be further discussion and voting on 34 Main Street's Unit Merge to 1 EDU, at the board meeting in December.

COUNTY UPDATE

Steuben County Legislator Kelly Fitzpatrick spoke on the County Update, the following items were addressed.

- Tax Budget Public Presentation, there was a 1.07 % Levy Increase, the Tax Rate will go down. Everyone will receive either a flat tax bill or slight increase because of full assessment last year, nothing dramatic. The budget has not been fully adopted yet.
- The County is not holding as many people in the jail anymore.
- All roads identified in poor condition have been repaired.
- Emergency CHIPS aid is now gone.
- Spoke with Brian briefly about Empire Internet, rural areas
- Kelly will be revisiting and talking to Empire to come back to Savona, we are currently 33 people short for interest to bring Empire to Savona. She will be speaking to the sales rep in regards to that. If Empire becomes available in Savona it will open up more opportunities in surrounding and other rural areas.
- There is a four county co-op being put together soon for upstate revitalization grant money to put internet in rural areas that don't have it,
- Early voting was in full effect this year.

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NEW BUSINESS:

2016 FERRARA INTRUDER II PUMPER INSTALLMENT

Resolution #3 Mayor Scott requested a motion to pay 2016 Ferrara Intruder II Pumper Installment in the amount of \$32,682.40.

Motion 1: Trustee Peters

Motion 2: Trustee McCann

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

BUDGET MODIFICATION

Resolution #4 was requested by Mayor Scott to modify the budget and pull from Fund Balance to replace the \$4,173.05 that was to be used in last year's budget, to A3410.4.

Motion 1: Trustee Peters

Motion 2: Trustee Finch

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0

BILLS

Resolution #5 was requested by Mayor Scott to approve the bills for Abstract #6, General fund totaling \$56,264.03 and Water fund totaling \$226.32 for a total of \$56,490.35.

Motion 1: Trustee Finch

Motion 2: Trustee McCann

All in favor:

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No = 0

Absent = 0

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott requested a motion to close the regular board meeting at 6:47 PM.

Motion 1: Trustee Carson

Motion 2: Trustee McCann

All in favor:

Yea = 4

No = 0

Absent = 0



Heather M. Swarthout
VCT