

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JULY 23, 2019  
AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, C/T Budine, DCT Shirkey, Trustees Durning, Warner and Rynearson, DPW Supervisor Evans, Paul Lantz, Molly Oliver, Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Jim Conklin and John O'Connor.

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor asked Shelly Bennett-Johnson from DC Planning to explain the grant application for Oquaga creek bank stabilization near the WWTP. The grant is for \$363,750.00 with a Village match of no more than \$46,250.00 in in-kind service hours and materials.

Trustee Rynearson asked what the procurement requirements were. Ms. Johnson-Bennett stated that she was sure it was \$10,000 and that they would come in under it.

MOTION#176/19-20

A motion was made by Trustee Rynearson and seconded by Trustee Durning to allow DC Planning to prepare the application through the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program.

**RESOLUTION**

**TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION FOR STREAM BANK STABILIZATION ON OQUAGA CREEK ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Deposit (the Village) is located on the Delaware River immediately below the New York City Water Supply impoundment of the Cannonsville Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cannonsville Reservoir is a water supply reservoir and does not serve a roll in flood control or habitat protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has sustained significant damage as a result of flooding on several occasions, including damages to the waste water treatment plant along the Delaware River, adjacent to Oquaga Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is a founding member of the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition (UDRTC) to address issues of flooding, the cold water fishery and economic sustainability within the Upper Delaware region; and

**WHEREAS**, the UDRTC has developed a Stream Corridor Management Plan and completed a walkthrough assessment of Oquaga Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the lower main stem of the West Branch of the Delaware River below the Cannonsville impoundment is listed as impaired due to thermal and hydrological impacts to the river and trout fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, a walkthrough of the 23-mile length of Oquaga Creek identified 177 depositional features and 64 bank erosion locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the main stem of the Delaware River has developed multiple gravel depositions and new islands below the mouth of Oquaga Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions along Oquaga Creek have proven to be a source of sedimentation that is impacting the main stem with gravel bars, river widening and reduced capacity, aiding in the warming of the waters in the river; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village engineer along with the Delaware County Department of Public Works has evaluated the bank along Oquaga Creek at the mouth of the Delaware River for failure and degradation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined a bank stabilization project to reinstall the failing 110-foot section along the bank supporting the waste water treatment plant in addition to an additional 240 feet of stabilization upstream from that location would support the flow of the waters from Oquaga Creek reducing the amount of sedimentation being delivered into the main stem; and

**WHEREAS**, a sister project funded by the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund, immediately upstream from this site will allow for floodplain connectivity and bank stabilization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Deposit will commit in-kind service hours and materials not to exceed a value of \$46,250.00 to complete the project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Deposit authorizes Delaware County Planning to prepare application through the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program for \$363,750.00 to complete the project on Village owned property along Oquaga Creek and adjacent to the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Next Mayor Moore asked Molly Oliver from FUDR to speak about the grant from NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program. Ms. Oliver stated that Catskill Cattle Company was seeking a grant to prevent erosion of their property caused by gravel that has been washed down from the Broome County Flood diversion and Butler Brook. This project needs to have a governmental agency to sponsor it.

WHEREAS, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program, funding is available for non-agricultural nonpoint source projects that improve a documented water quality impairment; and

WHEREAS, projects to address sedimentation of waterbodies caused by eroding streambanks are an eligible project type; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Deposit is interested in stabilizing approximately 450' of eroding streambank that is causing sedimentation on the West Branch of the Delaware River.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Deposit supports this application to the New York State Water Quality Improvement Program.

Motion was made by Trustee During and seconded by Trustee Ryneerson to approve the resolution of support for funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore explained that Frank Kamp was selling his property by Oquaga Creek and he felt that the Village should purchase this property. The property ran from Oquaga Creek bridge to the WWTP and the owner was asking \$15,700 for it. Mr. Moore thought we could offer \$12,000 for it, to come from fund balance. He felt this would tie in nicely with the bank stabilization project and could be part of our in kind contribution.

Trustee Ryneerson asked what would be the lost tax revenue. Mayor Moore said he thought it was around \$400.00. Mr. Moore also felt we could use it as fishing access. Trustee Ryneerson asked if the property went to the bridge or beyond. As we do not want to end up being responsible for the bridge in the future. Mayor Moore said that the bridge was a county bridge and would remain so. Trustee Ryneerson said he would be in favor of purchase providing there were no liens or other oddities.

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Trustee Warner made a motion and Trustee Durning seconded to allow the Mayor to make an offer of \$12,000 for the tract of land owned by Frank Kamp that borders the Villages WWTP and Oquaga creek. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore then spoke about the Village property on High St. He felt we should have the land surveyed and sub divide it, but retain 1 acre for the Village. There is about \$4,000.00 worth of lumber on it which we should have logged before we subdivide and sell. Ms. Bennett-Johnson thought that we could annex the property into the Village so that we could retain the tax base. She would send us the procedure to annex. Trustees Ryneerson and Durning felt that we should look into the annexation and table everything for the regular session.

STREETS-old and new business

Supervisor Evans stated that the drum roller on the sludge press is back and installed. Mr. Evans believes it is all still under warranty. The crew is working hard.

Scott Bowie, Steve Logue and Mr. Evans have obtained their grade D water license.

Mayor Moore congratulated Supervisor Evans on not only passing his civil service test but placing at the top of the list. He also wanted to give his thanks for all the hard work Steve and his crew did during the excessive heat during Lumberjack Festival. Kudos!

Mayor Moore also mentioned that he spoke with Jim Ficurilli about the 911 Memorial to go into Memorial park. This will be a 2 year project and they are in negotiations to purchase additional property to expand the park.

FIRE DEPT- old/new business

No old/new business

EMS

Mayor Moore would like to have a meeting with the Village and the Towns of Sanford and Deposit at 6PM on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the fire department. Captain Zacharias has informed the Mayor that Eastern Broome is struggling since they switched billing companies and ambulance repairs and a grant they did not receive. They may have to scale back service until they can get over this rough patch.

POLICE DEPT:

No old or new business

TRUSTEE:

No old or new business

PRESIDENT:

MOTION#179/19-20

Motion was made by Trustee Ryneerson and seconded by Trustee Warner to appoint Steve Evans as Supervisor of DPW permanently. Motion passed unanimously

MOTION #180/19-20

A motion was made by Trustee Ryneerson and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve the Wilson's Children's center 5k run on October 13, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

MOTION#181/19-20

A motion was made by Trustee Rynearson was seconded by Trustee Warner to authorize the Mayor's signature on Abstract #5 of Also Audited Vouchers as follows:

GENERAL FUND:	\$9,006.06
WATER FUND:	\$1,172.89
SEWER FUND:	\$ 351.55

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #182/19-20

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM was made by Trustee Rynearson and seconded by Trustee Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer