

Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order November 16, 2015 at 5:00PM by Mayor Tim Levison.

Also Present: Trustees Boprey, diVincenzo, Besaw  
Clerk Susan Bartlett  
DPW Foreman Dan Monica  
FD Asst. Chief Don Jarvis & Tim Donahue  
Police OIC Jay Harris  
Code Enforcement Leonard Halpern  
Recreation Dir. Nick Orologio  
Attorney Ballan at 6:05

Visitors: Glenn Webster, Eric Parham

Motion diVincenzo/Boprey to approve minutes of the last meeting. Ayes 3.

Motion Besaw/diVincenzo to approve payment of abstract of audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$54,854.54; WaterFund \$2,423.84; Sewer Fund \$3,549.81. After discussion, Ayes 3.

**DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

**DPW** report. Crew back to regular hours, 6-2; parking problems anticipated for snow removal – two in particular parking on sidewalk. The Supt. is authorized to ticket and tow. Supt. getting a V-plow for sidewalk plow.

**WATER/SEWER** report. “Dump permit” initiated. S. Main St. pump shot...need new one.

**POLICE:** Report. 11 speeding tickets issued noted from report. One new hire for appointment.

**FIRE DEPT:** One name for membership. Three serious fire calls just lately – good saves. Don asked for a light to be placed at the fill hydrant at ball field.

**ZONING:** Baldwin Acres almost ready for occupancy – very nice apartments. Parham case set for court the 17<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to see who ends up owner of Bernard Ave. house and need Engineer for further action on that one and the Newvine property.

**ARENA/BEACH:** Softball Tournament benefit held by “Sports For Cancer” gave check for \$100 for use of the fields. He has some ideas for improvements to the Beach area: (1) another building added to the arena for more storage (2) boat launch at the beach opened with aluminum dock and boat slips for people to leave boats (3) open ball fields to summer camping (4) security cameras. He is having some trouble with people leaving the gate open, evidently rowers. If it continues, he will change the lock and limit the keys. Jim Besaw asked if Nick has his budget prepared; he responded that he prepared one for the Town of Potsdam but has heard nothing about what they will be contributing. Jim asked if some of the fence posts could be replaced at the old school ball field. The new posts were provided but not put up yet.

**MAYOR:**

- 1) Rollin Beattie new Town Supervisor; Tim planning to attend Town meetings.
- 2) County representative John Burke here tomorrow...plans to talk to him about the abandoned properties.
- 3) Ruth Garner Day tomorrow at 11:00 at Inman Park and cake here.
- 4) Chopper (Gary Bancroft) honored with lifetime Drill Team Captain award.
- 5) No more heard on the Eng/Hinkley parking debate; should action be taken or wait until spring?
- 6) NCC did walk-through with employees explaining video equipment; conclusion that the cameras were purchased through grant to Concert Series – perhaps more needed for the park.
- 7) Dollar General open.
- 8) Talked to preferred developers about Mechanic St. building...there are some grants out there for **them**, but the Village cannot afford it. Talk of the museum adding wing for RR stuff.
- 9) 25 Mechanic St. of no use to us...wants to put it up for sale.
- 10) Great job by FD in recent fires.
- 11) Mayor’s meeting Dec. 3 at the Canton Club if anyone wants to go.
- 12) **Motion Besaw/diVincenzo a light be placed at hydrant for fire department filling. Ayes 3.**  
(Light with switch instead of motion because of deer activity in the area)

**TRUSTEES:**

Mike Divincenzo: good idea on sell the Mechanic St. property; his understanding that Leonard is looking for direction on the vacant properties?...discussion followed; does the Village have a five or ten-year plan? Discussion – Jim had one and will try to find it, but Mayor says, yes that would be something to work on future.

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**VISITORS:**

Eric Parham owns the property on S. Main St. and has his “race cars” parked there; the “issue” is NYS says races cars do not need to be registered. Discussion followed... it is coming up in court, so will be decided there. Parham kept insisting that it was a separate issue....

Glen Webster was second highest bidder on 3 Bernard Avenue, but looked at the property and does not want it. No date is set for laundry opening on Main. He suggests that the whole museum move into the Mechanic Street property.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. RESOLUTION: Resolved** by Norwood Village Board, Tuesday, November 17, 2015 shall be proclaimed **RUTH GARNER DAY** throughout the Village of Norwood. This proclamation comes on the eve of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ruth spent her formative years growing up in our Village and we are recognizing her numerous years of service and dedication to the community as a whole. Motion Boprey/Besaw to adopt above resolution. Ayes 3.
- 2. RESOLUTION: Resolved** by the Norwood Village Board that 25 Mechanic St. be declared surplus property and be sold by either auction or private sale for adequate consideration. Motion Besaw/diVincenzo to adopt above resolution. Trustee diVincenzo wants a time frame on it so that this doesn't drag on and on. Attorney Ballan attempted to bring up “what ifs” for consideration, but the Board agrees full disclosure to a prospective buyer is necessary, so no issue. Ayes 3.
- 3. CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT TO NYS.** Annual Report presented. Motion diVincenzo/Boprey to accept report, as submitted to NYS Comptroller. Ayes 3.
- 4. FIRE DEPT. MEMBER: Motion** Besaw/diVincenzo to approve name of Jeffrey Smith (DOB 12/30/87), 1391 Old Market Roadf, Norwood, for fire department membership. Ayes 3.
- 5. POLICE: Motion** Boprey/Besaw to approve hire of Timothy Arquitt, 363 Hurley Road, Brasher Falls, NY 13613. Aye 3.
- 6. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DONATION.** Motion diVincenzo/Besaw to approve \$50 be given toward celebration. Aye 3.