

Village of Tannersville

Date

February 26, 2019

Time

5:30 PM

Location

Tannersville Village Hall

Present:

Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
David Kashman, Trustee
George Bain, Jr, Trustee
Gregory Landers, Trustee
Leigh McGunnigle, Trustee

Type of meeting: Planning Business
Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-
Treasurer

Also Present:

Ian Law from Place Alliance,
Jarrett Whittaker

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor stated that Village received a \$30,000 Planning Grant to facilitate the planning and design necessary to satisfy NYCDEP to connect the surface water treatment plant to the NYCDEP owned sewer system. He explained that this is a type 2 action under seqr and we have a resolution stating that to review and adopt tonight with acceptance of the grant. Trustee Landers made a motion to adopt resolution #1 of 2019. Trustee Bain seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor turned the floor over to Ian Law from Place Alliance for a presentation on the 2 grants currently in place from Department of State. Discussion of the Beach restoration project and the proposed pocket park next to the laundromat on the former Gotay property.

Beach Restoration Project:

As per 6 CRR-NY Part 617 New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act; SEQR requires the sponsoring or approving governmental body to identify and mitigate the significant environmental impacts of the activity the Village of Tannersville Lake Rip Van Winkle Beach Restoration.

The project sponsor and applicant; PLACE Alliance Northeast of 30 Jay Street Schenectady, NY, concedes that under SEQR regulation, the Village of Tannersville's Lake Rip Van Winkle beach restoration has no significant adverse impacts on the environment and is to be classified under Type II Action. This classification requires no further preparation under the Environmental Quality Review.

The project is located on the western side of Lake Rip Van Winkle in the Village of Tannersville off Lake Street. The project proposes improvements to the existing beach and swimming area, installation of a rain garden to intercept stormwater from a catch basin on Lake Street and improve pedestrian access around the beach area. Overall, the project will be an improvement to the existing condition and will help improve water quality entering the lake.

The projects construction scope includes:

Restoration of the beach area, including hydro-raking out old material and adding clean washed sand

Improved circulation for pedestrian and vehicular traffic

Porous walkways

2,300 Square foot rain garden

Native plantings

Under the Environmental Quality Review Act 6 | 7.5(c) actions that do not have significant adverse impact on the environment, or actions that have been statutorily exempt from SEQR review do not require further action. The following actions are not subject to review under classification Type II as they pertain to the Lake Rip Van Winkle Beach Restoration Project:

- (3) retrofit of an existing structure and its appurtenant areas to incorporate green infrastructure;
- (5) repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes;

The Mayor made a motion to classify the Beach restoration as a Type II action under SEQR and that no further review was required. Being there were no adverse impacts, a neg dec would be issued. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favored, motion carried.

Mr. Law continued with a presentation on the pocket park.

Pocket Park Project:

As per 6 CRR-NY Part 617 New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act, SEQR requires the sponsoring or approving governmental body to identify and mitigate the significant environmental impacts of the activity the Village of Tannersville Creek Walk Park is proposing.

The project sponsor and applicant; PLACE Alliance Northeast of 30 Jay Street in Schenectady, NY, concedes that under SEQR regulation, the Village of Tannersville's Creek Walk Park project is to be classified under Type I Action. The project is located on Main Street (Rte. 23A) in the Tannersville Main Street Historic District. The Western edge of the parcel is defined by Sawmill Creek. Creek Walk Park will provide a beautiful use of a historic building footprint and creates a stage for community events as well as a creek-front sitting area surrounded with native plantings. Overall, the project will be an improvement to the existing condition and will help improve water quality entering the Creek.

The projects construction scope includes:

Improved circulation for pedestrian and vehicular traffic

650 Square Foot (SF) rain garden

Over 3,000 SF of Native plantings

The project does not have significant adverse impact on the environment and should have a Conditioned Negative Declaration.

Mr. Law stated that the footprint moved up hill 8' from creek for stabilization. On the custom shade structure, there will be stained polycarbonate mountain scene. Earthy natural tones. Robust planting plan.

The Bridge will eventually be a looking spot for park. Utilization of adjacent parking lot. Regrade for 1 handicapped parking spot. Interpretive sign map of regional trail connections. Trail system to dpw via easement. Construction drawings advertised. Pre bid meeting to be held 3/14 at village hall.

Trustee Landers asked about the electric meter in the middle of nowhere. The Mayor replied that the meter is getting handled.

The Main Street bridge impacting flood analysis and flooded during Irene. Mr. Law proposed channel stabilizing stones are not in current scope and will help direct creek. Natural measure DEC should like. They propose the Park be open in winter but will need snow removal for steps.

Trustee Landers stated he would like to see what the color scheme of the panels are going to be for the structure before they are put in place. Mr. Law said that would be possible.

The Mayor made a motion that the Village be lead agency for the pocket park and that this is a Type I action under SEQR. Trustee Kashman seconded, all in favor motion carried.

The Mayor further moved to issue a conditional negative declaration - conditions being no negative comments are received from other agencies and all required permitting is completed. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The board thanked Mr. Law for his time.

The Mayor made a motion to close the planning business and open the regular board meeting. Trustee McGunnigle seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee McGunnigle made a motion to approve the vouchers and abstracts. Trustee Bain seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The mayor directed the clerk to enter the reports into the minutes.

Highway Department Report

Time Sheets presented to the board for review. – no other reports received.

No further inventory completed since Jan – see note below. Will have to reformat for state.

Questions for board:

What is being done about Williams Voucher 200? Am I Billing out items? Asking Williams to remove from our account returning things?

Updated report from Clerk/Treasurer:

Sign permits Billed \$4050 Collected \$3295 - \$755 remaining.

Working with Williamson/Mueller to get report for readings. Will do one more reading prior to next board meeting and will have an estimate on bills for current budget year. Next week working with Jason in person on rates and budget for water department.

Budget requests are due 3/1. To date I have not received anything from any department other than Clerk's office and Court which will remain pretty much the same. . Will send out reminder email to all tomorrow.

Grants:

Payment requests pending with EFC for payroll expenses and vouchers. Have 3 new invoices on abstract for approval by board.

EPF540377.

Waiting on retainage release. State requested more information last week which was sent in.

DOS Grants:

C1000703 - \$150,000 - Payment Request 2 and 3 pending. Working on closeout with Margaret and Hunter Foundation.

C1000972 - \$500,000 –Payment Request #1 submitted and pending. Bids came in today for Beach Restoration project. Prospective selection of contractor at March board meeting. Pocket Park Bids due end of March.

NYSERDA car charging grants

2 applications submitted for \$8000 each. One location municipal lot off Tompkins Street. Second location next to Village Hall.

Culture & Arts Grant from the Bank of Greene County

The Village has applied for a Culture & Arts grant from the Bank of Greene County for support for our community events at the park this coming year. Amount requested \$2500.

NYS DEC/NYS EFC Planning Grant:

Resolution for board to pass tonight required for Mayor to enter into contract to receive grant and need to approve Lamont to do engineering for Sanitary Sewer extension. This is for backwash to go into sewer system rather than lagoons or hauling materials to facility in NJ.

CWC Grant for Feasibility Study for relocation of Highway Garage:

Due to the fact we received no bids or RFP's on this project for the feasibility study, CWC is looking into hiring the consultant directly through their office since we are not the only municipality facing this issue. See email in packet.

Other updates:

Mayor, Trustee Bain & Clerk attended NYCOM Conference in Albany. Trustee Bain attended on 2/11, Mayor and Clerk on 2/12. Discussion of budget cuts from state and how they will impact our budget will be taken into consideration when developing draft for next fiscal year. Winter Recovery funds through CHIPS and our State Aid removed. A loss of at least \$11,000 to our budget. New Requirement for Sexual Harrassment policy and training. Got wording from NYMIR and will be incorporating into current employee handbook and will be on March agenda.

State Comptroller wants Detailed listing of fixed assets and inventory in Annual report. Will need to tailor what we have to their format.

Sewer Use Law – Final request for comments. Will be public hearing on next meeting.

Events:

Are we having St. Patrick's Day Parade? It is scheduled for 3/16. Tom Knowles from Slopes/Montauk Grill said new owners are Irish and would like to get involved. Says has a couple businesses committed but would like to start at Village Market and end at Pugliese (Bear Square Plaza). Will have BBQ on deck and will sponsor food. Suggested Cliff Thompson for Grand Marshall, We asked if owner would like to be it since she is Irish. Asked if Village could print posters in house and deal with road closure.

Are we putting in anything for this financially?

Car Shows – No change. 6/16 & 9/22

Bike Fest, No date proposed from Cindy yet still looking at potentials. Thinking July or August. Cant conflict with other events. Hopefully will get proposed date by March meeting so we can advertise.

Jarret(Euro Show) may be coming tonight . Need to discuss notification requirements that were not met and increase in fee for Village to certify completion.

Concerts – Grant done to Bank for sponsorship but should seek out someone to run boat house even if its to do snack bar with packaged goods. We also need to do more promotion to get the word out and start now. What bands do we want to reach out to?

Johnny Scarecrow always interested

90 Proof (biggest crowd) interested in July 6th date waiting to hear back to confirm.

Car show crowds NOT fans of Wyld Blu

When seeking bands we also need to find out if soundman is required.

July 4th Weekend (7/6) would be date for parade/fireworks etc. Spoke with firework people from last year and they said that their map provided to our office was done wrong on their end and we can have parking on upper lake . Jason said construction will be limited to small area which can be fenced off.

Hunter Foundation requested fireworks be at golf course but at this time were not doing any events there this day.

Camp – Already seeking input on events from arboretum and spoke with DOL in regards to compensating counselors for up to 4 hrs a day, village would be responsible for rest. Help with payroll costs in next years budget. Only eligible for those under 18 and they have to apply through workforce. Also putting in additional grant to parks office for \$1000 for transportation costs.

Mr. Kashman added that the steps at the monument needed attention. Very dangerous.

Mayor reminded board about meeting with Town and Village of Hunter on Thursday regarding the Highway Departments. Discussed merging forces with the Village/town but not them running our highway department. Board asked to get a copy of the Village of Hunter's budget and meeting with the Village of Hunter in addition to the Town. Board wanted to know if the Town had enough space on their existing property for a shop our size to house our equipment.

Mayor also noted no RFP's received for feasibility study of relocation of the highway garage. CWC considering hiring one consultant to help multiple municipalities since we are not the only ones in this predicament.

GPS Trackers – Received one quote from Toads. Trustee Bain stated that he had also spoken with Thorpes in regards to our 2 newer vehicles and we may be able to just do the GM link via onstar.

The clerk added she had heard from them today and the one truck does not have onstar and it cannot be installed post build. The board requested more information from the program that Toads proposed.

Events:

St. Pats Parade:

Board had no problem with owners of Slopes/Mantauk hosting parade provide there was no expectation from the Village other than to shut down the road and printing of the posters. The Board was not in favor of any political candidate being grand Marshall of the parade. This is not a political event.

Suggested owners themselves, Kat as a thank you for all the years of previously hosting or Pat Darfler Sweeney as suggested by Mr. Bain. If there is snow, the event cannot happen, owners must come in to office and meet clerks. There will be no financial support from Village and parade could start at Village market and end at Slopes/Montauk Grill.

Euro Car Show:

Mr. Whittaker proposed 10/13/19. Board not in favor as that is Columbus Day weekend and busiest weekend of Octoberfest. Would consider 10/6/19. Mayor stated we got complaints about notification, and participants at the last event and would like to move forward in the positive direction. There will be some changes and we will prepare a list of things to be done and need to formalize an agreement.

Privilege of the Floor:

Trustee Bain stated at the shop he observed 5 gallon spring water being used for waste oil. None of the 55 gallon bulk containers are stored in a manner that is “well contained” – it needs a Special kind of pallet. Suggested to Check Grainger.

The Mayor stated that when Robin and he attended the NYCOM meeting in Albany, one of the topics of discussion were the new requirements for harassment and sexual harassment. Trustee Bain stated that he has attended several trainings at the school with this.

The Mayor stated that with harassment and complaints - documentation is required. The Liability on person who does not respond to complaint. Investigation must be started in 24 hrs. Retaliation against the person who made a complaint is a crime.

Being that there was no other business, Trustee McGunnigle made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.