

Village of Tannersville

Date

November 13, 2023

Time

6:00 PM

Location

Tannersville Village Hall

Present: David Schneider, Mayor
David Kashman, Trustee
Dylan Legg, Trustee
Mary Susan Timpson, Trustee
Gregory Thorpe, Trustee

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:

Also Present: Dominick Vanucchi, Anthony DeSantis

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers/Abstracts/Reports

Trustee Kashman made a motion to approve the vouchers/abstracts/reports. Trustee Timpson abstained as she hadn't completed review. Trustee Thorpe seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.

Departmental reports:

Treasurer: \$33,039.60 sent to Town of Hunter for relevy of the outside water bills on the January Town Taxes. We get this payment sometime in January.

\$42,497.43 was sent to Greene County for collection of delinquent village taxes. We will receive this payment in the end of March/beginning of April in 2024.

We sent in paperwork to NYS DOT for a CHIPs reimbursement of \$71,000 for the new truck and signage. This is to be expected in December.

Water Department – Non Engineer

Installed a water meter at 170 Route 23C.

Winterizing village properties.

Flushed hydrants the week of 10/16.

Flushed the sediment tanks.

Dig Safe mark outs in 12 locations.

Site visits to water plant with 2 potential bidders for fence.

Worked with Jason on hydrant list, should have something for review this week.

DPW Related Items:

Trucks, sanders, and plows ready to go for winter season.

Summer equipment stored for the winter.

Took banners down for town historian.

Testing Christmas snowflakes and tree lights.

Blacked topped and patched around village including railroad avenue and spruce street.

Moved flower pots to back of village hall and took down flowers.

The Clerk added that we received one bid for the fence \$34,900 from Evergreen Mountain Contracting.

For the hydrants, we received 3:

\$61,375 – Core & Main LP

\$58,980.89 – Ferguson Waterworks

\$57,114 – Everett J. Prescott Inc.

The clerk added that these bids have not been finalized and have yet to be reviewed for their accuracy from the engineer.

The Mayor asked the clerk to enter the engineers report into the minutes.

From Jason Preisner, Lamont Engineers:

For consideration by the Board, I want to offer the following update regarding the fire hydrant work in the Village:

Short-Term:

- 1) I GPS located all of the hydrants in the Village last week (on 10/31). The data has been uploaded and we are working on the mapping. Once complete, I will bring a draft with me to the Village and setup a time to meet with Kerry to review the hydrant map, verify none were missed, and confirm which ones are obvious to the naked eye are inactive. This will likely occur sometime late next week.
- 2) The RFP for the 10 new hydrants and accessories was released in mid-October and is due on Monday (11/13). Once I have the scanned bids I will send to DOH to get their final concurrence for the use of the remaining project funds associated with the water project. If all goes well we will have their concurrence before Thanksgiving and can wrap things up. I cannot guarantee the timetable of DOH's concurrence, so that is the only wildcard, but it will be before the end of the year.

Long-Term:

- 1) Given that we seem to be quickly heading into winter, and the new hydrants will still need to be ordered and delivered, replacement of any hydrants is not likely to start until spring unless we get an unusually warm winter. As a reminder, once the nights dip below freezing, the water main breaks, water meter breaks and service leaks start to pick up. This is typically exacerbated by the January thaw (more like Christmas thaw the last few years) which draws the frost out of the ground and wreaks havoc on the water system. There is also the

annual house freeze-ups for those that let their oil and LP tanks run out. These items, plus plowing typically drain the availability of the DPW.

- 2) Once the mapping is complete, I recommend the Village or I meet with the Fire Dept to determine the most critical hydrants to replace in the coming spring/summer. The goal is to prioritize. By virtue of manpower and available water fund budgets for such work, the reality is that it is unlikely the DPW will be able to replace a significant number of hydrants next spring/summer. That said, I do think 2 or 3 can be done in a year. Priority will be addressed first. For example, if it is determined that there is an old and inoperable hydrant on populated Main Street – this would take precedence over one way out on Spruce Street. This is TBD.
- 3) While it seems easy to discuss replacing a hydrant, there are many variables. Examples include, ability to isolate and shutdown the existing water mains in order to actually do the work, confirming existing water main pipe type in order to be ready with the correct parts to do the work. All this needs to be vetted or it ultimately slows down the progress. I am confident Kerry and Joe have a good handle on this, but want to make the point that when working on something 50+ years old, something always comes up. Bottom line, reality is to expect setbacks and expect slow progress.

I will throw out an outside the box concept for the Board to consider Anything can be done with Time, Labor and Money.... By virtue of the expansive nature of Village water system, it serves Village residents and Town Residents. It is my understanding that the Fire District also serves both. If there was a way for shared services between the Fire Dept. and Village, it would speed things up. For example – if the fire dept. has someone that can assist with excavation for the installation of the new hydrants, this would greatly improve the Village's efficiency in replacing hydrants. This is just an example, but something to think about and possibly discuss with the Fire Dept. (working together to achieve end product).

Grants Update – Payment requests pending for C100972 and C1001671 (old and current park grants). 972 is still waiting for an MWBE Waiver and 1671 we are in the process of getting bid docs revised to go out to bid again.

Trustee Kashman noted that the bids came in over \$2 million and the budget is \$1.2.

Bond Resolution for the Park (Upper Lake Park Project)

The Mayor presented the following resolution for discussion. He stated that the need is due to reimbursements taking too long from the state. If bids come in around budget, we will be able to proceed.

BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RIP VAN WINKLE LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TREASURER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Tannersville, Greene County, New York (the "Village") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the Rip Van Winkle Lake Park improvement project to create accessible and age-friendly park improvements. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$1,300,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 19 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen (15) years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes an unlisted action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined in accordance with SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. The Village Board plans to finance a portion of the cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The total project cost is expected to be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of a grant awarded to the Village for the park project by NYS Department of State.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the serial bonds authorized hereby will be in excess of five years.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Sec 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds, (including statutory installment bonds), and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Village. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Village to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and, to the extent applicable, to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to Section 36 of the Local Finance Law and Article 9 of the Village Law, this resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption, unless there shall be filed with the Village Clerk a petition signed and acknowledged by the electors of the Village in number equal to at least twenty percentum of such electors in the Village, as shown on the register of electors for the previous general village election, protesting against this resolution and requesting that the matter be submitted to the electors of the Village for their approval or disapproval in the manner provided by the Village Law.

SECTION 11. Within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be published at least once in the Catskill Daily Mail, the official newspaper of the Village, and to be posted in at least six (6) public places in the Village, a notice which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution and contain an abstract thereof, concisely stating its purpose and effect and specifying that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

SECTION 12. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with;

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 13. Following the effective date of this resolution, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Catskill Daily Mail, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Village for such publication.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to adopt the above mentioned bond resolution for the Rip Van Winkle Lake Park Improvements. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Current plans can be found on our website and are in the process of being revised with more cost effective elements. We expect to go back out to bid in January.

Being there was no further business, Trustee Kashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.