

Minutes following the 04/08/2021 Special Village Board Meeting

Welcome to the Village of Wappingers Falls special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees today Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE: Mayor Cerino Absent, Trustee Sidote Aye, Trustee Ponte Aye, Trustee Niznik Aye, Trustee Huber Aye, Trustee Ruffen Aye, Trustee Lauricella Aye, Village Attorney Wallace Aye.

A lot has happened since this Board last convened.

We had our Village Election on March 16, 2021 and a new Mayor was elected. Unfortunately, he became ill after his son's wedding over the weekend, but I am happy to report his prognosis is excellent and he is expected to make a full recovery and join us for our Reorganization Meeting very soon.

Speaking of the Reorganization Meeting, our meeting was supposed to take place on Monday, April 5, 2021 but it could not because of the Mayor's absence.

We want to introduce and welcome our newly elected Trustees:

First Ward	Pat Sidote
Secord Ward	Mike Ruffen
Third Ward	Anne Ponte Beahan

Because we had to postpone our Reorganization Meeting, they were sworn in during the week and took their Oaths of Office, which I administered.

Yesterday, I went to the hospital and was able to have the Mayor sign his Oath of Office so we can take the Mayor-elect label off and officially welcome Mayor Rick Cerino to our Board.

In Mayor Cerino's first official act, he signed the Appointment Resolution to fill the vacancy of the Third Ward. At this time, we would like to introduce and welcome Adam Lauricella as our new Trustee in the Third Ward and he will serve out the remainder of that term.

The four new Trustees and Mayor Cerino now join Kevin Huber from the First Ward and Jennifer Niznik from the Second Ward.

We now have a full Board at this point in time.

REGULAR SESSION:

Village Clerk provides the Village Board with a copy of the 2021 -2022 tentative budget.

Village Clerk John Karge presented the board with a copy of the 2021 – 2022 tentative budget. Treasurer Jessica McMahon said she would be meeting with department managers and various board members next week or so to review their input.

RESOLUTION NO. 072021 of 2021

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee Huber and seconded by Trustee Niznik.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm and the last Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm, as needed, at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, in the Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, or at such other place or time within the Village of Wappingers Falls as the Village Board shall from time to time designate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when a regularly scheduled Village Board meeting occurs on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the Wednesday before the holiday, or at such other time as the Village Board shall designate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meetings of the Village Board, including any adjourned or rescheduled meetings shall be posted in Village Hall on the Village bulletin board and on the Village website. The Village Clerk is directed to take whatever steps are necessary to have such Village Board meetings accurately reflected on the Village bulletin board and Village website; and

The foregoing was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Rick Cerino	_____	Absent

Kevin Huber – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____
Patrick Sidote – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____
Jennifer Niznik – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____
Michael Ruffen – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____
Anne Ponte – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____
Adam Lauricella – Trustee	<u> X </u>	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
 April 8, 2021

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, John Karge, Clerk of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Village Board of Trustees at a meeting duly called and held at the Village Hall on April 08, 2021 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, this 9th day of April, 2021.

John M. Karge

John M. Karge, Village Clerk

April 8, 2021

RESOLUTION 01A2021 2021

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM FOR THE 18TH DISTRICT of NEW YORK

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, this 9th day of April 2021.

John M. Karge

John M. Karge, Village Clerk

Motion by Tr. Niznik to adjourn into Executive Session at: 5:20 PM for the purpose of discussing areas marked (X). Seconded by Tr. Sidote. Carried.

All in Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion passes [6] – [0]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- pending litigation in the matter(s)
- negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law
- the medical history of a particular person
- the financial history of a particular person
- the employment history of a particular person
- matters leading to the appointment of a particular person
- matters leading to the promotion of a particular person
- matters leading to the demotion of a particular person
- matters leading to the discipline of a particular person
- matters leading to the termination of a particular person
- issues involving a special education student
- the proposed sale of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
- the proposed lease of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
- seeking legal advice from the Village's Attorney
- matters that would impact public safety

Motion by Tr. Niznik to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Tr. Sidote. Carried.

All in Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion passes [6] – [0]

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion to adjourn the 04/08/2021 Village Board Meeting

Motion by Trustee Huber to adjourn the 04/08/2021 Special Village Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Niznik. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM. Minutes prepared by: John M. Karge, Village Clerk