Regular Meeting #6

A Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloan was held on November 8, 2022, 7:00pm at the Sloan Municipal Building, 425 Reiman Street, Village of Sloan, County of Erie, and State of New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Thomas Ferrucci Present

Trustee Eric Czubaj Present
Trustee Paula Bruscani Present
Trustee Linda Ostempowski Present
Trustee Jennifer Kregg Present



Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022 and Audit Meeting and Work Session Minutes of October 26, 2022 as submitted.

Motion by Trustee Czubaj, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Approval of Abstract 011 of the 2022/2023 General Fund Budget, vouchers 233 through 253, for a total payment of \$35,645.45.

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Mayor Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

<u>Approval of Abstract 025, voucher 045 of the Sanitary Sewer Capital Project Budget, for a total payment of \$7,791.04.</u>

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Czubaj

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Department Reports

Highway- Mayor Ferrucci: Ongoing leaf pickup, Griffith St. paving

Fire Department- Mayor Ferrucci: New Fire Truck scheduled for arrival in December, 2003 American LaFrance has been sold and will transfer to new owner when Rosenbauer is received

Seniors- Ed Derenda: October 27th Halloween Party

Board Reports

Ostempowski: Memorial Brick sale, School Speed Zone signs

Bruscani: Renaissance Power Solar Fields

Czubaj: Youth Recreation Program opened 11/4/2022. Hours are Friday 6 to 9:00pm and

Saturdays 12 to 6:00pm.

Ferrucci: Thank you to Fire Department for leading the Halloween Parade, over 220 children

came through treat line. Available position in DPW for Laborer with CDL.

Fire Hall Requests

Shawn Voit 12/17/2022

Lynn Antkowiak 1/21/2023

Leigh Reed 1/28/2023

Bonnie Gorlewski 5/21/2023

Motion by Trustee Czubaj, Second by Mayor Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Community Center Request

Girl Scout Troop 30196- Sundays now through June, 2023

Motion by Trustee Czubaj, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg

Nays: None

Resolutions

2023- 11 OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ACTIONS RESTRICTING 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloan has a long, proud tradition of staunchly supporting the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloan supports and promotes safe and responsible gun ownership rights of residents across the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the evil, heinous actions against defenseless persons at Tops Market in Buffalo, the New York State Legislature, after that terrible tragedy seized the opportunity to rush through 10 new laws that are meant to erode the right of legal gun owners and punish the legal & legitimate businesses in the firearms industry, and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the Bruen Opinion was handed down from the United States Supreme Court striking down the restrictive nature of laws limiting and pertaining to Pistol Permits in New York, and

WHEREAS, with the ink barely dry on New York's newest gun laws, the New York State Senate and Assembly, in response to the Bruen Opinion, rushed to pass S.51001 & A.41001 during an Extraordinary Session that essentially gutted the Second Amendment rights of citizens across New York State to carry their concealed firearm in public, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriffs' Association recognized, these new laws as "punitive licensing requirements that aim only to restrain and punish law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment Rights", and

WHEREAS, as Village Board members in the Village of Sloan we take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution and this clearly a flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of our citizens, taking away their ability to protect themselves and their loved ones and creating a bureaucratic boondoggle that ultimately seeks to disarm our residents, now therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan Board is committed to pursuing all legislative and legal remedies, either alone or in concert with other like-minded municipalities, counties and organizations, to overturn this assault on our Constitutional rights and,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all Erie County local governments with hope that we can join to overturn these wrong-headed laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Robert Ortt, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal People-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature, The Association of Towns, and New York State Conference of Mayors.

Motion by Trustee Bruscani, Second by Mayor Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani

Nays: Trustee Kregg Abstain: Trustee Ostempowski

Resolution 2023-12 BENLIC Referrals

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloan, Erie County, has recognized the need to address the issues of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties and is desirous of continuing partnership with BENLIC to address this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Village of Sloan hereby officially requests that BENLIC acquire the following properties:

131 Wagner Avenue S.B.L. 112.43-2-19 and

1428 Lovejoy Street S.B.L. 112.44-2-21.11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan has completed the Acquisition Applications for the properties listed above and has attached the Acquisition Applications to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan agrees to reimburse Erie County for the costs associated with foreclosure of these properties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloan agrees to maintain each property selected by BENLIC during the time in which BENLIC holds title to the property including removal of motor vehicles upon BENLIC property by use of municipal emergency services (i.e. police and fire department); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be sent to the Executive Director of the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation; the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning; the Director of the City of Buffalo's Office of Strategic Planning; and the mayors of the cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda.

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

2023-13 Unpaid Property Taxes

Be It Resolved, the report of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, showing that in accordance with Article 14, Section 1436, paragraph 2 of the Real Property Tax Law, she is returning to the County of Erie, Department of Finance the 2022-2023 Unpaid Village Tax accounts pursuant to verification and certification of the Board of Trustees, and also that as of November 1, 2022, she has collected

a sum \$1,175,323.41 which is 95% of the original amount (including petitions and re-levies) of \$1,240,863.73 leaving a balance of \$64,620.43, and is hereby accepted.

Motion by Trustee Kregg, Second by Trustee Bruscani

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

2023-14 Property Maintenance and Unpaid Trash Fees

Be It Resolved, by order of the Sloan Village Board, to approve the levy of all unpaid invoices for property maintenance performed by the Department of Public Works and Village of Sloan to the 2022/2023 Village property tax bills, for a total levy of \$16,869.48, and further

Be It Resolved, to approve the levy of all unpaid invoices for the Multi-Dwelling Trash and additional Tote Fees to the 2022/2023 Village property tax bills, for a total levy of \$6,600.

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

2023-15 Obsolete Equipment

Motion by Trustee Ostempowski, Second by Mayor Ferrucci to declare obsolete one Holmatro Cutter, Model 3020, Serial Number 302001836 from the Sloan Fire Department, and to dispose of the same.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

2023-16 Election

Whereas, certain Village offices will be vacant at the end of the official year, and Whereas, these vacancies will be filled at the next General Village election to be held on March 21, 2023, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees does hereby designate the following vacant offices to be filled at the end of the official year, at the General Village election on March 21, 2023:

Two (2) Trustees, four (4) year term and Further

Resolved, that this resolution be published as provided in election law.

Motion by Trustee Bruscani, Second by Trustee Kregg

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

Public Comment

John Staniszewski

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Czubaj to adjourn meeting at 7:22pm.

Ayes: Mayor Ferrucci, Trustee Czubaj, Trustee Bruscani, Trustee Ostempowski, Trustee Kregg Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Smith Village Clerk/Treasurer