## Board of Trustees Village of Black River, New York



Agenda
Regular Meeting
August 2, 2021

- -Call to order.
- -Pledge of Allegiance.
- -Approval of minutes of the 7/12/21 regular meeting.
- -Public Comment.
- -Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- -Superintendent's Report.
- -Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- -Police Department Report.

#### Correspondence Received:

### Correspondence Sent:

A) Letter to Planning Board

Re: 119 N. Main St.

## New Business:

A) Barton & Loguidice

Re: Rails to Trails

#### <u>Unfinished Business:</u>

- A) Cannabis Law example of local law
- -Reports from Standing Committees.
- -Reports from Special Meetings.
- -Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Village of Black River Board of Trustees Regular Meeting July 12, 2021



Mayor Dishaw called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw
Trustee Randy Lake
Trustee Bonnie Proven
Trustee Mark Wonderly
Superintendent Les Williams
Code Enforcement Officer James Holland
Police Chief Steve Wood
Clerk-Treasurer Kristin Williams

Absent: Trustee Gary McCullouch

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Lake to adopt the minutes of the 6/7/21 regular meeting and the 6/28 special meeting. The motion was carried.

<u>Police Department Report:</u> Police Chief Wood stated that he participated in the Stop DWI program in July. Trustee Lake suggested that the village pay to replace Police Chief Wood's cell phone because it was damaged while he was on a traffic stop while on duty.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee Proven to reimburse Police Chief Wood for replacement of his cell phone in the amount of \$200. The motion was carried.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer James Holland stated that he had just issued permit #30 which is a lot considering the yearly average is 30. He stated that he has issued the building permit for the house on Hadley Drive to be built by Eldon Glick. He stated the Benjamen Azah has submitted revised plans for his project at 119 N. Main St. CEO Holland stated that he has been offered a job with the New York State Fire Training Academy. He stated that the weeks that he is employed there, he will only be available on Fridays for Code Enforcement for the village.

New Business: Jerry Leone from Borrego Solar was present to discuss a preliminary solar project. He stated that it will be a utility scale 600-acre project and that energy will be sold into the market. He stated that a project has already started in Rutland Center. Trustee Lake asked how the village would benefit? Mr. Leone stated that there are host community benefits such as park improvements etc. He stated that land owners will lease their land for 25 years and will get an annual rate. Mr. Leone stated that he will attend the September meeting of the board to give an update and stated that he will regularly attend meetings as the project progresses. He stated that they are still in negotiations with landowners and that they are pursuing options for crossing the river.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee Lake to accept the resignation of Planning Board Member Michael Montigelli with regret. The motion was carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Paul Shepard stating that he is interested in a Planning Board position.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Proven to appoint Paul Shepard as a Planning Board Member. The motion was carried.

Steve Lillie stated that for years the cemetery has utilized inmates from Watertown Correctional Facility to help clean the cemetery. He stated that they often used the Maple St. recreation building for the restroom and as a place to eat lunch.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Lake to the approve facilities use application for the Black River Cemetery Association. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee Proven to approve the water/sewer bill adjustments (see attached) totaling \$551.29. The motion was carried.

The board reviewed the employment applications for the full-time public works position. It was decided that interviews did not need to be conducted because one of the applicants is a former part time employee and one is a current part time employee.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved,** that Hunter Covey be hired as a full time laborer with the Department of Public Works with the condition that he obtain his Commercial Driver's License within one year of full time employment. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw Yes
Trustee Lake Yes
Trustee Wonderly Yes
Trustee Proven Yes
Trustee McCullouch Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

<u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Williams stated that Koester repaired the U.V., the new water service has been installed on Hadley Dr., North Country Contractors will be working on the Ames Drive line on Tuesday, the #2 pump was repaired on Friday, there is a ten day stop work order for the water installation at 119 N. Main St. because the gas line can't be located. Superintendent Williams stated that he has gotten quotes for skid steers and that Bobcat was the cheapest.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Wonderly to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved,** that the village will purchase a Bobcat Skid Steer loader with attachments in the amount of \$74,613.68. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw Yes
Trustee Lake Yes
Trustee Wonderly Yes
Trustee Proven Yes
Trustee McCullouch Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The skid steer will be paid for with funds from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she had received notification that the village will receive \$126,764 form the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The funds will be paid half this summer and the other half in the summer of 2022. Clerk-Treasurer Williams inquired about getting a cell phone for the Code Enforcement Officer because he currently takes calls on his personal cell phone. She stated that it would be about \$20 a month. The board agreed. She stated that she and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Tarra Benson had made camping reservations in the winter and that there is an overlap of a couple of days. She requested that she be allowed to close the office on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, July 23<sup>nd</sup>. The board agreed.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she had received notice from the Board of Elections stating that if the village would like to put the opting out of retail cannabis

dispensaries and onsite consumption establishment on the November ballot that information must be to the county by August  $2^{nd}$ . She stated that there isn't sufficient time to pursue that option. She stated that she has gotten a sample local law and that she will have that ready for the August meeting and at that time the board can set a public hearing for the September meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Wonderly, seconded by Trustee Proven to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following abstracts of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 7/1/21 in the amount of \$3,191.06 (General Fund: \$3,149.89 Water Fund: \$41.17) regular monthly abstract dated 7/12/21 in the amount of \$50,041.89 (General Fund: \$27,411.81 Water Fund: \$22,630.08). The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw Yes
Trustee Lake Yes
Trustee Wonderly Yes
Trustee Proven Yes
Trustee McCullouch Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Wonderly to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams Clerk-Treasurer

## BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

July-21

|    | E/M  | TOTAL   | Jun-21   | May-21   |
|----|--|---|--|--|
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 1  | 5  |
| 14 | 6  | 20  | 22   | 24   |
| 5  | 25   | 30  | 33   | 37   |
| 0  | 2  | 2   | 8  | 17   |
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| 4  | 1  | 5   | 5  | 5  |
| 2  | 0  | 2   | 1  | 2  |
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| 4  | 1  | 5   | 9  | 4  |
| 9  | 4  | 13  | 9  | 10   |
| 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| 2  | 0  | 2   | 3  | 4  |
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DAYS WORKED PER MONTH - 12/31 DAYS

GAS USED - 40.5 GALLONS

**HOURS WORKED - 86.5 HOURS** 

MILES DRIVEN - 391 MILES

EXTRA DETAILS -

SC WOOD #2701

POLICE CHIEF, STEVEN C WOOD #2701 POLICE DEPARTMENT VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS NY

#### BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT

Incidents Reported From 07/01/2021 00:01 hrs. to 07/31/2021 23:59 hrs.

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#### Selection Criteria

ORI: BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT Date From: 07/01/2021 00:01 Date To: 07/31/2021 23:59 Sorted By: Incident Number

| Incident Numb | er Incident Type  | Status Div/E        | ct Reported | Wkday | Case #    | Occurred On        | Occurred To      | Location Type | Reporting Officer        |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 122           | Suspicious Person | CLOSED BY INVEST BR | 07/07/2021  | Wed   | 21BR00302 | 2 07/07/2021 20:15 | 07/07/2021 20:19 | LAKE/WATERWAY | CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701 |
| 123           | Private Property  | CLOSED BY INVEST BR | 07/29/2021  | Thu   | 21BR00327 | 7 07/28/2021 19:00 | 07/28/2021 20:15 | PARKING LOT   | CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701 |
| 124           | Other             | CLOSED BY INVEST BR | 07/29/2021  | Thu   | 21BR00326 | 5 07/28/2021 22:30 | 07/28/2021 23:30 | YARD          | CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701 |

## **UTT Report by Date**

From 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2021

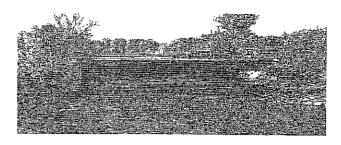
| Date       | Officer Name | Badge | Case Number | Section A      | nd Offense                  | Status | Location     | Local Code |
|------------|--------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|------------|
| 07/04/2021 | WOOD S       | 01    | 0321DBF1JP  | 37540 <b>B</b> | INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS | 7      | S MAIN ST EM | 21BR00291  |
| 07/02/2021 | WOOD S       | 01    | 0321DB6TRB  | 3752A3         | NO/INSUFFICIENT TAIL LAMPS  | 7      | FACTORY      | 21BR00287  |

#### Summary

Query returned 2 records.

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# Board of Trustees Village of Black River, New York



July 13, 2021

Dear Chairman Cook and Planning Board Members;

The Board of Trustees discussed the 6-unit apartment and laundry facility project at 119 N. Main St. at their July 12, 2021 meeting. The Board would like you to consider requiring a privacy fence around the entire perimeter of the proposed project. The Board feels that this will help ensure the privacy and safety of both the current and future residents surrounding the property as well as the future tenants of the proposed apartments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Francis Dishow

Sincerely,

Francis Dishaw

Mayor

#### Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021

#### Village of Black River, County of Jefferson

A local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Black River.

#### Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to opt the Village of Black River out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its boundaries.

#### Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes cities and villages to opt-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their boundaries.

## Section 3. Local Cannabis Retail Dispensary and/or On-Site Consumption Opt-Out

The City Council/Board of Trustees of the Village of Black River, County of Jefferson, hereby opts-out of licensing and establishing cannabis retail dispensaries and/or cannabis on-site consumption establishments within its boundaries.

#### Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

#### Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, this local law is subject to a permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this local law