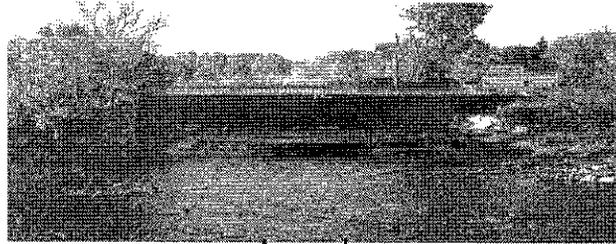


Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2018

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 9/10/18 regular meeting
- Public Comment.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Superintendent's Report.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Police Department Report.

Correspondence Received:

A) Allyson Baker

Re: Code Enforcement position

Correspondence Sent:

A) Vina Bonner

Re: Steps and siding

B) Jennifer Egeberg

Re: LED street light conversion

C) Rt. 3 Sewer Board Members

Re: Budget procedure

New Business:

A) Public hearing for sewer rate increase

B) Matt Carpenter- Black River Fire Department

Unfinished Business:

- Reports from Standing Committees.
- Reports from Special Meetings.
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Village of Black River
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2018

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Mayor Carpenter called the regular meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Leland Carpenter
Trustee Francis Dishaw
Trustee Gary McCullough
Trustee Michael Caldwell
Trustee Corey Decillis
Superintendent Steve Lillie
Assistant Superintendent Les Williams
Police Chief Steve Wood
Clerk-Treasurer Kristin Williams

A motion was made by Trustee Dishaw, seconded by Trustee Decillis to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting. The motion was carried.

The board discussed the Code Enforcement Officer position and the fact that John Wiley had sent multiple letters before his resignation regarding lawns, siding and the steps at 106-108 LeRay St. Trustee McCullough stated that it is a maintenance problem mainly associated with rentals. Trustee Caldwell suggested giving a subpoena to the owner of 106 LeRay St. regarding the steps and the hanging siding as the owner had received letters and had been spoken to by the tenant. The board agreed.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Caldwell to utilize Jefferson County for code enforcement and hire a zoning officer to handle local codes. The motion was carried.

It was decided that the position of zoning officer be advertised and that Trustee Decillis and Trustee Caldwell would interview applicants.

Allyson Baker, 121 Pine Drive expressed interest in the zoning officer position. She was told to submit a resume to the office.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Lillie stated that they had opened hydrants and that the valve blew on one Stone Drive and that water had to be shut down temporarily. He stated that the uv unit at the Rt. 3 pump station has been rebuilt, rabies baits have been distributed and that East Remington St. is being prepared for paving.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that the new laptop for meter reading has not been received yet and that she would like permission to pay for it with the interim bills. The board agreed. She explained that she that the new net book value that was received from National Grid for LED street light replacement is \$55.15 per unit. Superintendent Lillie stated that there are 145 qualifying lights and the cost would be \$7,996.75. Clerk-Treasurer Williams explained that with an \$8,000 incentive there should be no cost to the village for replacement.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee McCullough to proceed with the replacement. The motion was carried.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that there has been an increase in complaints, he would be going to the range this week and that he had a meeting with representatives from Fort Drum as part of a community outreach program.

Correspondence Received: The board reviewed a letter from John Wiley.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Carpenter to accept the resignation of John Wiley as Code Enforcement Officer. The motion was carried.

The board reviewed a letter of interest regarding planning board membership.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Mayor Carpenter to accept Thomas Bauschle as a member of the planning board.

The board reviewed the asbestos survey submitted by GYMO. It was determined that there is asbestos in the flashing cement on the roof of the porch at 119 N. Main St. The board asked Superintendent Lillie to get proposals regarding asbestos abatement of the roof.

The board discussed LED street light replacement.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee McCullough to move forward with the street light replacement. The motion was carried.

New Business: The board reviewed the budget for the Rt. 3 Sewer Board. Mayor Carpenter stated that the budget had been adopted earlier that evening. Trustee McCullough expressed concern that procedure had not been followed because the budget should not have been approved before the village held its public hearing on the rate increases. The board agreed that they would vote no on the rate increase unless proper procedure is followed. The board agreed that they should still hold a public hearing for the village as required and discuss the issue with the Rt. 3 Sewer Board.

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

Resolved, that a public hearing be held on Monday, October, 1, 2018 to allow the public to comment on a rate increase in the sewer variable rate from \$57.50 per quarter to \$60.25 and an increase in the capital charge fixed rate from \$275 per EDU to \$276 per EDU. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Carpenter	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Yes
Trustee Caldwell	Yes.

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had contacted some other villages of similar size to gather information regarding health insurance for employees. The board decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the information.

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

Resolved, that the following abstracts of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 8/8/18 in the amount of \$35.00 (General Fund: \$35.00) interim abstract dated 8/15/18 in the amount of \$59,807.76 (General Fund: \$12,281.59 Water Fund: \$1,980.89 Sewer Fund: \$45,545.28) interim abstract dated 8/30/18 in the amount of \$1,679.55 (General Fund: \$1,150.81 Water Fund: 528.75) and regular monthly abstract dated 9/10/18 in the amount of \$43,817.24 (General Fund: \$22,121.02 Water Fund: \$21,696.22). The motion was put to a vote as follows:

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Mayor Carpenter	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullouch	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Yes
Trustee Caldwell	Yes.

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams
Clerk-Treasurer

From: Allyson Baker
121 Pine Dr
Black River, NY 13612

September 20, 2018

To: Village of Black River
Karl J. Vebber Municipal Bldg
107 Jefferson Place
Black River, NY 13612

Re: Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Positions

Dear Board Members,

After reading an article that we (our Village) were losing yet another Code Enforcement Officer in the very short years since Dave's passing, I felt compelled (as a 30yr resident who loves our village and thinks of it as a huge yard for a very big family) to take up the task.

But once I heard at the Board meeting that there's another seriously interested, highly-qualified applicant, and once I saw how passionately Lee defended him to another resident, I was confident I could rest easy knowing we had already found "the right guy".

So with that said, I'm withdrawing my interest for either position unless the preferred applicant declines.

Meanwhile, I'll keep my eyes open and my fingers crossed for other positions to become available to serve the village I love.

In closing, thank you all for answering my questions and most importantly, thank you all for your time and continued dedication to our village. ☺

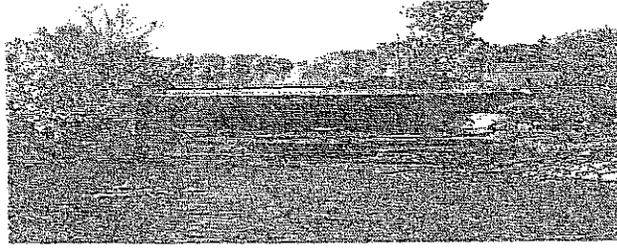
Most sincerely,



Allyson Baker

Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York

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September 17, 2018

Vina Bonner
23558 Spring Valley Drive
Watertown, NY 13601

Dear Mrs. Bonner:

Under section 128-6 paragraph A it states that "No owner or occupant of a lot or building shall allow or permit steps, sidewalks or parking spaces on the lot to fall into disrepair in such a manner as to make it unsafe for normal use and weather conditions..." The steps on your building at 106-108 LeRay St. Black River, NY do not meet this requirement. If the situation is not remedied within 10 days of the date of this letter you may be issued an appearance ticket. Please note if you are found to be in violation by a court of competent jurisdiction you may be fined \$250 each week until the violation is corrected.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

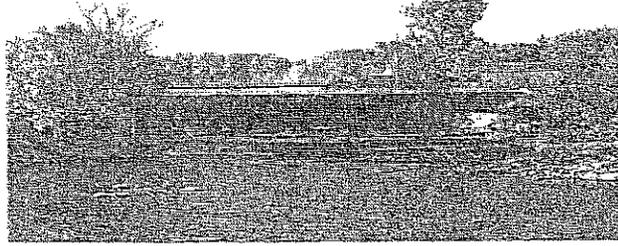
Sincerely,

Steven Wood #2701

Steven Wood
Police Chief

Board of Trustees
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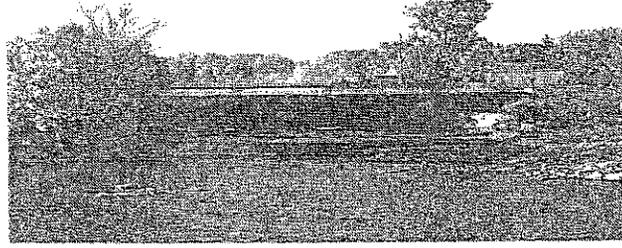
Under section 128-6 paragraph E it states that "All exterior exposed surfaces not inherently resistant to deterioration shall be repaired, coated, treated or sealed". The siding on your building at 106-108 LeRay St. does not meet this requirement. If the situation is not remedied within 10 days of the date of this letter you may be issued an appearance ticket. Please note if you are found to be in violation by a court of competent jurisdiction you may be fined \$250 each week until the violation is corrected.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Steven Wood
Police Chief

Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York



September 27, 2018

Jennifer Egeberg
National Grid
21265 State Rt. 232
Watertown, NY 13601

Dear Mrs. Egeberg;

The Village of Black River requests to be included in the LED streetlight conversion program. We wish to replace all 145 lights. We would like the LED equivalent light size to replace the existing high pressure sodium lights we now have. We look forward to this project that will enhance this village.

Sincerely,

Mayor Leland Carpenter

Kristin Burroughs

From: Kristin Burroughs <clerktreasurer@blackriverny.org>
Sent: 27 September, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Nathan Toutant (lerayadmin@nnymail.com); 'champion.supervisor@racog.org'; 'gde1966@yahoo.com'; 'supervisor@townofpamelia.com'
Subject: Rt 3 sewer budget procedure
Attachments: Rt. 3 sewer procedure.pdf

Good morning,

I am writing this email on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Black River. The board is concerned that procedure has not been followed with regard to sewer rate increases. I have attached a portion of the intermunicipal agreement that states that each community must hold a public hearing regarding the rate increase before new rates may be established. I have also attached the page of the audit of the sewer board which cites that procedure has not been followed properly in the past. The rate increase was approved by the Rt. 3 Sewer Board on Sept. 10th before our public hearing was held. We are holding our public hearing on Monday Oct. 1st at 6:00 p.m. The board has already stated that they will vote no on the rate increase unless proper procedure is followed. The mayor and board are requesting that a special meeting be held after all communities have held their public hearings on the increase, at which time the rate increase can be approved in compliance with the agreement. If you have any questions you may call Lee at 315-778-1578.

Thank you.

Kristin Williams
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Black River
315-773-5721