

VILLAGE OF JORDAN

August 14th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Platten, Trustees Chilson, Stapleton and Gustafson (7:08pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Simko

POLICE OFFICER in ATTENDANCE: Healy

STAFF: Superintendent Byrnes, Fred DiRisio

AUDIENCE: Lynn Falls, Jack Horner

Trustee Gustafson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:08pm.

The July 24th meeting had been cancelled.

*Motion by Trustee Stapleton, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of July 10th, 2017 Voting: All present in favor –Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Lynn Fall shared the history of Sheldon Peck. He is one of the most famous residents of the village that is relatively unknown. Mr. Peck was a noted folk portrait painter, abolitionist, and underground railroad conductor. He made a name for himself through portraits when photography was not yet available. Although Mr. Peck did not sign his paintings, they are easily identified by his unique brush stroke used on fabric and lace. His paintings are sought out by collectors and have sold at auction for as much as \$800,000. A painting he created while living in Jordan recently sold at Southerby's for \$186,000. Jordan residents look carefully in your attics!

Mr. Peck moved from Vermont to Jordan in 1828 and lived here through 1836 when he moved on to Illinois. The Erie Canal opened just three years prior to Mr. Peck's arrival. It is unknown if he arrived by canal boat. He purchased his deed to the house here from Hollis Knowlton, one of the founding fathers of Jordan. This South Skaneateles Street house as sold 14 times since then. Mr. Peck purchased a large lot out on Stevens Road and Route 31 the last year he was in Jordan. It is speculated he may have raised merino sheep on the farm but was not there long enough to raise crops.

Little known facts: during Sheldon Peck's eight-year residency here the area underwent many changes; it was known as the Town of Camillus, the Town of Jordan and finally the Town of Elbridge. The Bennett Building was originally four stories high! Policemen were not called Constables but Watchmen. Around 1825. the local barbershop was the headquarters for a large counterfeit ring that had approximately 2,000 members country-wide. The village was incorporated 1835. Sidewalks originated shortly after the incorporation; women complaining about the bottom of their dresses getting dirty may have been the impetus.

The dedication is scheduled for September 23rd at 10:30 am. Mayor Platten was asked to give the welcoming and the village asked to transport the flag and podium to the site and back. Traffic and parking on South Skaneateles Street during that morning was discussed. There will be many visitors, including scholars and relatives, attending from out of town and state. The Historical Society is hosting a 11:00 am reception and requested financial assistance from the village. Jack Horner, historian, will also give a tour of the dry dock and a small presentation. Jack stated "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our village." It is hoped that the Board will attend.

REPORTS:

Buildings & Grounds:

- Mackenzie Hughes letter was reviewed and unsafe building procedure discussed. There is a scheduled meeting with legal counsel and codes at 1:00pm.
- Unsafe tree on private property at 11 Delhi Street discussed.
- Trustee Chilson inquired about a long standing, functional dumpster on Brutus Road. Dumpsters for household rubbish collection is not allowed. The homeowner will be contacted.
- The Clinton Terrace Phase II project is ready for rebid at the end of the week.
- Trustee Chilson praised the condition of the laundromat; the owner keeps all machines functioning well and the building extremely neat and clean.
- There is a new Restore NY Grant opportunity, minor discussion with no decision.
- The façade of the Village Office is deteriorating. An estimate was sought but to date not received any quote.
- Trustee Chilson was asked to check with Codes regarding PODS and the condition of the Elbridge

Street house that suffered the accident last month.

Water & Sewer:

- The July monthly report was reviewed and discussed. The chlorine level was discussed. It was noted hydrant flushing in Elbridge is necessary to keep our levels stable. The combination of low water use and extreme heat caused lower levels but not out of legal range. The Board was warned a chlorine injector boosting station may be necessary in another ten or more years.

- Sewage plant is performing well. Reported low flows and high concentrations of nutrients.
- RBC's went off line to be scoured with air due to heavy buildup of biomass.

Public Safety:

- Trustees had no questions arising from the Fire Chief's report, it can be removed from the agenda.
- There will be two uniformed officers on road patrol, one service officer and one volunteer on sidewalk patrol, during the upcoming KEGS concert on Friday evening. Police will post temporary "No Parking" signs on North Hamilton Street and rope off a portion of the towpath behind Warner's Way to help control illicit parking.

Streets and Drainage:

- The July monthly report was reviewed and discussed.
-The Rose Street swale has been cleaned. Residents on the east side of the street need a letter encouraging them not to dump leaves, brush, compost or waste behind their houses into the swale, as future clean outs will be their responsibility.

-The residential drainage issue on South Main Street was discussed again. As a final solution to road runoff the DPW wants to install about twenty feet of 8" to 12" half pipe trench drain, with a grate over top, along the side of the street. Will be able to clean out with the sewer jet. Major discussion.

General:

- The Village received notification from the \$45,000 Community Development Grant awards for the sidewalks on the east side of Elbridge Street between Rose and South Skaneateles.
- The Fall Festival letter requesting village DPW and office assistance was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Safety:

- The upcoming KEGS concert was discussed. The village

NEW BUSINESS:

Water/Sewer:

-A new water service application submitted August 14th, 2017 for a new residence being constructed at 5341-Wheeler Road. The installation will require a bore. The costs associated with the increased size of the pipes and meter must be passed along to the homeowner.

***Motion** by Trustee Stapleton and seconded by Trustee Gustafson, to accept and approve the water service application for 5341-Wheeler Road with the installation charge of \$1750.00 plus the difference associated with the increased size of the materials.

All present voting in favor. Motion Carried

Public Safety:

-The traffic on South Skaneateles Street on September 23rd, 2017 is expected to be problematic due to the placement and dedication of the Sheldon Peck Historical Marker at #5 South Skaneateles St.

***Motion** by Trustee Stapleton, and seconded by Trustee Gustafson, to Resolve and close South Skaneateles to thru traffic on September 23rd, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

All present voting in favor. Motion Carried

General:

-DPW laborer Austin Clifford will be resigning his position to take another on August 30th. The Mayor would like to appoint Martin Williams as the replacement for the DPW laborer position. Mr.

Martin's application has been on file since the previous DPW vacancy. An interview was conducted last week. He has his CDL.

***Motion** by Trustee Gustafson and seconded by Trustee Chilson to accept the Mayor's appointment of Martin Williams as the new DPW laborer to be effective August 21st, 2017. Mr. Williams will be on a six-month probation period as all new hires.

All present voting in favor. Motion Carried

- The Historical Society will give a reception for attendees of the Sheldon Peck historical marker.

The Society has requested financial assistance for the reception.

***Motion** by Trustee Stapleton and seconded by Trustee Chilson to provide the Jordan Historical Society with financial aid of \$150 to help defray the costs associated with the reception of the Sheldon Peck Historian Marker.

All present voting in favor. Motion Carried

***Motion** to pay the bills and file the correspondence offered by Trustee Chilson and seconded by Trustee Gustafson. All present voting in favor. Motion Carried

***Motion** to adjourn offered by Trustee Chilson and seconded by Trustee Gustafson.

All present voting in favor. Motion Carried at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Meixner, Clerk-Treasurer