

Minutes  
Village of Orchard Park  
Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orchard Park was held on Monday, **February 11, 2013** in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York. Deputy Mayor Rood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:

Deputy Mayor David A. Rood  
Trustee Francis T. Hogenkamp  
Trustee Joseph R. Wales  
Trustee Jo Ann Litwin

Others present:

Dir. Of Public Works Andrew J. Slotman  
Clerk-Treasurer Mary Beth Jensen  
Building Inspector Jeffrey Sweet

Members excused:

Mayor John Wilson

Deputy Mayor Rood made the following announcement:

“Fire exits are located at the rear in the Board Room and at the doorway to the lobby. In the event of a fire, you will be notified by announcement on the public address system. If notified, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest exit.”

Moved by Trustee Hogenkamp, seconded by Trustee Wales that the minutes of January 28, 2013 be approved as received.

On the question:           4 voting “Aye”                   0 voting “Nay”           Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rood, seconded by Trustee Wales that the vouchers numbering 10400 to 10422 in Abstract #13 of 2012-2013 in the amount of \$36,660.07 be paid as presented.

On the question:           4 voting “Aye”                   0 voting “Nay”           Carried

Comments from the floor of items not on the agenda.

**Jacqueline Briggs** reported on the progress raising funds for a new Senior Center. Petitions are being submitted to the Town Board and School Board.

**Howard Rost** spoke in favor of a new facility for the Seniors.

Reports:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rood, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp that the reports of the Village Justice, Acting Village Justice, Water Department and Treasurer for the month of January be received and filed.

On the question:           4 voting “Aye”                   0 voting “Nay”           Carried

- Building Inspector Sweet was asked for an update on Don Tequillas - there was nothing new to report.
- Director of Public Works Slotman reported:
  - 2 more water breaks, totaling 3 in January.

- usage numbers are looking good and having repaired the leaks so far he is hopeful that the line loss will improve.
- restoration of some of the trucks.
- setting dates to plant hanging baskets and boxes at Zittles.
- Trustee Wales had nothing to report.
- Deputy Mayor Rood reported that Mayor Wilson is in Albany and has met with Village Representatives, Assemblyman Kearns and Senator Grisanti.
- Trustee Hogenkamp had nothing to report.
- Trustee Litwin had nothing to report.

Moved by Trustee Litwin, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp that Director Slotman be authorized to advertise for and accept bids for a 2013 F250 Pickup Truck.

On the question:                    4 voting "Aye"                    0 voting "Nay"                    Carried

Moved by Trustee Wales, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rood that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment on Local Law #1, 2013, overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

On the question:                    4 voting "Aye"                    0 voting "Nay"                    Carried

Moved by Trustee Hogenkamp, seconded by Trustee Wales to support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824 currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orchard Park Board of Trustees supports the passage of said Bills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Orchard Park hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represent constituents in the Village of Orchard Park support the passage of said Bills.

On the question:                    4 voting "Aye"                    0 voting "Nay"                    Carried

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

Moved by Trustee Wales, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp to adjourn at 7:12 PM.

On the question:                    4 voting "Aye"                    0 voting "Nay"                    Carried

Respectfully submitted

Mary Beth Jensen, Village Clerk-Treasurer