

Bantam Board of Warden & Burgesses

February 9, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Bantam Warden & Burgesses was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

Members Present: Warden, Dick Sheldon; Burgesses, Wendy Westcott, Nancy LaTour, Barbara Brun, Curtis MacKenzie, Marsha McKenzie
Absent: Matt Eterginio, Kathy Higgins (treasurer), and Kim Griffen (clerk)

Public: None

Dick Sheldon read the call.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from January's meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Nancy and 2nd made by Barbara. Motion carried unanimously. **Corrections:** Under Old Business: Violations-2nd paragraph to read: Property owner at 700 Bantam Road was invited (taking out offered) to attend a Borough meeting to get his violations resolved (taking out done and add resolved)

Treasurer's Report & Paying of the Bills: A motion to pay bills made by Nancy and 2nd by Wendy. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Violations/ Blight Ordinance: Dick told the board that the owner of 700 Bantam Road was issued a warrant and has to appear for court in March. Dick will stay in touch with Sam Kinkade for results. Patterson was sent a letter requesting plans for correcting blight violations by our March meeting. If there is no response, the board will discuss fines.

Alain White Field: There is a deed in the Town Hall for the transfer of that property from White Memorial Foundation to Bantam Civic Assoc. dated 1948 for the price of 1 dollar. Dick met with Bantam Fire Co. trustees, Fire Co. President Dan Mcphee and Dan Parsons from the Civic Assoc. Per Parson, the Fire Co. has a long term lease on the property to secure insurance from the town. The town wants to drop the insurance. Dick suggested that the Civic Assoc. get new members and expand the uses of the field so that the town has a reason to continue funding the insurance. Nancy volunteered for the assoc. and feels she can recruit more members. Dick will contact Dan Parsons to see what he has accomplished. The hall will be offered as a meeting place. More info will come at our next meeting.

Brown Field: Dick has heard rumors that an offer has been placed on the property at 940 Bantam Rd. He will call the realtor, John Gould, to confirm and offer our help with the environmental if requested.

Public Input and Correspondence: None

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New Business: Yellow Ribbons: On the advice of Atty. Asman, Dick wrote a rule for signage on Borough property. The Board read the rule and voted to approve. Motion to approve made by Nancy, 2nd made by Curtis. All in favor. A copy of the new rule is attached to the minutes.

New Outside Sign: All burgesses agreed that the wooden sign is more in keeping with the Borough character.

Any Other Business: Dick advised that there is a move to eliminate the Borough of Litchfield and we should pay attention to what is being said and done. All agree that our Borough must remain relevant by staying closely involved with everything happening in our community.

Hall Renovations: Dick will ask advice of the board and staff when it comes to picking flooring and wallpaper for the hall renovations.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. made by Nancy, and 2nd made by Marsha. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kim Griffen, clerk

cc: Dick Sheldon

Dated this 21st of February