

## **Bantam Board of Warden & Burgesses**

**August 9, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Bantam Warden & Burgesses was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

**Members Present:** Warden, Dick Sheldon; Burgesses, Curtis MacKenzie, Wendy Westcott, Laura Turner, Bruce Turner, Marcia MacKenzie (treasurer) and Kim Griffen (clerk)

**Absent:** Barbara Brun

**Public:** None

Dick Sheldon read the call.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from July's meeting were presented. Motion to Accept the minutes as amended made by Wendy and 2nd made by Marcia. Motion carried unanimously. Under Previous Minutes: last sentence spelling of Future. Under Public Input and Correspondence-First sentence should read: Dick received a letter of resignation from The Borough of Bantam's Fire Marshall effective at 4:00 pm on July 26, 2023 from Christopher Wilcox. A motion to accept with regret made by Wendy Westcott and 2nd made by Marcia MacKenzie. All in favor. A motion made by Marcia and 2nd made by Laura to appoint Dave Rodgers as Deputy Fire Marshall as of July 12, 2023. All in favor.

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

### **Old Business:**

DeGrasse Scholarship: We have received two applications and want to congratulate Tristan Coolbeth and Christopher Coolbeth. Dick informed the board that the state approved the money to be given to the Borough's youth and to The Alain White Field. A discussion of the money was discussed to put it into a Roth RIA and Bonds that have the best rate.

Patterson Property: Dick informed the board that the property is sold and the new owners still haven't come to P&Z on what they plan to do with this property.

Speed Sign: Wendy suggested to possibly put into our budget next year as a Public Safety Line Item to purchase a speed sign. Dick will check with the state and add a speed bump if possible.

Dream House: Nothing new on the foreclosure of this property. A discussion on the condition of the house was talked about and that St. Paul's Church might have some interest in this property.

PoCad: A discussion to have some vision plan on the Annex property.

New Members: Members are still in need on P& Z and ZBA. Contact the Borough.

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**Public Input and Correspondence:**

Marcia mentioned that the Art Studio on 1062 Bantam Road , Bantam that their sightline is blocked make it difficult to pull out onto Route 202 from Cathole Road when you have an event. A letter was sent to inform them of this problem. It was advised to block parking in this area with traffic cones or other means to alert your visitors that this section in not to be used for parking.

**New Business:**

Back Steps- Dick showed the estimate to fix the back steps at the Borough hall to be \$3, 850. A motion to accept the estimate made by Marcia and 2nd by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.

Phone System: Dick informed the board that he had three estimates for a new phone system, new would be \$4, 100, refurbished \$2, 300 and fix ones we have \$3, 800. A motion to let the office decide what would be the best interest made by Curtis and 2nd made by Wendy. All in favor.

**Any Other Business:**

None at this time.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. made by Marcia and 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kim Griffen, clerk

Dated this 16th day of August, 2023