

**Village of Sylvan Beach
Board Meeting
November 20, 2023**

The Village Board of the Village of Sylvan Beach held their Regular Board meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was attended with board members present and the public was not provided with a link to attend via zoom videoconference due to link being broken. Mayor Richard Sullivan presided over the meeting with the following in attendance

Roll Call:

Mayor Richard Sullivan	Present
Trustee Mark Daily	Present
Trustee Sue Mackay	Present
Trustee Thaddeus Lawrence	Present

Others in Attendance:

Michael Sayles, Village Administrator
Mark Ferriter
Robert Cheesman

The Mayor informed the board of the Letter of Resignation received from David DeSantis as Village Trustee as he has won the election for Town Justice and cannot hold both positions.

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to accept the resignation of David DeSantis. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye		

Mayor's appointment of Trustee to fill in until the March Election is Mark Ferriter. Mayor Sullivan invited Mark Ferriter to take a seat at the table with the board for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023 as reported by the Village Clerk. Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye		

Approval and Audit of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 5,725.19
Park Fund	\$ 2,135.56
Resort District	\$ 3,087.14
Municipal Water District	\$ -0-
EOLWPAP	\$ 62,226.49
EOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	\$ -0-
SBSD	\$ -0-
Total	\$ 73,174.38

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to approve payment of all bills to be paid from November 6, 2023 through November 17, 2023 in the amount of \$ 73,174.38 as presented and reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees. Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily Aye Trustee Mackay Aye
Trustee Lawrence Aye

Reports:

Village Clerk/Treasurer – circulated and reviewed during audit review

Michael Sayles, Village Administrator

- Received check from Auctions International in the amount of \$7710 for the sale of the surf rake and the office telephones
- EOL received certificate of appreciation for COVID testing at the plant
- Looking for approval from Board to sell an old GMC Fender and several cases of paper rolls for the parking meters

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to authorize Michael Sayles to list the GMC Fender and the several cases of paper rolls for the old parking meters on Auctions International for sale. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily Aye Trustee Mackay Aye
Trustee Lawrence Aye Trustee Ferriter Aye

- There will be one more round of leaf pickup and the DPW will begin placing stakes for plowing
- Pads for Veterans memorial not in the old are dug out waiting on weather

Communications:

Announcements

Public:

Resolutions:

Whereas, the Village of Sylvan Beach Board of Trustees would like to revise local law 115 Taxation to include real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters pursuant to section 466-a of the real property tax law

Therefore, the following revision to local law chapter 115 is be provided to adopt by the Village of Sylvan Beach Board of Trustees for approval

Local Law #1 of 2023

Amendment of Local Law Chapter 115 to include Real Property Tax Exemptions for volunteer firefighters pursuant to section 466-a of the real property tax law

Article V Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters pursuant to section 466-A of the real property tax law

115-21 Exemption Granted

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the Village of Sylvan Beach shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10 percent of the assessed value of such property for Village purpose, exclusive of special assessments

115-22 Qualifications

Such exemption shall only be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department in the Village of Sylvan Beach if :

- (a) The applicant resides in the Village of Sylvan Beach, which is served by the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department: and
- (b) The real property which is the subject of such exemption is the primary residence of the applicant; and
- (c) The real property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this local law; and
- (d) The applicant has obtained and provided to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a certificate issued by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department indicating that the applicant has been an enrolled active member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department for at least two years and the applicant otherwise would be eligible for a service award program using the criteria for such service awards programs set forth in Sections 217 and 219-e of the General Municipal Law, which criteria are incorporated into this local law and are specifically made applicable to volunteer firefighters; or
- (e) The incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department has submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service with such

incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall than review all applicants and certify those applicants who meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption.

115-23 Twenty Year Active Members

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Village of Sylvan Beach.

115-24 Un-remarried Surviving Spouses of Volunteers Killed in the Line of Duty

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter killed in the line of duty may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and
3. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

115-25 Un-remarried Surviving Spouses of Volunteers With At Least Twenty Years Of Service

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter with twenty years of service may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years: and
3. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption of such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

115-26 Application Process

1. Applications for such exemption shall be filed annually with the Village Clerk-Treasurer before December 31st of each year on a form as prescribed by the New York State Commissioner for the Office of Real Property Tax Services. No application is required after achieving twenty years of active service pursuant to section 115-23 of this local law.
2. An annual list will be provided by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department of all active members and dates of service
3. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall have the duty and responsibility for verifying eligibility prior to granting the exemption provided for by this Local Law.

115-27 Effective Date

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dated occurring on or after such date.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to amend Local Law Chapter 115 Taxation to include the real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters pursuant to section 466-a of the real property tax law. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Abstained

Old Business:

Quote received from Leggett Tree Service for removal of trees at various Pump Stations with the East Oneida Lake treatment system in the amount of \$26,150.00 as per discussion previously.

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Trustee Daily to authorize Leggett Tree Service to remove trees at the various pump stations with the East Oneida Lake treatment system in the amount of \$26,150.00. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

New Business:

Welcome Center Construction out for Bid at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to authorize Delta Engineers to request bids for construction on the new Welcome Center with a Bid opening of December 7th at Delta Engineers. Also, Delta Engineers is authorized to handle the process of the bid requests on behalf of the Village. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

Budget Adjustment for EOL Contractual Expense over budget by \$44824.50 and will need an additional \$94,000 to cover the expenses to end of year. Requesting budget adjustment of \$140,000.00, these costs are attributed to the lab tests that are now being required under the consent order and the contract with the Camden Group to oversee the Wastewater Treatment Plant and system of EOL.

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Trustee Mackay to authorize the Village Clerk-Treasurer to make a budget adjustment of \$140,000 to the EOL Contractual Expense to cover costs associated to lab testing and the Camden Group. Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

Quotes for Bandstand Renovations estimated cost \$193,000 County will be funding \$100,000 of costs for renovations

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to authorize Michael Sayles to request/advertise for quotes for the renovations of the bandstand to be approved by the Village Board. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

The Village of Sylvan Beach, Oneida County, New York, on behalf of EOLWPAP, will receive sealed bids for the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade/Priority 2 Improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications heretofore prepared by Dodson & Associate, PLLC, Consulting Engineers.

Motion was made by Trustee Daily and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to authorize Dodson & Associate Consulting Engineers to advertise for bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade/Priority 2 Improvements for all contracts. Carried as follows

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Trustee Mackay and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee Mackay	Aye
Trustee Lawrence	Aye	Trustee Ferriter	Aye

Respectfully submitted by

Wanda E Durant
Village Clerk-Treasurer
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