

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 4303 MAIN STREET
PORT HENRY, NY 12974

DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2016

TIME: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Brassard, Trustees; Curran and Smyth.

ABSENT: Mayor Guerin and Trustee Davenport.

ATTENDANCE: Lohr McKinstry

Deputy Mayor Brassard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the salute to the flag and stated that the Special Meeting was scheduled to discuss an issue with the vision insurance benefits.

Deputy Mayor Brassard informed the Board that the vision insurance carrier changed in June of 2016 unbeknownst to the Village and with no notification from the Village's insurance broker. The vision insurance is provided through Shelter Point and the previous carrier was Davis Vision; the new carrier is National Vision Administrators (NVA).

Handouts were provided to the Board outlining the benefits and providers associated with both carriers. The issue is that employees can no longer use their previous eye doctors as they are not affiliated providers under the new NVA insurance. The benefits are comparable however the choice of providers is now limited to three, two of which are not accepting new patients. The Village's insurance broker indicated that it would not be possible to find an insurance company who would provide vision coverage only, for the next three months.

Deputy Mayor Brassard suggested the employees use the vision insurance offered through the regular health insurance and the Village cover the \$40.00 co-pay and allow a flex account for reimbursement up to \$150.00, as that is what the vision insurance would pay for. This would also allow the employees to be able to continue to use their current vision providers.

Trustee Curran suggested running the numbers to determine if it may be feasible for the Village to cancel the vision insurance for the next three months and provide reimbursement to the employees as suggested. The Board decided to review the numbers and discuss the matter further at the December Board meeting.

Other Business: Trustees Curran and Smyth also approved of the Sherman Free Library placing a sign in the traffic circle to advertise their benefit sale from November 29th through December 23, 2016.

Trustee Smyth asked if a Christmas tree would be placed in the traffic circle this year and the lights turned on in the Village. Deputy Mayor Brassard indicated yes, it will be taken care of after Thanksgiving.

Public Comment: There was none.

A motion was made by Trustee Curran, seconded by Trustee Smyth, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:20 pm. Yes; Deputy Mayor Brassard, Trustees; Curran and Smyth. No; none. Absent; Mayor Guerin and Trustee Davenport; motion carried.

ADJOURNED

Denise C. Daly, Village Clerk