

February 24, 2018

A Joint Special Meeting of the Nunda Village Board of Trustees, Nunda Town Board of Councilmen and Keshequa School District Board of Education was held on February 24, 2018 with the following present:

**Village Board: Mayor Robert Cox
Trustee Mel Allen
Trustee Jack Morgan
Trustee Darren Snyder**

Village Clerk-Treasurer: LeRoy Wood

**Town Board: Supervisor Merilee Walker
Councilperson Randy Morris
Councilperson William Mann
Councilperson James Forrester
Councilperson Michael Hillier**

Town Clerk: Cheyenne DeMarco

**Keshequa Central School Board of Education
President, Todd Galton
Terry Lowell
Christy Crandall-Bean**

Keshequa Schools Superintendent: Thomas Kopp

Call Meeting to Order

School Superintendent Kopp called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

School Superintendent Kopp welcomed everyone. The agenda for this Meeting was presented to all. Mr. Kopp stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the School Resource Officer and School Capital Project review.

School Resource Officer

Mr. Kopp reviewed with all Boards the original grant received in conjunction with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department to create a new School Resource Officer (SRO) Position at Keshequa Central Schools. The District was responsible for half the cost of this officer for the timeframe of this grant.

The Grant for this position is running out this fiscal year and the cost will be \$ 75,500 to the School District should this position remain.

Mr. Kopp stated the number one job is to keep students and staff safe. We have an SRO who invests his life into these students lives. Students trust him, talk with him, and he cares deeply for our students.

Councilperson Hillier asked what has the district done to prepare for this time now that the grant is expiring?

School Board Member Lowell answered we thought the grant might be renewed. Mr. Kopp also added he thought the grant would continue.

Town Supervisor Walker asked if other options were discussed, having an SRO or not?

Councilperson Forrester adamantly expressed his view to state, he wanted to go on the record as to not supporting the idea of using a Nunda Police Officer as the school district SRO.

Trustee Allen asked why other towns are not involved with these discussions (Portage, Mount Morris, Allegheny County). Mr. Kopp stated approximately 60% of revenue comes from Nunda residents.

School Board President Galton stated the school district was looking for additional help from the Village and Town in funding the SRO to lessen the burden on taxpayers. Total discussed from the Town and Village each would be \$7,500. School Board President Galton also stated the school did budget for this year to cover the entire cost of the SRO. Councilperson Mann stated this would be considered a shared service, there is a need for an SRO. Provides law enforcement to the community with quick responsiveness to priority one calls.

Councilperson Forrester stated a commitment should be made to investigate funding for the SRO.

School Board President Galton stated we should talk to other entities and get back together to discuss further.

Trustee Morgan stated Trinity Church of Nunda would be willing to provide a donation of \$10,000.00 to offset the costs of the SRO. Trustee Morgan also stated other entities which should be contacted to discuss possible donations for the SRO Program are local churches, Kiwanis, and Nunda Rotary.

Mr. Kopp thanked all for their input and moved onto the first look at a prospective Capital Project. Keshequa School District is researching and putting numbers together at this time.

The Capital Project

Mr. Kopp presented a District Expense Summary Form. The Form presented listed District Wide Summary of Needs. Discussed were infrastructure improvements to all school locations; buildings, parking lots, playgrounds, security upgrades (cameras, doors, windows), technology in class rooms, and electrical-lighting. Timeline for a vote on the project is December 2018.

Closing

School Board President Galton stated his appreciation for all that were able to attend this meeting and that another meeting should be scheduled. A date of March 24, 2018 at 8:00 AM was decided upon by all three Boards.

This Joint Special Meeting of the Nunda Village Board of Trustees, Nunda Town Board of Councilmen and Keshequa School District Board of Education concluded at 9:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy J. Wood
Village Clerk-Treasurer