

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- MARCH 17, 2015 -7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST MARTIN, MAYOR, TRUSTEE ELLEN VOMACKA, TRUSTEE TIMOTHY CAMPBELL, TRUSTEE JOHN BASILE, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-SHAW
CLERK/TREASURER: SHERISTIN TEDESCO
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: PAUL O'KOSKY - ABSENT
ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO
FIRE CHIEF – JEFF MAHAR
BUILDING CODE OFFICER – LAWRENCE ALLEN

Public Attendance – 11

The Mayor gave a special presentation and Thank You to Trustee Basile for his dedication and service to the Village Board during his tenure and presented him with a plaque. Trustee Basile has been a great asset to the Village and it has been greatly appreciated. Trustee Basile stated the reason he is not running again is because he has other things he wants to address. He stated he will be an available resource for the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:

There were 3 alarms and 4 drills in the month of February. (Report on file)
The Annual Fire Dept. banquet will be May 9, 2015 at the Century House to celebrate the 150th anniversary. Chief Mahar stated he has been in contact with Randy Ring to begin the grant writing process. The main focus of the grant will be to obtain money for new air packs, but there might be options for more. There will be a retainer invoice sent for \$800 for a total of \$1500 after receiving the grant and the fee will be returned if grants are not awarded.

SUPERINTENDENT OF DPW (Report on file)

BUILDING CODE OFFICER: Mr. Allen has been reviewing plans for the proposed apartment complex on Hudson Ave. and condemned 7 Carpenter Place due to water damage. (Report on file)

ENGINEER'S REPORT Report given by Mr. Ed Hernandez (Adirondack Mountain Engineering) on the status of the next phase of the sewer upgrade project to begin around April 1, 2015. He also stated he has been in contact with the DOH to complete the steps needed for approval to let outside water users connect to our main water line from Cordero Blvd. He also attended the monthly storm water meeting at the county to prepare for the new regulations coming in the next couple of years. The DOT performed an inspection of the Park Ave. bridge and it is in need of repair, but is not an emergency at this time. This should be kept in mind for repair in the next four or five years. He also stated the water breaks we have had are average to other communities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile stated we have had eight water breaks in the last few weeks. Trustee Basile stated he had been asked at a Town Board meeting about who clears the fire hydrants on Route 76. He stated he thinks the property owners should do it and they may be able to get a discount on their insurance if they have fire hydrants on their property. He suggested there should be a letter from the Mayor to the Supervisor advising they should change their law and put out a notice. The lead and copper tests came back negative for the three sites that were previously positive. He stated the Town office complex has been having an issue with their sewer backing up. We have helped address the issue. The Town sent a video camera into the lateral and cleared roots from the pipe. There is a 30-40 foot section of sewer main that will need to be replaced from around 853 Hudson Ave. north toward the Town complex.

Trustee Campbell stated Matt Rifenburgh has returned to light duty work with the Village. Ted Thrane is now out on medical leave. The skating rink is done for the season, but it was a great success this year.

Trustee Vomacka stated the Fire Dept. is working with the grant writer and their elections will be next month. The Fire Dept. 150th Anniversary will be celebrated with a parade in the fall. She stated she is working with our webmaster to create a data base to be able to register Village resident phone numbers to receive calls or text messages in emergency situations.

Trustee Wood-Shaw stated she applied for a \$2000.00 Global Foundries Grant for new benches and tables around the new playground equipment at the tennis courts. Senior Time will be held on March 27 with an Easter theme. She also stated she has Advanced Power coming to the Firehouse to price a generator install for the building. Garage Sale weekend is May 16 and 17th for the Village. She questioned repairing or paving Ferry Lane and a possible sewer system install. Trustee Basile stated the sewer install has been on the radar for years but we have been unable to secure a grant for the project.

TREASURER REPORT – Sheristin Tedesco

Voucher totals by account

“A” General Fund	\$ 28,713.57
“F” Water Fund	\$ 27,441.63
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 8,417.52</u>
TOTAL	\$ 64,572.72

Treasurer Report for February 2015– copies provided to all board members listing all bank accounts with all receipts and expenditures.

Updated revenue/expense control reports – copies provided to all board members.

The Clerk/Treasurer is working on the water and sewer bills to be distributed April 1, 2015.

MOTION to accept budget adjustments as listed below by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Motion carried 4-0

Transfer \$11,045.07 from A. 1320.400 Auditor of \$11,000 to A.9730.600 Bond – Volvo Dumptruck and \$45.07 to A.9730.700 Bond – Volvo Dumptruck Interest, to pay off early and avoid adding to next year’s budget and avoid an extra \$500 in interest.

Transfer \$6000.00 from A. 1320.400 Auditor to A.5132.409 Garage Gasoline to cover balance of fiscal year.

Transfer \$4000.00 from Contingent A.1990.400 to Buildings Gas and Oil A.1620.409 to cover expenses.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Margo Partak asked if she needed anything from the Village before she could transfer a small piece of property to her neighbor. It was determined she should make an agreement with her neighbor and send the information to the county for a lot line adjustment.

Mr. Rick Nelson stated there will be a Stillwater United Church breakfast on 4/4/15 to honor library workers, SACC workers and Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troop Leaders. The breakfast on 3/7/15 was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to accept the proposal from Adirondack Mountain Engineering be awarded a contract for Engineering and preparation of bid documents and project cost estimates for the repairs to the Hillside Tank and the replacement of piping in the amount of approximately 1700 lineal feet connecting that tank to the Village system for an amount not to exceed \$32,000 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

There was much discussion regarding different engineering firms and pricing. It was decided the motion would be tabled.

MOTION to table the Adirondack Mountain Engineering Contract made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Motion carried 3-1

MOTION to approve the work proposed by CPSS Electric QUOTE#: 99-19G for removal of a continuous chlorine monitor from the Water Treatment Plant for installation at the Cordero Blvd. vault location not to exceed \$3,700 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Basile stated Camelot Builders and ABD Engineers have responded to the Village’s questions and concerns regarding the proposed apartment complex on North Hudson Avenue. (Copies available in the Clerk’s office for review). Trustee Basile stated he has reviewed all documents and is satisfied with their responses. Much discussion followed involving the idea of including retail space in the complex and the ability of allowing the land owners to construct what they want on their property.

MOTION to accept the application as submitted by Camelot Associates for a 5 building, 40 apartment complex on Hudson Avenue made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Roll Call Vote

Trustee Basile – Aye

Trustee Wood-Shaw – Aye

Trustee Vomacka – Aye

Trustee Campbell - Aye

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the resolution making the Village of Stillwater the lead agency on the North Hudson Avenue Apartment complex project, as presented by Camelot Associates, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Motion carried 4-0

INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY

North Hudson Avenue Project – 40 Unit Apartments

WHEREAS, North Hudson Avenue, LLC (Camelot Associates Corp.), the owner of 3.52± acres of land on North Hudson Avenue in the Village of Stillwater is proposing to construct five (5) two-story apartment buildings each with eight units (40 total units).

WHEREAS, the proposed action has been determined to be an Unlisted action, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) 6 NYCRR Part 617.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the applicable standards of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617.6, the Village Board of the Village of Stillwater concludes that it is the appropriate agency to serve as Lead Agency for the coordinated environmental review of the proposed Unlisted Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Village Board of the Village of Stillwater hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for the coordinated SEQRA evaluation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Village Board of the Village of Stillwater hereby authorizes the circulation of the Lead Agency Agreement to the other Involved and Interested Agencies, indicating the Village Board's intention to serve as Lead Agency, including circulating Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).

There will be a public hearing for the land development application, special use permit and SEQRA application submitted by Camelot Associates scheduled for 4/21/15 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Basile presented some accomplishments from the Village Board in the last four years.

Developed a Comprehensive Plan to protect the historic character of our Village. Obtained funding to beautify our business district and new entrance signs, new lighting lamps for center of Village. Partnered with Town Government to established a Town and village Emergency Management and Preparedness Plan. Initiated annual budget for the Villages Bicentennial Celebration. Imposed a regulation requiring developers to pay the Village legal & engineering fees. Promoted Shared Services planning with Village to save tax dollars. Active member of Saratoga County Mayors Association and has been a consistent voice throughout the County directing funds from the County Surplus to Village residents. Received a D.O.T. Grant for sidewalks at the North Hudson Ave, along with new signal lights for traffic safety for the school. Finished sidewalk and signal lights project, along with new drainage system. Completed the contacts for installation of the new water supply system from Saratoga County Water System. Closed the loan with the USDA for water project financing for 36 years. Completed 8 mile long water line for the Village of Stillwater from the SCWA line, which gives the Village a new water system. Settled General Electric Law Suit for the Village of Stillwater, a long hard fight. Paid off all of the debt associated with the water project closing the USDA-RD Loan. Issued a rebate to the taxpayers of the Village in the sum of \$187,335. Conducted a monthly "Senior Time" celebration at the Stillwater Area Community Center, with Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw conducting the programs. Continued the Sewer upgrade project further reducing Infiltration of ground water into the Villages sewer collection system. Also upgrading the sewer plant and the sewer lines throughout the Village and upgrading the pump station for years to come. The Purchase of new equipment for the Villages DPW. Secured the NYS Dept. of Transportation to repave Route 4&32 through the Village. A new Village Ice Skating Rink was open for the public enjoyment. Rebuilt and repaved Park Ave. following the installation of a new sewer force main. Village has instituted good shared services with the Town of Stillwater and the City of Mechanicville. Finally, the village has obtain a A rating by the NYS Comptroller Office on its annuals its Annual Update Document (AUD), auditing to see if municipalities our under fiscal stress. Village is in great shape.

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting date 2/10/15 and the Regular Meeting dated 2/17/15 made by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Campbell

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer