

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- FEBRUARY 18, 2020-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-SHAW, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON, TRUSTEE JOHN BASILE**  
**CLERK/TREASURER: SHERISTIN TEDESCO**  
**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: MATT RIFENBURGH**  
**BUILDING CODE OFFICER: LARRY WOLCOTT - ABSENT**  
**ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO**  
**FIRE CHIEF: TONY CONTI**  
**ENGINEER – ED HERNANDEZ - ABSENT**

Public Attendance – 2

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**MOTION** to open the public hearing to consider increases to the Village sewer billing rates made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Basile explained the proposal to increase the sewer rates from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons, for inside users. He explained the sewer measurement is based upon the water metered amount, effectively “what comes in, must go out”. The sewer O&M fund balance has grown too small and we need to rebuild that fund balance. There was a 94k fund balance at the beginning of the year and we predict to use 46k in this current budget cycle and that leaves us with too low a fund balance.

**MOTION** to close the public hearing to consider increases to the Village sewer billing rates made by Trustee Basile, seconded by DeMarco

**MOTION** to open the public hearing to consider increases to the Village water billing rates made by Trustee Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Basile explained the proposal to increase the water rates from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons, for inside users. The loss of our major water customer, Town District #1, in November of 2017 has had a negative effect of \$130,000 per year to be made up by the inside users. The last time we raised the rates was 2015, and we get incur increases of 1.5% per year from SCWA. The Town, and other outside users, are now 1.5 times the inside user rate. Trustee Nelson mentioned a SWAP (Sewer and Water Assistance Program) that is a new bill that New York State is trying to pursue that the Village should be interested in.

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Motion carried 4-0

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:** Mayor Judy thanked the Fire Dept. for a great banquet for the installation of officers at Longfellow’s on 2/15/2020. There were 2 alarms, 5 training sessions for the month.

**DPW** – The water plant is being cleaned up and Lake Street is being marked for the water project. The crew has been working on snow clean up. The excavator should be coming next week. Someone hit one of our fire hydrants on Lake Street and we are following up on quotes for replacement and getting reimbursed by the driver.

DEC approved the sand from the carbon filters to use as fill at the water plant.

Eagle Scout candidate Eddie Berthiaume gave an update on his project of installing new benches around the Splashpad. He will be building the bases off site and then bringing on site when complete. He was worried would not be able to complete prior to his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday because the bases need at least 3 days of certain weather to cure properly. The Board decided that was fine and he would work with Matt to coordinate.

**BCO** – Absent

**FIRE MARSHALL** – There have been multiple inspections during the month (Lists on file) FM Case stated he will be working on the annual report and provide a copy to the Clerk. There was a

question regarding codes with an apartment building on Neilson Ave that will need to be followed up on. He stated he had a call into NYS Codes for advice. The Village Board was given a copy of the proposed Bureau of Fire Services and all comments must be directed to the Village Attorney by 3/3/2020 for action at the March meeting.

**ENGINEERING** – (Report on file)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Basile – Fire house recommendations have been identified and should be ready for presentation at the March meeting.

Trustee DeMarco – Attended the annual Zoning conference and ordered new playground equipment for the vandalized areas. She met with Don Werner and is awaiting pricing on the basketball courts.

Trustee Nelson – Presented an idea for a Bike Rack at Lock 4, with either a single location or multiple within the Village. The idea will be investigated further for pricing, maintenance, etc.

Trustee Zeno – There has not been any update on the Colonial Road Apts. The Stillwater Experience group will meet the second Thursday of March.

Major Judy Wood-Shaw stated there will be a briefing of the Emergency Mgmt, Committee on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Stillwater Area Community Center and requested all board members, DPW and Fire Dept attend. Mayor Judy is also working with NYSDOT to try to get flashing crosswalks at the post office, blockhouse and library. DOT stated they must first conduct a study of traffic, date TBD. A date needs to be decided for the Village wide garage sale and sent to the webmaster.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** – Provided a draft PILOT agreement from RWE (Battery Project) for review.

**TREASURER REPORT**

<b>Voucher Totals By Account for the month</b>	
“A” General Fund	\$ 36,549.59
“F” Water Fund	\$ 719.61
“G” Sewer Fund	\$ <u>7,668.18</u>
TOTAL	\$ 44,937.38

Treasurer’s Report – copy provided to all board members

Up to date Revenue and Expense Control Reports have been provided to all board members.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco  
Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor explained she had been asked by Senator Daphne Jordan’s office for the Village of Stillwater to participate to become a Purple Heart Community.

The Mayor then provided the information below.

**What is the Purple Heart?**

The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration and it is our nation’s oldest military medal. It was first created by General George Washington in 1782 and was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was first awarded to three soldiers in Newburgh, N.Y. The Badge of Military Merit was made of cloth and it is the predecessor of the Purple Heart medal.

The current Purple Heart medal was developed by General

Douglas MacArthur in 1932. The new design was created by Miss Elisabeth Will, an Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General. The revived form is of metal, instead of perishable cloth, made in the shape of a rich purple heart bordered with gold, with a bust of Washington in the center and the Washington coat-of-arms at the top.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. The heritage it represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it.

## RESOLUTION

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF STILLWATER February 18, 2020**

#### **Resolution Declaring the Village of Stillwater as a Purple Heart Village**

Motion By: Trustee Basile  
Seconded By: Trustee Nelson

**WHEREAS**, The Village Board of the Village of Stillwater has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community by joining the military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster and environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, ensure that we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Stillwater appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Village of Stillwater is a Purple Heart Village.
2. That the Village of Stillwater hereby recognized the sacrifices that the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and acknowledges their service and courage while protecting our country.

DATED: February 18, 2020

The Village Board Members present were:

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Trustee Basile	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

Mayor Wood-Shaw                      X                      \_\_\_\_\_

I, Sheristin Tedesco, Village Clerk, do hereby verify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York on February 18, 2020.

There will be a public budget workshop on 2/27/2020 ay 12:30 pm in the Village Board Room.

**MOTION** to schedule a public hearing on March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on the Village’s 2020-2021 budget. The hearing will take place at the Village Hall located at 1 School Street, Stillwater, NY. At the above date, time and place, all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Village Clerk’s Office made by Trustee Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Nelson brought up the topic of a building use policy and the use of the Village Board room for private meetings. After much discussion, it was decided all board members will have board room keys and a full building use policy will be drafted for the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER  
February 18, 2020**

**Resolution Establishing New Sewer Rents Effective April 1, 2020**

Motion By: Trustee Basile  
Seconded By: Trustee Zeno

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 1 of 2013 provides for the establishment of sewer rents and charges enacted by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Village Board of Trustees at the Village Hall on February 18, 2020 to consider and establish such sewer rents and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the increases in budgeted operation and maintenance costs there is a need to increase the sewer rents from \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.00 per \$1,000 gallons; and

**WHEREAS**, the fund balance applicable to the operation and maintenance is insufficient to cover possible future unexpected expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase this fund balance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater pursuant to said local law, hereby establishes a new sewer rent billing rate of \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons for inside users effective April 1, 2020.

The Village Board Members present were:

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Trustee Basile	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

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**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**Resolution Establishing New Water Rents Effective April 1, 2020**

Motion By: Trustee Basile  
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 3 of 1999 provides for the establishment of water rents and charges enacted by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Village Board of Trustees at the Village Hall on February 18, 2020 to consider and establish such water rents and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the increases in budgeted operation and maintenance costs there is a need to increase the sewer rents from \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.00 per \$1,000 gallons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has lost a significant revenue source due to the Town of Stillwater terminating the Village supply to former District number 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the fund balance applicable to the operation and maintenance is insufficient to cover possible future unexpected expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase this fund balance.

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Trustee DeMarco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION** to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer’s report made by Trustee Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 1/21/2019 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Zeno  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to enter executive session, regarding legal advice, made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Zeno  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to exit executive session, regarding legal advice, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco

Clerk/Treasurer