

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JANUARY 15, 2008-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, KENNETH BAKER, JOHN BASILE, RAYMOND WALKER*

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA; BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN; VILLAGE HISTORIAN LINDA SANDERS

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN – Linda Sanders

Ms. Sanders presented her annual report (copy on file) to the Board as required by law and summarized the events of the last year's activities including the formation of a Historical Preservation Committee, presentation of the Gold Cane, and creation of a monthly calendar called Stillwater Happenings. She thanked the Clerk's Office, the DPW, and Linda Palmieri for their assistance. The Mayor and Board thanked Linda for her report. Ms. Sanders reminded the Board that Sunday, April 17, 2016 would be the BiCentennial of the Village of Stillwater, she hopes they are making plans for a significant celebration.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER-Lynn Goman

Two CO's issued, one for a garage on Ferry Lane, one for an addition on Colonial Road. Work is progressing on Champlain Rd., 10 Russell Drive, and 145 N. Hudson which should be ready for a CO by February 1. Inspected 329 N. Hudson after a fire due to a malfunctioning fireplace. Mr. Goman answered questions from the Board regarding the Kravalis property and spoke about new regulations relating to NYS Fire Code reporting. The Mayor will speak to the Town Fire Marshal about the best way to comply with the new requirements.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

The Chief reviewed his monthly report. (Copy on file) A memorial service will be held January 19th for Doris and Andy Risacher, annual grant request to Senator Bruno is due 1/31 and the Chief will be asking for \$25,000 for equipment. A Homeland Security Grant in the form of a piece of equipment worth \$30,000 was awarded to the Department. After a great deal of research, Chief Mahar declined the grant as the equipment was better suited for a large municipality and would cost the Village up to \$7,000.00 annually to maintain it. Representatives from Homeland Security assured the Chief there would be no negative consequence as a result of declining the grant. Discussion was held on future procedures when applying for grants.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-Robert Gerasia

Supt. reviewed his monthly report. (Copy on file) A new transducer has been installed at the WTP to replace the one that failed. Removed snow adjacent to bridge by Stewart's at the request of NYS DOT. Installing retro-fits and will be changing those meters hardest to read first and will be doing some testing with the Clerk. Clinton Court is in serious need of road repairs, the 1-ton dump is in bad shape and the Supt. would like to purchase a replacement. Salt has gotten very expensive and the DPW is trying to use less. The 2007 water report has been completed, was sent to DOH, and is now ready for printing.

- Trustee Walker arrived 7:55 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Murphy – attended a meeting with DEC which had a very positive tone, several calls from NKT owner who is optimistic about proceeding with her project. Clay Ernst of Camelot Associates has received inquiries from several residents and has hired Prudential to review the finances of potential tenants. They

also discussed the possibility of easements and Mr. Ernst was agreeable. Discussion was held regarding the Post Office location and accommodating the button steamer.

Trustee John Basile - distributed a written report for the Board's review regarding the meeting with DEC. The Clerk's office provided costs incurred to date in our effort to comply and the backwash water remains the primary focus. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of Velocity Flow Meters to assist flow monitoring this spring as testing will need to be done whether we continue to operate the current WWTP or join Saratoga County.

MOTION to purchase three Velocity Flow Meters at a total cost not to exceed \$16,500 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Murphy
Motion carried 4-0

Discussion has begun with consultants regarding delineation of wetlands which is necessary so we can select the location for tank at water plant. Some of the sump pump violations have not been rectified, the residents have been notified and are now subject to fines and Trustee Basile would like to discuss how to proceed in Executive Session.

Mayor Martin thanked Trustees Basile and Murphy and Supt. Gerasia for all their hard work along with Quentin Kestner as we try to resolve this situation.

Trustee Raymond Walker - a Planning and Zoning Conference will take place on January 30. The Mayor asked Trustee Walker to investigate the possibility of regulating the use of portable and/or temporary storage units and advised some localities are requiring permits and time limits on those who use them.

Kenneth Baker-No report

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo Partak

The Clerk-Treasurer advised some accounts have been overspent and the following transfers need to be made:

Would request permission from Board to Transfer \$2000 from G8130.412 (treatment & disposal, chemicals) to G8130.401 (treatment & disposal, supplies) to purchase sand for the filters at the WWTP.

MOTION to authorize the above transfer made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker.
Motion carried 4-0

The Clerk requested the Board authorize borrowing from the Capital Fund to cover the current expenses of the Water Fund until the insurance reimbursement has been received.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to borrow \$13,000 from the Capital Fund to be repaid upon receipt of insurance reimbursement made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

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

Jason Rich asked if a lateral exists, can it be utilized as he would like to begin construction of warehouse and office space at the rear of his property at 328 N. Hudson. Mr. Rich was advised he needs to submit a land development application

to the Planning Board and should arrange a meeting with Trustees Walker and Murphy.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A Budget Workshop will be held from 9 to 11am on February 2, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 18, 2007 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Murphy
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$14,856.86
F	\$13,255.86
G	\$ 6,277.58

made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 PM made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer