

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JANUARY 17, 2006-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, MICHAEL HANEHAN, MARTIN RICCARDI, RAYMOND WALKER

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA; HISTORIAN, LINDA SANDERS

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

SPECIAL GUESTS

HISTORIAN – Linda Sanders

Ms. Sanders gave her annual report for work accomplished for 2005; she also provided a report for Ms. Palmieri, Deputy Historian. (Copy on file)

ARVIN HART FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Martin explained the Board of Trustees requested a meeting to discuss the contract to provide sewer services to the new main station being built on Campbell Road.

The Board's first question was why the lateral was an 8" line. It was explained by the Architect Mr. Ross that the former Supt. Rathbun required them to install an 8" line, the original plan called for a smaller lateral. The second question has to do with floor drains emptying into the sanitary sewer. Mr. Ross explained that the floor drains empty into an oil/water separator then into the sewer line. DEC requires the separator.

Mayor Martin will contact Mr. Matrose at DEC for clarification.

It was decided upon approval from DEC the Village Attorney would contact the Fire District Attorney to conclude the contract negotiation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The entire Department was in attendance to introduce themselves to the Board.

Robert Gerasia – Supt. of Public Works

Paul O'Kosky – Foreman/Water Plant Operator

Keith McBride – Equipment Operator

Matthew Rifenburg – New Hire Laborer

Trustee Walker explained the Board wanted to meet the entire Department and tell them they appreciate the excellent job they are doing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk read a letter from the Justice notifying them that there would be no court during February.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

The Board was advised the Department has approved Jeri Mehan as Trustee for 2006.

MOTION to approve Jeri Mehan as Trustee for the Fire Dept. made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar advised the historical prints have been reframed, when they are hung the Dept. will invite the Board to view them.

He explained the ISO rating survey.

He explained he met with Amanda Walsh, Grant Writer, she will be writing a grant to replace the oldest fire truck. Chief Mahar will again write to Senator Bruno requesting help purchasing safety equipment. Pickup truck will arrive within the next couple of months.

The Board will be receiving invitations to the Installation Banquet February 18th at the Old Mill Restaurant.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

Supt. Gerasia advised he has set up a schedule to service the fire trucks. Trustee Murphy questioned the status of the force main split. The progress was explained should be completed within the next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Thanked the DPW for clearing the ice jam from the creek before any emergency could occur. Trustee Riccardi is keeping up with the force main split, hope the major work would be completed by the end of the month, restoration to be completed in the spring.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – The water has been very good. Trustee Hanehan requested an executive session for a personnel matter.

Trustee Raymond Walker – nothing

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy explained he has been contacted by an attorney representing the new owner of the Stanley Property, it appears Provident is no longer involved. Trustee Murphy explained the form of his conversation. He also explained the Hudson Avenue strip mall project is still being pursued.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Attorney Peluso provided a draft local law to the Board regarding the passing on of attorney and engineering fees to developers of land within the Village.

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo Partak

The Clerk explained we are experiencing a significant cash flow problem and no unnecessary expenses should be made until this problem corrects itself.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar spoke regarding keeping affordable housing within the village.

Mrs. Nett, Park Avenue asked questions regarding the force main split. She expressed concern regarding the underground infrastructure. She stated that significant water runs between 12 &14 Park Avenue when we experience heavy rains. Mrs. Nett presented a letter from her and her husband addressed to the Board. Discussion was held regarding Chazen’s suggestions tat a grinder pump be installed in their basement.

Mr. Rich Azzopardi introduced himself as the new Gazette reporter for the area.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village and the entire County continues to grow, causing an increase in the amount of development sought in the Village;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) has always endeavored to manage such growth such that it is done within the parameters and requirements of all applicable codes, laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, from time to time the Village Board has found it necessary to retain the services of various experts, including attorneys and engineers to assist in the oversight of such projects;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Village Board that fiscal responsibility mandates that such costs be properly passed on to the developers of such projects, rather than to the citizens of the Village as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on February 21, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, at which time the public may comment on the text of said law as annexed hereto.

RESOLUTION moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.
Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin scheduled two budget workshops for Tuesday, January 31st and February 7th at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Stillwater received grant funding from the New York State Emergency Management Office for the preparation of a Pre-Disaster All Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster All Hazard Mitigation Plan includes both the Village of Stillwater and the Town of Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$1,700.00 in grant funds remain for the completion of this project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stillwater and the Village of Stillwater agree to share in the expense of completing the Pre-Disaster All Hazard Mitigation Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stillwater consulting engineer, The Chazen Companies, has submitted a proposal to address revisions recommended by FEMA and complete the Pre-Disaster all Hazard Mitigation Plan by February 15, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stillwater and the Village of Stillwater agree to contribute equally to the remaining cost to complete the plan over the available grant funds at a cost to the Village of Stillwater not to exceed \$650.00.

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 20, 2005 and January 7, 2006 made by Trustee Hanahan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$14,655.38
F	\$ 7,544.06
G	\$ 4,355.21

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

MOTION to adjourn to executive session made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to increase Supt. Gerasia's pay \$2,500.00 for the successful completion of the water course and obtaining his Grade IIB water license made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer