

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JANUARY 18, 2005-7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, TOM MELLON; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RANDY RATHBUN; HISTORIAN, LINDA SANDERS; DEPUTY HISTORIAN, LINDA PALMIERI

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

HISTORIAN – Linda Sanders

Ms. Sanders gave her annual report of activities to the Board. A copy of her report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Deputy Historian, Ms. Palmieri gave a report of her activities for the year 2004 with regard to the Historian's Office and her duties at the Blockhouse. A copy of her report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be read, however the Mayor advised everyone that there would be an informational meeting on January 27, 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center to receive public input with regard to the Joint Comprehensive Plan that is being prepared.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Thomas Mellon

Mr. Mellon officially took office January 1st. Have been working to improve the permit application and actual permit.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Chief Mahar advised we need a Resolution for mutual aid.

RESOLUTION

Trustee Raymond Walker offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, THAT THIS BOARD AUTHORIZES THE PARTICIPATION BY THE Newland-Wood Fire Department in the Saratoga County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as now in force and as amended from time to time and certifies to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors through its County Fire Coordinator that no restriction exists against "outside service" by such fire department within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such fire department to participate in such plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the County Fire Coordinator.

Trustee John Murphy seconded this resolution.

Vote: in favor 5 opposed 0

Chief Mahar advised the fire department has received an additional grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase a thermal-imaging camera.

Chief Mahar advised the annual Installation of Officers Banquet would be held February 12, at the Old Mill Restaurant.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun

Water – media has arrived, sent wrong air wash grids, will delay installation until end of February. RFP for water plant work has generated interest from various engineering firms. Getting estimates to have water plant painted

professionally, if too high will do work in house. Will have number 7 well cleaned using new process during March, they will be doing a seminar for other communities at that time.

Sewer – waiting for a contract from Kestner Engineering for the WWTP study. Main station work completed seems to be running okay; Clinton Court pumpstation pump has been rebuilt seems to be okay for now. Working with Trustee Hanehan regarding upgrades to those two pump stations.

Streetlight inventory will contact NYSEG to have several lights disconnected. Building plan needs to be addressed, will have DPW do some work during February to dress it up for the convention.

Street Ordinance, Church has requested a no parking area along their parking lot on Palmer Street. Mayor advised this would be done when the street is renamed and the Board has the opportunity to review the entire ordinance for any other changes they feel necessary.

Bob Gerasia will begin Basic Operations school at Hudson Valley February 1st.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Annetta Melber, Hudson Avenue spoke regarding clearing of sidewalks and her displeasure with the way NYSDOT plows the main street. Discussion was held regarding whose responsibility it is to make sure the sidewalks are cleared. Mayor Martin will contact DOT regarding speed of snowplows in the village. Trustee Murphy requested Mayor Martin contact NYCOM to see if there is any type of legislation relating to this issue.

Susan Fischer, Champlain Road questioned how the name Newland-Wood Lane was selected and if the residents could have some input regarding this name change. She is not happy with the name that has been selected. The circumstance behind the name change was explained. Trustee Walker suggested she poll her neighbors and bring in a new name for the Board to consider.

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

Motion carried 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy explained he and Trustee Walker met with Provident Development, they provided two proposals for developing the land between the school and Clinton Court. The first proposal would be for 72 homes with various price ranges, the second would be 42 homes in the \$275,000 to \$325,000 price range with ingress and egress via Clinton Court. They are also proposing vintage street lighting and sidewalks in Clinton Court as well as throughout the development. Committee not interested in solely using the Clinton Court access. They were to have a proposal to the village by January 13 and they were to return to the village at the February 15th meeting. Spoke at length about the sewer study that is necessary. They are prepared to pay \$1,500 each for water and sewer taps and would be willing to invest 30% up front. They would like the village to determine how much vacant property remains in the village that could be developed.

Trustee Walker explained he would like to know our capacities for water & sewer so when developers come to the Board we know if we can accommodate the proposed development.

Trustee Murphy advised he and Trustee Hanehan also met with Camelot's Attorney regarding the availability of water to the proposed development off of Stratton Lane, discussion was held regarding single contracts vs. the Town creating a water district. He also wished to discuss the possibility of sewer to that area, we advised that there could be no discussion until the capacity study is completed by Kestner Engineers.

Trustee Murphy advised he also had a meeting with the Grant administrator with regard to a dispute over payment to a contractor. The contractor and homeowner were invited to attend this meeting to settle the matter. The homeowner chose not to attend, Trustee Murphy walked the site, met with the people involved with the exception of the property owner, and having been satisfied that the work was completed per the specifications he authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to make final payment.

Trustee Murphy received a letter from J.K. Fraser and Associates regarding \$4,210.00 they feel is due to them. Would like to discuss in executive session.

Received a request for grant money to replace a roof. Property owner has provided estimates. We need to determine a process whereby the loan money that is repaid can be distributed to persons in need.

Village submitted grant applications to New York State Archives to restore minute books and another to microfilm the records. However the Historian's office also applied using the village as a supporter, we were notified that we could only apply for two grants in any funding round so we withdrew our application for microfilming.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Trustee Riccardi advised that new signs have been purchased for the building and new signs directing people to various offices have been ordered and will be erected as soon as the brackets are made. Trustee Riccardi questioned what criteria are used when a snow emergency would be declared. He was advised that it is usually based on a storm by storm basis. Trustee Riccardi questioned if there would be a problem having cars towed if they are in the way. Discussion was held and it was determined that if it was necessary there would be no problem towing it away.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Trustee Walker reminded everyone that the Combined Village-Town-School Comprehensive Plan informational meeting will be held January 27 at the Community Center, he would like community input.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Trustee Hanehan advised that we are trying to get the easements for the forcemain from The Chazen Companies, we have been waiting at least a month. If we want to complete this project in the spring we need this paperwork as soon as possible. Mayor Martin will contact The Chazen Companies to get this moving.

Trustee Hanehan requested that NYSEG be invited to a meeting to discuss the streetlight situation again.

He also stated the sewer regulations would need to be changed with regard to the new fees that the Board will charge for a sewer connection.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Attorney Peluso recommended that the Board revamp all of the fees that are on the books, his recommendation would have the Board prepare an annual fee schedule that is adopted at the organizational meeting. You would need to amend the local laws that have rates attached to them referring the rate amount to the schedule adopted by the Board each year.

Attorney Peluso presented the proposed Local Law for Unsafe Buildings and scheduled a public hearing for the February 15th meeting.

He advised the Board that he received a conveyance from Mr. Carpenter with regard to certain roads and the pump station property. There is also an easement from Judith Wood. If the Board is satisfied, he would have them pass a resolution to that affect then schedule a public hearing for the next meeting to add a stop sign at the intersection of Yorktown Lane and Carpenter Place to the current street law.

Discussion was held regarding the easement from Judith Wood. Discussion continued regarding the need to increase all easements to 30 feet; it was decided to contact the property owners with 20 feet easements to discuss the possibility of increasing the size of the easement to 30 feet.

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THE CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION OF CERTAIN LANDS AND ROADS, AMENDING LOCAL LAW REGULATING TRAFFIC AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, William A. Carpenter and Ann M. Carpenter (“Grantors”) have offered to dedicate to the Village of Stillwater portions of certain lands, roads and easements within the parcels known as Pump Station Lot, Colonial Estates – Section No. Three, Yorktown Lane, and Carpenter Place, located within the Village of Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, the Grantors have proposed to convey to the Village a Warranty Deed with Full Covenants, describing the parcels to be conveyed in Schedule A annexed to said Deed, together with a proposed Offer of Cession and Tax Letter, all of which are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, a title report for the aforesaid parcels prepared by Monroe Title Insurance Corp., was received and duly reviewed herein, and an owners policy shall issue to the Village of Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, wishes to consider the installation of traffic control devices and signals, and specifically the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of that portion of Yorktown Lane and Carpenter Place to be conveyed herein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater accepts the offer of dedication and conveyance for the following land, roads and easement:

1. Pump Station Lot, Colonial Estates – Section No Three;
2. A portion of Yorktown Lane, Colonial Estates – Section No. Three;
3. A portion of Carpenter Place; and
4. A Portion of Carpenter Place.

as set forth in the proposed Warranty Deed and described in annexed Schedule A to said Deed, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees desires to install a stop sign at the intersection of Yorktown Lane and Carpenter Place, and proposes a local law amending Local law No. 3 of 1995 of the Village of Stillwater regulating traffic in the Village, to provide for a stop sign regulating traffic at said intersection; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees on February 15, 2005 to consider this resolution and the proposed amendment of the local law; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Village Law § 6-610, the Grantors shall continue to maintain the roads offered for dedication until such time after the aforesaid public hearing has taken place and the deed conveying the roads is duly recorded in the office of the Saratoga County Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and perform such actions necessary to implement the purposes of this resolution.

RESOLUTION moved for adoption by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Stillwater has installed new period streetlights along Hudson Avenue from the Hudson River Bridge south to Cannon Park and the north side of School Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels these period streetlights illuminate the street sufficiently, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to contact New York State Electric and Gas to have the overhead lights disconnected and removed along Hudson Avenue from the Hudson River Bridge south to

Cannon Park, the streetlights on School Street across from the Clerk's Office and on the corner of School and Palmer Streets.

RESOLUTION moved for adoption by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor would like to meet with Board of Trustees regarding the draft personnel plan on Saturday morning at 10:00 am. Board agreed, Mayor would try to contact property owners to see if they could attend to discuss easements.

Schedule public hearing Unsafe Building Law, February 15, 2005.

MOTION to approve Treasurer Report made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 21, 2004 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$25,765.53
F	\$12,612.59
G	\$ 6,618.65

made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contract matter made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay Ricky Hagadorn \$900.00 for work authorized by former Supt. Terry Finney made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Roll call vote	Trustee Hanehan	yes
	Trustee Riccardi	yes
	Trustee Walker	yes
	Trustee Murphy	yes
	Mayor Martin	no

MOTION to adjourn meeting made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Village Clerk