

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JANUARY 20, 2004-7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; HISTORIAN, LINDA SANDERS; TOWN SUPERVISOR, J GREGORY CONNORS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Ms. Linda Sanders, Historian

Ms. Sanders gave her annual report of activities for the year 2003, she also submitted a report prepared by Ms. Linda Palmieri, Deputy Historian and Blockhouse Curator (copies on file)

Mayor Martin welcomed the new Town Supervisor J. Gregory Connors to the Village Board Meeting. Supervisor Connors thanked the Mayor for the invitation he stated the lines of communication are open between the two municipalities and he welcomes any comments from the residents as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter from the Supervisor regarding a future meeting on the proposed Luther Forest Project, inviting the Village to attend this informal meeting.

Mayor Martin read a letter from the Saratoga National Historical Park regarding a draft general management plan meeting to be held on Thursday at the park center.

Mayor Martin read a letter from Ms. Linda Palmieri requesting permission to hold an encampment with muskets being fired. No live ammunition would be used only black powder.

MOTION authorizing the Blockhouse Committee permission to hold the encampment as described made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Quiet month. Met with Fire Committee regarding the 2004-05 Budget.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Kenneth Patenaude

Absent report on file

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Raymond Walker- Comprehensive Plan distributed draft to board last month looking for feedback. Mayor Martin read a prepared statement. Next step is to form a committee.

Trustee Walker recommended the following for the committee: Seth & Ellen Cohen, Shane Mahar, Raymond Walker, Ernest Martin and Linda Sanders.

MOTION to approve the member of the Comprehensive Committee as recommended made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Walker provided copies of the rough draft to the public. He explained this is just a rough draft to begin the process. There was nothing on paper, just a beginning point.

Mr. Josef Mueller, Colonial Road: He stated he spent many hours reviewing the plan. He has some recommendations, it is necessary to identify the business district, who to contact with comments should also be included, one of the major issues should be parking on village streets. Mr. Mueller stated he is against consolidation of services.

Dale Smith, Hudson Avenue: He stated this type of process was brought up about 15 years ago and it was just dropped, he questioned if residents are against this plan would the Board continue to work toward accomplishing some type of plan. Mayor Martin assured the public that he is not going to let this drop again.

Rampant Hallum, Clarmont Road: He questioned the newspaper article, he impression was that some decisions could be made as soon as two months. He was advised that the article was not accurate. It was explained that many items in the draft are items to be looked at or considered but not necessarily enacted.

Steve Ropitzky, Durham Road: He stated that there are existing property rights laws that supercede local laws as long as it does not create a health problem.

Everett Hurd, Colonial Road: He questioned where this plan came from. Trustee Walker explained it is a draft document he prepared from various other plans for the committee to discuss.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Trustee Riccardi explained there was a problem with the furnace in the boardroom/boat garage, there was a burn through in the fire chamber. The furnace was replaced and the fuel tank was also replaced with an inside tank. Lake Street Project is nearly completed by contractor. The headwall needs to be installed and there is quite a mess for the DPW to clean up. Street lights are ordered, the clock has arrived to be installed in the spring.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Trustee Hanehan advised the DPW has been painting offices and break room at garage, they will be filling potholes with winter mix in the next few days. Hope to get the banners down as soon as the weather breaks. Had to have flow meter at sewer plant calibrated. Barbolt Court pump station has arrived will install as soon as the weather permits.

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy requested an executive session to discuss a contract item. Joint Water Committee Meetings will be held monthly they are tentatively scheduled for Feb.9th, March 8th, April 5th and May 10th. We hope to develop a series of recommendations to address community water needs.

Grants: met with Grant Administrator this week, the current project is moving forward. We have submitted a grant application for bringing sewer lines to Ferry Lane. We are preparing SARA application to have old records restored. There may be some money available for replacing old water meters; we are working to see if we can submit an application in time. Fire Dept has submitted a draft budget for consideration for the 2004/05 fiscal year.

ATTORNEY – William F. Reynolds
Nothing at this time

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo L. Partak
Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received an application for a building project known as Stillwater Landing, and

WHEREAS, it appears that this project will involve the construction of more than ten residential units in the Village of Stillwater, it is now therefore,

RESOLVED, that this application be classified as a Type 1 action under Part 617.4NYCRR and that a full EAF be submitted by the applicant.

MOTION to adopt Resolution made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: Trustee Murphy advised he has notified the proper groups that the village would be the lead agency.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Murphy – yes
 Trustee Walker – yes
 Trustee Riccardi – yes
 Trustee Hanehan – yes
 Mayor Martin – yes

Motion passed 5-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report as presented made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 16, 2003 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to pay the audited claims:

A	\$23,974.98
F	\$10,012.18
G	\$ 8,684.29
H	\$ 3,446.00

Made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

OPEN FLOOR

Mr. James Champlin stated he feels that the Board needs to have some type of control over what takes place within the Village. He also questioned if the Board is prepared to hire a qualified person for the Supt. of Public Works position. He stated it is very necessary to have a qualified person in this position.

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 P.M. made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to return to regular session made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to accept the resignation of Robert Reilly effective January 31, 2004, he is to receive his one-week vacation pay, made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer