

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JANUARY 19, 2011-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - KEITH COLLINS, ELLEN VOMACKA , KEN BAKER ABSENT: TRUSTEE JOHN BASILE

ALSO PRESENT: FIRE CHIEF TONY CONTI, SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHN SCOTT

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the pledge to the flag.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – John Scott
Supt. Scott reviewed his written report (copy on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Keith Collins reported we have been experiencing abnormally high water usage causing the Saratoga Hills tank to be empty although water has been restored to them. The NYS DOH visited our WTP and had no recommendations; they were pleased with what they found and endorsed our plan of response. The Town's usage has doubled over the past 4 days, they are looking for a possible break, and NY Rural Water will be here tomorrow to assist them. Trustee Collins gave a brief explanation of how our system operates and why cutting back the Town has rectified the problem.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – attended a meeting with the Mayor and Eric Johnson regarding the latest DOT cost estimate which is now over \$600,000. The sidewalk from Russell Drive to Clinton Court has been removed which reduced the cost by \$443,000. Three easements will be needed, 1 was already accepted, the other 2 for the Jason Rich property are pending.

Website development is ongoing with Bonnie Minick, .org, .com, and .net have all been purchased.

Trustee Ken Baker – asked additional questions about restricting the Town's water use and was advised from 1/1 through 1/15, the Town was drawing 65-70K/day. On 1/19, that was up to 174,700.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Absent

FIRE CHIEF – Tony Conti – reviewed his written report (copy on file) and provided the Clerk with his 2010 Annual Report which is also on file. At the Mayor's request, the Department is checking all hydrants for leaks.

ATTORNEY - James Peluso - Absent

CLERK-TREASURER – Patti Ryan

MOTION authorizing the Clerk to accept the water payment received for A/C #3 postmarked 1/18/2011 made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

GA Bove made two deliveries to the WTP on 12/28/2010. One at 9:07am for 400 gals and a second at 9:25am for 353 gals. The Clerk asked how many tanks we have at the WTP and Supt. Scott realized he shouldn't have approved the voucher because it included a delivery for the EPA's tank. The Mayor will ask Bove for a credit.

The Unifirst invoice was received today; monthly bill used to be around \$40 but now the range is \$57 - \$83. The Clerk asked why we were still being charged for the mechanic's uniforms when he hasn't worked since November and the Supt. was instructed to return the uniforms asap.

The Clerk distributed a cost estimate of \$17,342 to replace our accounting software and informed the Board the current software was purchased in 1997 for \$14,175 and the Water/Sewer billing package cost 5,000 in 2007. No decision is needed tonight but it is something we'll need to take care of soon.

Election Contractual is overspent but the Clerk would prefer to wait for the remaining expenses of the March election to come in before requesting a budget amendment.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

Tim Campbell thanked the DPW for plowing the ice rink.

NEW BUSINESS –

LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE COMMUNITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage was created through a grassroots planning process, resulting in New York State Byway designation in 2002, and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage applied for, and received, designation by the Federal Highway Administration as an All-American Road in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc., is a 501c3, not-for-profit corporation with the mission to further the appreciation, recognition, stewardship and revitalization of the natural, cultural, recreational and historic assets of the communities along the interconnected waterway of the upper Hudson River, Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Chambly Canal and Richelieu River; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage consists of four sub-regions-Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Richelieu Valley-to recognize the “geographical sense of place” and the grassroots planning process to develop the policy, program, and product of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. is of public, private and non-profit organizations working together to balance the scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational, and working landscape resources in harmony with community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage strives to unify the region’s historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources to establish a world-class destination for national and international travelers; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage promotes The Byway as “a great place to live, establish a business, invest public resources, and to visit” to national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has established a working relationship with communities in the Richelieu Valley of Quebec through a 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with the CRE Monteregie Est in Quebec to implement cross-border tourism promotion; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage has brought the byway communities opportunities for funding community revitalization and quality-of-life improvements through the Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byway Program and the Transportation Enhancements Program, as well as numerous other public and private funding sources; and

WHEREAS, further implementation of the initiatives of Lakes to Locks Passage requires on-going support and commitment at the grassroots level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Village of Stillwater recognizes that Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has come into existence with the purpose and ability to plan and carry out projects and programs to benefit the communities of the Lake Champlain, Lake George, and Champlain Canal regions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Village of Stillwater will benefit as a supporter of Lakes to Locks Passage, and as a Lakes to Locks Passage Waypoint Community will participate in the planning, implementation and promotion of Lakes to Locks Passage initiatives to the furthest extent possible.

Resolution offered by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Resolution adopted 3-0

RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2011 ELECTION INSPECTORS
INCLUDING APPOINTING CHAIRMAN AND CUSTODIAN

WHEREAS, Section 15-116, Sub 1 of the Election Law of the State of New York provides that the Board of Trustees adopt a Resolution appointing Election Inspectors, a Chairman of the Election inspectors and an Election Machine Custodian,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Kathryn Poitras, Dorothy DeMarco, Cynthia Briggs, and Kathleen Wood as Election Inspectors for the Village of Stillwater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Inspector shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Election Day, March 15, 2011 to include inspection of the voting machine prior to election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathryn Poitras be appointed Chairman at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Election Day, March 15, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Paul D'Ambro be appointed Custodian of the Election Machine at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Election Day March 15, 2011.

Resolution offered by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Baker
Resolution adopted 3-0

MOTION to accept The Chazen Companies TSCO #7 Water System Evaluation for an amount not to exceed \$4,900 made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Vomacka gave the Clerk an outline on creating a Planning Board and requested a copy be provided to each Board member for review.

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Collins
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of November 16 and December 9 & 21 made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A- \$ 7,946.09
F – \$ 7,937.52
G – \$ 3,439.31
H - \$29,420.73

made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn at 8:05pm made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Ryan
Clerk-Treasurer

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