

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-FEBRUARY 17, 2004-7:00 PM

PRESENT: ERNEST W MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY (DM), MICHAEL HANEHAN, MARTIN RICCARDI, RAYMND WALKER

ALSO PRESENT: BUILDING CODE OFFICER, KENNETH PATENAUDE; FIRE CHIEF, JERI MEHAN ASSIST.; FRANK MARKOWSKI, PRESIDENT COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk advised that a thank you note was received from the family of Dr. Cavotta

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Kenneth Patenaude

Certificate of Occupancy, 9 Carpenter Place; Certificate of Occupancy, 8 Clinton Court; “All that Video and Tanning” closed; contacted JC Construction regarding Village Board Room door replacement, work to begin Wednesday, February 18 to be completed by Friday, February 20. They strongly suggest an awning installed over doorway to prevent deterioration of this type in the future.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeri Mehan for Chief Mahar

All quiet this month

COMMUNITY CENTER PRESIDENT – Frank Markowski

Mr. Markowski spoke regarding the many programs that are now being held at the Community Center. Some of them are before and after school programs, summer programs, Elder Care programs for Saratoga County. He explained he is requesting an increase in funding for the next fiscal year. The number of programs have increased and funding has remained the same, to continue providing programs it is necessary to increase revenues. Questions were asked and answered regarding current funding from the Town and Village. Mr. Markowski stated that it is unclear if funding would be available for Family Day, money was not budgeted at the Town level, loss of this money could prevent the Community Center for being able to hold the traditional Family Day for the community.

The Board thanked Mr. Markowski for his information; they advised they are beginning their budget process and would try to increase the amount contributed to the Community Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy advised he has received 15 letter regarding the Stillwater Landing Project proposed by Provident Development Group. The Village would be the lead agency for the SEQR process, the only objection to this was offered by the School District. Saratoga County Planning Board has offered comments and concerns with regard to density. A traffic study needs to be completed for DOT. Engineer suggested the Board decide what benefit they would like to realize for the community for granting approval of this project.

Grants – Met with Grant Administrator to discuss various opportunities for funding. One possibility is to replace the old 6-inch water line to the old water tank.

Water Committee – Supt. Minick requested a plan with regard to an emergency situation with the village water system, a list of telephone numbers of people to contact. A plan was devised and will be on file in the Clerk’s Office. Also a form to keep track of complaints is being prepared so that we can better track problems. Chazen Engineering has prepared a proposal to complete a water quality report for the entire system. The cost to

complete this would be \$7,500, would like village to budget this amount for the next fiscal year. Town paid \$12,000 to begin the process the joint committee would like to see this completed. Additional costs estimated to be \$35,000 would be addressed after the beginning report is completed. We received recent correspondence from DOH with regard to the altitude valve, hope to be able to complete end of this year or beginning of next. Would also like to eliminate some of the dead ends and begin working to install a line connecting Colonial Road to Lake Street via the DPW garage and Legion field.

Mr. Joseph Zecca is in attendance to try to solve problems arising from a contract he has for water and sewer. Trustee Murphy assumed the 2" line and meter pit would be turned over to the village, however Mr. Zecca is attempting to recoup expenses he had installing these lines. Discussion was held regarding this situation. He currently has a contract with JR Cerone builders for one home that is connected; however the other property owner has not contracted to connect yet. Trustee Murphy would like to draft a simple contract between Mr. Zecca and the Village. Discussion was held regarding the tapping fees and if JR Cerone would be responsible to pay these fees. It was decided that it would be necessary to install a meter at the street off of Russell Drive. The Village would only read the meter pit at the road and Mr. Zecca would be responsible for the entire bill until such time as he is willing to dedicate the easement and water line to the village.

Trustee Murphy requested an executive session to discuss a contract matter.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Eric Mueller, Dick Lynch Road asked if the property owned by his family to the East of Colonial Road and the South of Stratton Lane was designated as an Agricultural District. It was explained that the Village has no zoning and therefore there are no districts of distinction.

Yvonne Bilodeau, 207 Hudson Avenue, questioned if the sewer plant was to be upgraded, she is experiencing problems with sewer backing up in her basement. It was explained that the north end of the Village would have their sewage pumped directly to the sewer plant in the near future. Randy Rathbun offered to investigate the problem.

Questions from the press were answered with regard to the Stillwater Landing Project.

James Champlain, Colonial Estates, again requested that something be done with regard to the trucks delivering at Stewart's it is a safety hazard. Mayor Martin has a meeting with Stewart's Representative on Friday; he will mention the problems that exist at this store.

Joe Fitzpatrick questioned why the snow has not been removed from the main street. It was explained that the DPW has a manpower shortage.

MOTION to close the floor to the Public and Press made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Michael Hanehan – a new pump for the filter has been installed at the sewer plant. The Christmas Banners are down. Would like to commend the 2 DPW employees for job clearing streets during recent storm.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – A new fuel tank has been installed for the main building replacing the underground tank. The contractor will begin replacement of the Boardroom door tomorrow morning.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Met with Mr. Josef Mueller regarding comprehensive plan, he offered many suggestions. Provided Mike Smith, Chairman Town Planning Board and Joe Lannaro, Chazen Engineering copies of the draft, they offered to look them over and offer suggestions. Anticipate first meeting of the committee for this week.

CLERK-TREASURER: Margo L. Partak

Clerk-Treasurer distributed information regarding need for transfers to balance the accounts. They are as follows:

Amend the General Fund Budget, increase estimated revenue A3005 (Mortgage Tax) \$3,800 increase appropriations A1490.4 (Public Works Contractual) \$800.00 for expenses associated with schooling; A3410.403 (Fire Dept. Health) \$412.00 for physical expenses; A3410.407 (Fire Dept. Education) \$106.00 for extra schooling this fiscal year; A5132.202 (Garage Equip. Repair) \$2,482.00 for repair of trucks in poor condition.

Amend the Water Fund Budget; transfer \$730.00 from F1990.4 (contingent) to F8320.420 (Source of supply, power & pumping) overspent on engineering fees.

Amend the Community Development Budget \$3,974.50, increase estimated revenue CD2170 (income, homeowners) and appropriation CD 8668.4 (Rehab Loans & Grants) for homeowner deposits.

Amend the Capital Project Budget \$4,000.00 increase estimated revenue H3997 (other Home and Community Services) and H1440.2 (Engineering fees) for money deposited by Provident Development for review of the Stillwater Landing proposed project.

MOTION to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to make the necessary transfers and amendments made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

Clerk-Treasurer advised that an increase in the cost of Health Insurance would be in effect April 1, 2004. She contacted Jaeger and Associates and they are preparing information regarding other options.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to adopt the Community Water Problem Notification proposal as presented made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Murphy questioned if Board would like to apply for funding for replacing the water main along Lake Street

MOTION to authorize DBS Planning to proceed with an application to replace the water line at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.
Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

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

MOTION to approve the minutes of January 20, 2004 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$19,578.06
F	\$10,538.41
G	\$ 7,134.35
H	\$24,253.40

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

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 P.M. made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.
Motion carried 4-0

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

MOTION to retain the services of Randy Rathbun for a period of three months at a salary of \$2,000 per month made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer