

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES- FEBRUARY 19, 2008-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR – JOHN MURPHY, TRUSTEES – JOHN BASILE, RAYMOND WALKER**

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

**ABSENT: MAYOR ERNEST MARTIN, TRUSTEE KEN BAKER, BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN**

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

**VILLAGE HISTORIAN – Linda Sanders**

Ms. Sanders requested two resolutions be passed, one regarding Explore NY 400 and the other regarding the Henry Knox Cannon Trail marker located in Cannon Park, by the Village Board

**CORRESPONDENCE**-The Clerk Treasurer read a letter from Susan McNeil outlining her plan to open an adult day care facility in the S. Hudson property she recently purchased.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER**-Lynn Goman - Absent

**FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

The Chief reviewed his monthly report. (Copy on file) A letter was sent to the Community Center advising the Fire Department would not have a food booth at Family Day; instead the Department has offered to provide a fire prevention/community awareness booth. A meeting was held with the school and a written unified response plan is expected shortly. The annual Installation Banquet was a success with Paul O’Kosky Jr. being named Firefighter of the Year.

**MOTION** to approve Jeff Stewart pending arson and license check made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**-Robert Gerasia

Supt. reviewed his monthly report. (Copy on file) Researching alternative routes for waste from the WTP. Work on the new meter reading system continues with plans to replace meters that are most difficult to read first. Quotes have been received to remove and test sand at the WWTP, the lowest price is \$3,900. Walked Clinton Court with a representative from Chazen Co. to determine cost of replacing lines and repairing the road. Annual Water Quality Report is back at Department of Health for review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Murphy – requested an Executive Session to discuss a contract item

Trustee John Basile – no new Order on Consent received. Discussion was held regarding request to Saratoga County to be included in the County District. Requested Executive Session to discuss a contract matter. Received one proposal with additional expected for delineation of wetlands and plans are underway to video the school lateral from Route 4 & 32 to the Elementary School pump station.

Trustee Raymond Walker – no report

**CLERK-TREASURER – Margo Partak**

The Clerk-Treasurer requested a budget amendment to cover payroll for the DPW Mechanic through May 31, 2008.

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to amend the General Fund Budget increasing Estimated Revenue 2770A (Miscellaneous) and Appropriation 5132.1A (Garage Personal Service) made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

Questions from the Press were answered and Historian Linda Sanders provided additional details about the Explore NY 400 Program.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson River was discovered in the year 1608; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Stillwater wishes to recognize the Quadricentennial of the discovery of the Hudson River;

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

The Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and celebrates the Quadricentennial Anniversary, and  
Pledges to commit to the success of the 2009 Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial Anniversary

Resolution moved by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Discussion was held regarding how to celebrate this important anniversary.  
Motion carried 3-0

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Henry Knox Cannon Trail traces the route followed by Colonel Henry Knox and his men from December 1775 to January 1776 to transport 59 captured artillery pieces from Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point on Lake Champlain to General George Washington at Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston;

**WHEREAS**, this pivotal event of the American Revolution resulted in the evacuation of the British from Boston;

**WHEREAS**, Henry Knox Cannon Trail Marker #16 is located within the Village of Stillwater;

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, with guidance and assistance from the National Park Service, will undertake a project to conserve the New York State Henry Knox Cannon Trail monuments;

**WHEREAS**, the Henry Knox Cannon Trail monuments are the property of the State of New York;

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

The Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees supports the restoration of the Henry Knox Cannon Trail monuments, and

Grants permission to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and its agents to complete conservation work on Henry Knox Cannon Trail Marker #16, located in the Village of Stillwater.

Resolution moved by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Basile – yea

Trustee Baker - absent

Trustee Murphy – yea

Mayor Martin - absent

Trustee Walker – yea

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

**MOTION** to accept CDPHP (EPO with \$25 co-pay) as the Health Insurance Provider for the Village made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A \$20,215.09

F \$12,051.38

G \$13,342.58

H \$25,710.19

made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45PM made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to amend Employee Manual to allow health care benefits for employees working less than 30 hours subject to negotiations with the Board made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve health benefits for Deputy Clerk Patricia Ryan upon amendment of the Employee Manual and contractual agreement with the Mayor made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer