

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-FEBRUARY 20, 2007-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN M. MURPHY, MICHAEL HANEHAN, RAYMOND WALKER**  
**ABSENT: MARTIN RICCARDI, TRUSTEE**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, LYNN GOMAN; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA**  
**SPECIAL GUESTS: VILLAGE HISTORIAN, LINDA SANDERS; DEPUTY VILLAGE HISTORIAN, LINDA PALMIERI**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Martin called the public hearing to order at 7:00 P.M.  
He read the notice that was published in the newspaper.

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

Mayor Martin explained the new law is an administrative law that is required by the New York State Legislature.

John Basile, Hudson Avenue questioned if there was a summary of the changes available to the public.  
Mayor Martin advised the changes are mostly administrative.

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

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Ms. Linda Sanders, Village Historian & Ms. Linda Palmieri, Deputy Village Historian.

Ms. Sanders provided information regarding the cavern that was discovered behind the old Stewart's Store. It was originally constructed possibly as a root cellar. She gave a brief summary of the history provided by a former resident.

Ms. Sanders gave her annual report of activities for the year 2006 (copy on file)

Ms. Palmieri gave her annual report of activities as the Deputy Historian and Blockhouse Curator. (copy on file)

The Mayor thanked the Historian and Deputy Historian for their very important work., and their annual reports to the Village.

Ms. Sanders questioned when water would be provided at the Blockhouse. Mayor Martin stated that is for the Town to request from the Village.

**CAMELOT ASSOCIATES** – Clay Ernst & Dennis Degenaro

Trustee John Murphy introduced Mr. Ernst & Mr. Degenaro to the public; he explained that he had been working with Camelot Associates to bring this project to the Board of Trustees. The original proposal was to include apartments on the second floor which have been eliminated.

A conceptual photo was displayed along with a site plan to be reviewed. Mr. Ernst explained the concept to the Board. Many questions were asked and answered regarding types of stores they hope to attract. They explained there are plans for 75 parking spaces on 3.9 acres, the plan also allows for green space. Questions were asked regarding storage for the Fire Dept.'s steamer.

Trustee Walker questioned if sidewalks were planned along Hudson Avenue. It was explained they were not sure if the Village would want sidewalks in that area. Trustee Walker advised that part of the comprehensive plan is to have sidewalks the entire length of the village along Hudson Avenue.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Degenaro & Mr. Ernst for their presentation.

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Martin read a letter from David Anusesky requesting water & sewer services to property he owns in the Town of Stillwater adjacent to Colonial Road. Mr. Anusesky explained the property is located approximately 500 feet north of the ice pond, across from Colonial Estates.

Trustee Murphy stated the Village Board had decided they would not longer authorize any new outside connections, Trustee Walker stated we are unable to offer sewer to village residents and could not offer sewer to an outside connection, Trustee Hanehan agreed. Mayor Martin stated he understands the concern for sewer; however, he would give water. Trustee Murphy stated he would be willing to discuss water but not sewer. Trustee Hanehan stated once you change the policy you open the door for more requests. Mayor advised the Board would discuss the matter and get back to Mr. Anusesky.

Clerk Treasurer read a request from the Stillwater Free Library for a donation to provide various programs to the children this summer. Board feels it is not possible to donate as the Library receives tax dollars annually.

Mayor Martin read a thank you from Donald Flynt for the plaque the Mayor presented to him.

Mayor Martin read a thank you to the Dept. of Public Works and the Fire Department for the work they did removing snow during the recent storm.

### **BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman**

1 Building permit issued; Annual Report to the Census Bureau; Report to the Town Assessor; Champlain Avenue house demolished, new one arrived; 9 Hudson Avenue demolished; Clinton Court new home 80% complete; Sonny's Restaurant nearly ready to open. BCO advised he would be away for three weeks beginning Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

11 alarms for the month of January (copy on file)

Removed snow around fire hydrants after recent storm.

Three members need to be removed from rolls due to inactivity; they are unable to participate in fire department activities.

**MOTION** to remove Jason Michaels, Jacqueline Mastrocola and Jessica Brown from the Newland Wood Fire Department roll due to inactivity made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

Chief Mahar advised he has been working with Amanda Walsh regarding grant applications.

Annual Banquet, Matt Mehan was "Firefighter of the Year"

Mayor thanked the Fire Department for the gift they gave him at the banquet.

Chief Mahar advised some hydrants need to be raised so that they could be used, he and Supt. will survey the system in the spring.

### **SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia**

Due to ice storm there were power lines down on Neilson Ave. and TenBroeck St. installed barricades until NYSEG arrived; repaired pump on sewer truck; busy at sewer plant chipping ice; painted water plant, color coded all pipes; sheet rocked Boardroom; snowstorm worked 4am to midnight; serviced all fire trucks.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Michael Hanehan – stated the water plant really needed painting and it looks good.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Zoning Commission is making good progress, should be holding our public hearing on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Have received a great deal of help from the Village of Victory.

Trustee John Murphy – numerous telephone conversations with developers, Nancy Tedeschi, Saratoga Custom Homes, Clay Ernst. Have a project which needs to be explained.

**ATTORNEY** – James Peluso

Have been speaking with Kestner Engineering regarding water & sewer issues; speaking with NKT Land Development, waiting to hear from them.

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

Motion carried 3-0

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

Motion carried 3-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor would like to increase the Election Inspector pay to \$100.00 per inspector.

**MOTION** to pay the Election Inspectors \$100.00 for working the poles Election Day, March 20, 2007 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Local Law #1 of the year 2007

**MOTION** to adopt Local Law #1 of the year 2007, know as “A Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code” made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Discussion: Attorney explained this law would replace our existing law, it is more defined than the old law.

Roll call vote:           Trustee Murphy – yea  
                                  Trustee Walker – yea  
                                  Trustee Hanehan – yea  
                                  Mayor Martin – yea  
                                  Trustee Riccardi - absent

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor advised he received a request from Daniel Patenaude to remove the village sign on Lake Street. He claims it impedes him from gaining access to his parents' property. Mayor spoke to former Trustee Kinisky, an agreement was made that the village would remove the sign if they needed to access their property. There is nothing in writing.

Attorney requested this be discussed in executive session due to possible litigation.

Supt. Gerasia advised the City of Mechanicville has purchased a new bucket truck, as we often borrow their old one they have offered to sell us the old one for \$2,000.

**MOTION** authorizing the Supt. to purchase the bucket truck at a cost not to exceed \$2000 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

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

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A	\$27,619.28
F	\$17,723.92
G	\$ 6,724.33
H	\$ 297.83

made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 8:30 p.m. made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to pay the snow removal flag person at a rate of \$9.50 per hour to be paid by voucher with a 1099 provided if that person receives over \$100 in a year, made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk