

PUBLIC HEARING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-FEBRUARY 21, 2006-7:00 P.M.

Mayor Martin called the public hearing to order, he read the notice that was published. He explained that this law would require applicants and developers of residential or commercial parks or estates to reimburse the Village for legal and engineering fees incurred in such planned development.

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

Motion carried 4-0

No one from the public wished to speak

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

Motion carried 4-0

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-FEBRUARY 21, 2006-7:05 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Martin explained that Mr. Hanehan, President of the Stillwater Community Center, called to say he was unable to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read a letter from Frank Markowski, regarding the sewer usage being charged to his father-in-law as an outside user. The letter explained that this was a single family home and they were being charged as a two family. He requested the Board change the account to a single family and possibly reimburse the overpayments that have been paid in the past.

The Clerk read a letter from The Stillwater Players Among Others requesting a donation to help keep their activities continuing.

Mayor Martin thanked the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department for their work during the wind storm on Friday, February 17th.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

Chief Mahar provided the Board with a monthly report of activities:

The total alarms for the month of January: 6, Number of drills: 6

Chief Mahar explained Kevin Pratt has been reinstated as a social member and Nicole Schermerhorn has been approved as a new social member. He would like the Board to approve these new social members.

MOTION to approve Kevin Pratt and Nicole Schermerhorn as social members for the Stillwater Fire Department was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Nicole Schermerhorn is subject to license approval.

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar explained the new pickup truck has been delivered, it will be lettered and lights & sirens installed by Wilde Fire. This truck will be used to carry cones, barricades and portable pumps to fires and pump-outs.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

Supt. Gerasia provided a report of activities; he explained it was a quiet month. The new force main split is in operation. There were many trees down on Friday, the

generator at the water plant worked great. He explained he would take the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's exam on Wednesday, February 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Raymond Walker – had the Cable Franchise meeting, it was decided to pursue the contract without the school upgrades. They will be sending a proposal. We have applied for a canal use permit for the land along the river owned by New York State, will keep the Board updated.

Trustee John Murphy – Mayor met with representative from LaBerge Group regarding future grant applications.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – sewer force main split is completed, DPW worked along with the construction company and the force main is in service, now we must wait to see if this solves the problem.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – we lost several trees at the water plant, he emphasized the great job the DPW did working with the contractor when connecting the force main split.

Mayor Martin advised the vulnerability assessment forms have been mailed.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Attorney Peluso received a letter from Mr. Chauvin regarding Mr. Russell's request to build two apartment buildings. They wanted to know the status of the sewer capacity. He advised Mr. Chauvin we have sent the engineering to DEC and are waiting to hear, also advised they must have a SEQRA review before they could proceed.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sheila Nett distributed a brochure inviting all to join the "Friends of the Stillwater Free Library"; their first annual meeting would be held Tuesday, April 4th.

Mrs. Nett questioned why the sewer backs up when there is significant rainfall. Discussion was held where the water comes from and why are sump pumps connected to the system. She suggested the sewer law be enforced to prohibit sump pumps from being connected to the sewer main.

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

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Martin explained the Town has passed a resolution providing an assessment exemption for firemen and rescue squad volunteers; they would receive up to a \$3,000 exemption upon filing documentation to the assessor's office. Mayor Martin advised that if the village board would like to offer the exemption also a public hearing would have to be held.

A letter was sent to Mr. Anusesky, Colonial Road regarding damage to his equipment.

Mayor Martin advised he has received a request from Mr. Purcell, North Hudson Avenue, to remove three pine trees on village property adjacent to his property, he is afraid they will come down with another significant wind storm. Supt. will investigate situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Law #1 of the year 2006

MOTION to adopt Local Law #1 of 2006 was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion was held regarding fees, it was decided that a schedule of fees should be established as soon as possible.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Murphy – yes	Trustee Walker – yes
Trustee Hanehan – yes	Trustee Riccardi – yes
Mayor Martin – yes	

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor advised he has notified Dept of Health we have two certified operators at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Mayor scheduled the next budget workshop for Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Murphy thanked Mrs. Nett for her patience with the time it has taken to complete the force main split.

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

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of January 17th and 26th, 2006 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

- A \$17,606.49
- F \$11,775.99
- G \$ 8,530.38
- H \$41,154.66

Made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Geri Mehan requested the Board provide a plaque for the car show again this year.

MOTION to authorize a Plaque for the Newland Wood Car Show at a cost not to exceed \$35.00 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

It was decided to have the building inspector go to the Poitras property to be sure there is only one unit at that location. The Board will make a decision upon inspection report.

Arvin-Hart Fire District Contract

Mayor Martin advised the Board that Al Matrose of DEC has no problem with the fire district connection the way it is.

Trustee Hanehan feels it is not okay, he would prefer not to take the discharge from the floor drain. Discussion was held regarding the amount of wastewater that could be discharged and various options available to the village.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the amount of water that could be used by the district and the amount of waste that could be discharged.

MOTION to approve the contract for wastewater with the Stillwater Fire District made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Murphy – yes	Trustee Hanehan – yes with reservations
Trustee Walker – yes	Trustee Riccardi – yes

Motion carried 4-0

It was explained that a building permit application for a Chiropractic office was recently picked up, the Clerk would like to know what type of fee should be charged. Trustees Murphy and Walker volunteered to establish fees for this type of use.

Supt. Gerasia advised the new truck has arrived it would be fitted with the body and equipment and should be completed soon.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer