

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-MARCH 19, 2002-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, THOMAS KINISKY, JOHN TREACY, RAYMOND WALKER**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RUSSELL LAQUIDARA; TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN WINCHELL**

Mayor Martin called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. He explained the reason for the public hearing was to receive comment with regard to the proposed local law prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the Village of Stillwater. The Mayor read the proposed Local Law for the public.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.  
Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Winchell questioned if a permit would be required for historical re-enactment. Mayor Martin advised they would need permission to hold such events at the Blockhouse Park. The Blockhouse Committee could give the Village a schedule of events for the year to comply with the law if adopted.

Mr. Zecca questioned if this would affect duck hunting on the river.

Attorney Reynolds explained New York State controls what takes place on the river. There is however a State law prohibiting the discharge of firearms within 500 feet of a residence.

Trustee Kinisky questioned if a resident could have a bow practice target in their own yard. Discussion was held regarding this. The Attorney stated that the only exceptions to the law are public schools or agencies offering instruction and training in the use of firearms or longbows, the Police Department or other law enforcement agencies.

Trustee Kinisky would like to postpone voting on the proposed law until the next regular meeting so the public could have time to state their concerns to the Board.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to table any action on the proposed local law until the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Special Guest Jo-Ann Winchell, Town Councilwoman

Councilwoman Winchell commented on how nice the Chevron station looks since it has been cleaned up.

Councilwoman Winchell stated she is here with two requests 1) Millenium Miles; that is a two-mile fitness walk that was painted throughout the Village during the millenium celebration of the County. She requested the Village assume responsibility for painting the lines along the walk and for the cost of printing the "Millenium Miles Commemorative Booklet". This booklet is distributed at the Blockhouse, Village Clerk's Office; Town Clerk's Office and the Stillwater Area Community Service Center. Councilwoman Winchell offered to assist with the line painting and to allow the village to borrow the machine that she has to paint the lines, it would be best if this could be done before Memorial Day.

The Board agreed to assume responsibility for maintenance of the Millenium Miles and the printing of the Commemorative Booklet.

Councilwoman Winchell advised the Board that the Town would be holding clean-up weekends throughout the year, the first being held May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 3:00 p.m. It will be required that proof of residency be provided and a fee will be charged, fees are \$5.00 for a carload, \$10.00 for a pick-up and \$20.00 for a dump-truck, no hazardous waste will be accepted, however tires will be accepted for a fee of \$2.00 per tire. The other dates will be May 11<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Stillwater will sponsor the clean-up days in conjunction with County Waste.

2) Clean-up day; Councilwoman Winchell asked if the Village would be holding a cleanup day again this year, she stated the Town is having a problem with litter left along the roads. She wondered if something could be coordinated between the two municipalities. Discussion was held it was decided that when the Beautification Committee sets a date they would let her know.

Councilwoman Winchell gave the Board a brief description of the Lakes to Locks initiative, steering committees were recently formed to begin the process to name the area from Waterford to Quebec and possible federal highway designation. The hope is this merger will be completed some time during 2003. The committees have a Website and brochures are available. Communities along the way have donated \$200.00 each toward the cost of the brochures. Canada is currently planning a celebration to commemorate the Hudson expedition. They are currently working on signage. She stated the Town is considering a 2-mile trail from Stratton Lane to the proposed Town Park land this would be discussed at a meeting with adjoining property owners on April 2, 2002, the Town of Stillwater is the only municipality along the by-way without a trail.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk read a letter from a representative of Stillwater Area Youth Cheerleading requesting a tag day on April 14, 2002.

**MOTION** authorizing permission to Stillwater Area Youth Cheerleading to hold a tag day April 14, 2002 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

## **BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Martin Riccardi**

On vacation

## **FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

Chief Mahar advised the steamer is nearly complete and will be here in time for the Memorial Day Parade. The boat that is in the garage will be sold, the firetruck will be stored in the rear garage and the steamer will be stored in the front garage until a home is found for the steamer.

FEMA grant application is being rewritten for submission by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding the upstairs meeting rooms and the need for freshening up the appearance.

## **SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell Laquidara**

Water: usage okay, Hillside levels are where they belong, a leak was found in front of St. Peter's Church, it will be fixed in the next couple of weeks, the main transmission line to the old tank has been found, repaired the lawn damaged during the hydrant repair, Bob worked with Paul to learn the water meter reading procedures, met with Brewer Engineering regarding water flows

Sewer – flows have been high, hauling sludge, regenerated sand filter, jetted out the sewer main at Carpenter Place, fixed the clarifies, resealed the pumps at the main pump station.

Misc. – load limit sign for storage area has been installed, repaired lawns damaged during snow removal, replaced children at play sign Major Dickinson Avenue, estimates for painting truck: \$2,594 Milt's, \$2,400 Frank D'Aloia and \$3,820 Dale George.

**MOTION** to authorize the Supt. of Public Works to have truck painted at a cost not to exceed the low estimate made by Trustee Kinisky seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin received a phone call regarding a hydrant that was damaged and never replaced on Colonial Road.

Supt. explained it is to be replaced during the renovations to be done to Colonial Road.

Trustee Kinisky thanked the DPW for removing the shrubs for the corner of Hudson Avenue and Lake Street. He also questioned the delay in repairing the water leak on Hudson Avenue. The Supt. explained the reason. The residents are not upset by the delay.

Mr. Joseph Zecca questioned when he would be able to get his water and sewer connected.

It was decided that the Water committee would meet with Mr. Zecca, and the Supt. to discuss the contract that would be necessary before the connection could be made. The will meet March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Treacy – reviewed projects with the Supt. of Public Works in anticipation of Colonial Road project. The following are projects and expected completion dates:

Alarm at water plant	5/1	Salt shed	6/1
Work on truck	5/1	Barbolt Court sewer	6/1
Water leak at church	5/1	Drain line Post Office	6/1
Sidewalks with breaks	5/1		
Valve change A&B filters	5/1		

The beepers have been returned with the exception of the one the water plant uses to notify the Supt. when there is a problem.

Grants: DBS will be here every Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m. until April 12<sup>th</sup> and then Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and continue on Fridays. They are working on the FEMA Grant application for the Fire Dept.

The County was accepting applications for mini grants that would award \$15,000 for engineering costs associated with sewer projects. The Mayor prepared information for this grant application. Trustee Treacy will attend the meeting to answer any questions that may arise.

Trustee Thomas Kinisky – sign from school, name has been removed, ready to be sent out for lettering. Trustee Kinisky questioned if the Fire Department had a problem with the Board replacing their sign with the one we received from the school. Fire Chief would like to try to find a new home for this sign rather than have it destroyed. The Board discussed the sign location and size. It was decided to use the present location, the Mayor would like to have the Board meeting date on the sign each month.

Colonial Road project – Bruce Ringrose, Fraser and Assoc., is preparing cost estimates for Colonial Road and also sizing the generator that would be required to operate the water plant during an emergency.

Waiting to hear from engineer regarding the garage renovations to accommodate the steamer. Should have report by April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion was held regarding the steamer and its needs.

Trustee John Murphy – Hal Coles project on hold. Have been corresponding with Dan Patenaude regarding Hillside fire hydrants. Dept. of Health requested our engineer work on hydraulics of two water tanks, assess the situation and offer solutions. Set June first for date to have this information. Hopefully by June 1<sup>st</sup> the computer will be working at the water plant. Shared “Bits of News” with Girard’s for their Website, they added some very nice

graphics. Notified by a resident that there was a problem with the water pressure, notified Supt. there was a pump down at the water treatment plant, the potassium pump did not stop working. This caused discoloration of water. No specific cause was found. Discussion was held regarding this situation. It was decided that a schedule of who is working each weekend should be prepared with telephone numbers included. The board discussed concerns regarding fire hydrant usage at Hillside. It was explained that when two hydrants are opened on the same line one would not have adequate pressure. If there is a problem with any of the hydrants in the park it will be determined during the pressure testing as soon as the village has a enough water on hand to allow the testing.

Trustee Raymond Walker – nothing at this time

**ATTORNEY** - William F. Reynolds

Discussion was held regarding information needed to be included in future water or sewer contracts. Supt. feels it is necessary that meters be purchased from the village.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

Press questions were asked and answered

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed developer has requested the Mayor send a letter approving the concept that was proposed for Colonial Road. The board authorized the Mayor to send such a letter.

The board was presented with a tentative budget to be adopted in April. A public hearing will be held April 9, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Treacy requested the Board consider reserving the \$20,000 additional money we are to get from the County of Saratoga to help in securing a storage facility for the steamer.

Mayor Martin spoke to Supt. of Highways, Mark Minick, regarding installation of a handicap walkway across Hudson Avenue to the Blockhouse. He is unaware of any regulations regarding the location of a handicap crossing near a fire hydrant. Mayor Martin advised the Blockhouse Committee is also looking for a water and sewer connection; he told them they should put a request in writing to the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2002 Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A	\$7,946.60
F	\$8,658.18
G	\$4,731.33

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

**MOTION** to authorize the Treasurer to amend the General Fund Budget increasing Revenue A2701 (refund of prior year expenditure) \$1,900 and A2770 (misc.) \$200 and increase Appropriation A1910.4 (unallocated insurance) \$2,100 made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried

**MOTION** to transfer \$57.00 from A1010.4 (Board of Trustee Contractual) to A1920.4 (municipal Association Dues) and \$1,500 from A5110.1A (street maintenance personal service) to A5010.406 (street administration cell phones) \$1,000 from A9060.8 (hospital & medical insurance) to A8989.4 (other home & community services) to cover the unanticipated costs for NYCOM dues, beepers not budgeted and grant writing made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition was made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer