

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- MAY 21, 2013-7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - JOHN BASILE, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-SHAW, TRUSTEE ELLEN VOMACKA
TRUSTEE KEITH COLLINS - ABSENT
CLERK/TREASURER: SHERISTIN TEDESCO
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: ROBERT GERASIA
ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO - ABSENT
FIRE CHIEF – JERRY MEHAN
BUILDING CODE OFFICER – LAWRENCE ALLEN - ABSENT**

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

SPECIAL GUEST – Linda Sanders, Village Historian.

The Village of Stillwater will be celebrating their Bicentennial in just three more years so she wanted to share some of the history and laws of the Village of Stillwater from year's past. Per Mrs. Hayner, in 1816 everyone rose early and prepared the shops and farms. Young girls were strictly watched and only went to dances in the care of a brother or relative. Some say there was nothing to do on those long winter evenings except tobacco, kisses and gab. A great many hours were spent talking about experiences and the last public hanging was in 1827. An occasional dancing bear was brought through the Village and everyone hurried to the tavern to watch. Money was scarce in 1816 and many things transpired through the barter system. There was also a fine of \$1 for missing a Village Meeting without a proper excuse, for all board members, with the president to be the judge. The president system was in place before the mayoral system. Swine were not to run at large in the Village and there was a fine of \$2 if caught. Ms. Sanders also provided many other "fun" facts from the early days of the Village. Sunday April 16, 2016 will be the bicentennial of the Village and she would like a celebration to be planned. Mr. Mehan stated that year will also be the 100 year anniversary of the Stillwater Memorial Day Parade and maybe there can be some celebration for both events together. Stillwater also had one of the first historians when it became law in 1919, Ms. Minnie Edwards. The Blockhouse opening ceremony will be Saturday May 25th, 2013 at 12:00 pm. She also commented that the Village website is absolutely fantastic.

CORRESPONDENCE: Post 490 parade to begin at Burns Bridge Road at 6:15 pm on May 24th, with a Memorial Service prior to the parade at 4:30 pm at the American Legion Post 490. There will be a Stillwater community picnic 8/3/13 at the American Legion Post 490 from 2-10 pm with a chicken barbecue, the tickets are \$10 for presale.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Jerry Mehan

Report given for April 2013. There were 3 alarms and 4 drills during the month of April. There was also 1 EMS assist, one fundraiser and the annual car show. (Report on file)

SUPERINTENDENT OF DPW: Robert Gerasia

Report given for period 4/17/13-5/21/13. (Report on file) We started pressure washing the sidewalks in preparation for Memorial Day. The hydrants have been flushed and we have been mowing throughout the month. A new meter was installed for the new Stillwater Town Hall located at the Parrish Center. A sewer tap was installed for the new Stillwater Landings development. Cameras were discussed for the Major Dickinson Park because of the recent vandalism.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile reported that there are three open items to complete the water project. There has been an engineering agreement change in order for new bid documents for the fencing and then Chazen will order the spare parts and project will be closed. In regard to the sewer project, Reale Construction will be working on lawns and repairs. Insituform has one more section of pipe to be lined, going from pump station #2 south. The lining of the various manholes is being completed by Songer at this time. He predicts the middle of June for completion of the project. The engineering certification notifications for those portions of the sidewalk/stormwater and the three areas in the consent decree for the sewer upgrade project have been made to the DEC stating they are at the substantial completion stage. Based on that, Mr. Peluso has notified the Attorney General's Office as well as DEC that we have completed all the requirements for the DEC consent order. This is a very positive result.

Trustee Vomacka stated the sidewalk project has resumed and approximates twenty days for completion. The one section has been torn up due to faulty materials and is being replaced. The Major Dickinson Park is in dire need of repairs and believes the trail cameras would be a good idea for the park to prevent vandalism.

Trustee Wood-Shaw reported the Senior Program for April was a success with 25 seniors in attendance, with special guest Senator Kathy Marchione in attendance. The next senior time program will be May 25th, 2013 with a "birthday theme" for the month to honor the one year anniversary since the program began. The program will then be suspended until September 2013

TREASURER REPORT – Sheristin Tedesco

Voucher totals by account for month.

"A" General Fund	\$ 29,924.67
"F" Water Fund	\$ 445.89
"G" Sewer Fund	\$ 18,428.51
TOTAL	\$ 48,799.07

Report for April 2013 – copies provided to all board members listing all bank accounts with all receipts and expenditures for April 2013.

Updated revenue/expense control report – copies provided to all board members.

The tax warrant for the 2013-2014 Village Taxes amount is \$287,520.90, plus the relevy amount of \$110,641.57 for a total of \$398,162.47.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to open the floor to the public made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw
Motion carried 3-0

Village resident, Margo Partak, asked when the Stillwater Landings project will be paved because it is creating dust at her house. Robert Gerasia predicted it will be paved by the fall.

Ed Burhmaster, Commander of the American Legion Post 490, asked is the legion's EDU assessment could be reconsidered. He explained they are a non-profit organization and all functions where food is offered are fundraising activities and asked they not be assessed the same as a restaurant. He explained a letter was sent last year requesting this and the Village Board stated the letter was never received. Trustee Basile asked that Mr. Burhmaster please resubmit the letter for consideration.

Village resident, Rick Nelson, inquired as to what can be done about the properties in front of his house that has become a hazard. He spoke to someone that had come to mow the lawn at the gold house and they told Mr. Nelson they are only authorized to mow the front lawn and not the back. Mr. Nelson stated the back is where are the animals are living. Trustee Vomacka stated the building code enforcement officer needs to look into this situation.

MOTION to close the floor to the public made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to accept the agreement by Chazen Engineering dated May 21, 2013 not to exceed \$20,500 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to accept proposal from Delaware Engineering dated May 15, 2013 to act as our agent in reviewing the work done by the contractor regarding Stillwater Landing made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve purchase of (2) titanium hockey goals and base skirting with shipping, not to exceed \$800 made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the contract renewal for the webmaster John Noetzel beginning June 1, 2013 at the cost of \$375 per month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Basile.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 4/16/13 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer