

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-MAY 17, 2005-7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, THOMAS MELLON; FIRE CHIEF JEFF MAHAR; SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RANDY RATHBUN

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag. Mayor Martin advised that June, July and August meetings would be held at 6:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Thomas Mellon

Mr. Mellon advised the new forms are in place and will be used from now on. The stone wall on Hudson Avenue that was falling down is being replaced the property on General Schuyler Lane has been cleaned up but there are still some issue that need attention. Issued 16 building permits for the month. Mayor Martin requested a list of violations so he could contact the owner of the property on General Schuyler Lane.

SPECIAL GUESTS – Provident Development Group

Trustee Murphy introduced members of the Provident Development Group, he spoke regarding the various conversations that have been held with regard to the project. He stated we need to resolve the SEQRA issue before any more progress can be made.

Mr. Ken Rontondo, of Provident gave a brief slide presentation of the Project known as Stillwater Landing. He continued explaining the various concepts:

1st concept was shown 146 multi-generational housing units

2nd concept changed entrance due to concerns regarding proximity to school entrance.

3rd concept designed along line of Saratoga Village located in Saratoga Springs.

The current proposal would be 68-single family homes, discussion was held regarding the plans for this sub-division.

Provident Development would be willing to advance 20% of the cost for hook up fees to help the Village have funds to complete the necessary work to the infrastructure that would be required to allow this project to move forward.

Discussion was held regarding the SEQRA process, Attorney Peluso stated that since the project has been cut back significantly the current SEQRA could be amended. A declaration could be made contingent upon the sewer study.

Trustee Murphy stated he would like to have a formal proposal including a narrative.

It was decided that the Board would have a workshop and get back to Provident with the type of development that the Board would like to see in that area. This would be based on input from adjoining property owners from past meetings and the direction that the Board would like to see for the future of the Village.

Mayor Martin thanked the representatives from Provident Development for attending the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Chief Mahar stated he thought that the Grumman van was sold to Providence but they changed their mind. The Dept. will be distributing fliers to various fire companies to see if they are interested in purchasing this equipment.

Chief Mahar questioned the construction project status, Trustee Hanehan advised a contract has been signed and work will begin next week.

The convention plans are progressing; one business on Hudson Avenue has expressed concern regarding how her clients are going to get to her place of business. Chief has written a letter regarding the events that will be taking

place and it will be hand delivered to all business throughout the Village. The main parade will be approximately two hours long. The convention will be held July 14, 15 & 16th, Friday night will be the MardiGras Parade and Saturday will be the main parade. Something will be prepared and in the newspaper regarding the event very soon. The Board will be given information to give to anyone that may questions them. DOT has been contacted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Raymond Walker – Talking to Canal Corp. regarding permit to use State owned land along the river, this is part of the Comprehensive Plan. Town Comp. Plan is progressing, it is very complicated.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Streetlight project is completed, stamped concrete is nearly complete, many compliments have been received. The handi-cap access is nearly complete just need signs. The passing zone has been removed from the Village.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – New employee doing very well. Should have handi-cap access at Library location. Mayor expressed concern due to curve in the street at that location. The survey is being done at the water plant. Mayor advised we would be joining the Chamber of Commerce to allow us to purchase our electricity through them. Mayor will have energy representative attend a meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy advised that the personnel manual is nearly complete, will review with Attorney during executive session. Provident Development, need to meet to define what project should look like. A payment for a grant to install a new roof on house on Major Dickinson Avenue has been included with the vouchers. This grant was awarded from receipts for loans from the prior housing re-hab grant. Joe Zecca will be here later to discuss the water sewer issue north of Russell Drive; this contract will be discussed in executive session.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun

Supt. explained they have been changing the filter media, he explained the process. The caustic room is nearly complete, waiting for DOH approval before we begin process.

Well #3 seems fine, can be put back on line.

The control panel needed some work, it has been repaired.

It appears valve installed at Hillside was incorrect, working with the Valve Company.

Will get fee schedule to Board next week, review for accuracy.

Sewer – Kestner is working on study, looks very positive, will be doing sampling as next phase of study. Force main across canal seems to have a problem, will fix.

Working on stamped concrete project should be completed soon. Have estimate for spraying sidewalks with pesticide, cost would be approximately \$1,400 or send Supt. to get pesticide license then village could do spraying.

Walkway to history, discussion was held regarding painting the line again. It was decided to speak to the committee about the possibility of just painting numbers at the various locations.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Ready to move forward with easement for Hallum property. Would need executive session to discuss Zecca contract and Employee Manual.

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo Partak

Taxes for the new fiscal year are as follows:

2005/06 tax	\$158,021.71
Unpaid 2004 water and sewer	<u>\$ 43,038.37</u>

For a total billing of \$201,060.08

MOTION to accept the tax warrant \$201,060.08 was made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Clerk advised the Board that there remains one outside user that has not paid the April water/sewer bill. This is a concern due to the fact that the property is for sale. The Board wished to discuss in executive session, it is a contract issue.

Clerk advised that by joining the Chamber the village could purchase health insurance, however the plan that is offered does not provide the benefits that the current plan provides, so it only appears that you would save significant money.

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

Motion carried 4-0

T. Campbell questioned if DOT had any plans to repair the bridge over Schuyler Creek. Mayor Martin explained our Supt. has contacted DOT regarding the condition of the bridge. Mr. Campbell expressed concern regarding power to the new development.

Questions from the press were answered.

Board will meet informally on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 am to discuss the Provident Development project.

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

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Martin requested the Board declare May as Senior Citizen month in the Village of Stillwater.

Be It Resolved that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees declares May as Senior Citizen Month in the Village of Stillwater.

Resolution moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cable Television Franchise agreement, tabled for more information.

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

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve minutes of April 11, 2005 was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$13,481.26
CD	\$ 9,168.45
F	\$25,063.21
G	\$ 8,526.06
H	\$ 1,659.88

Made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk Treasurer