

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-MAY 21, 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; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, MARTIN RICCARDI; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RUSSELL LAQUIDARA; HISTORIAN, LINDA SANDERS

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

Mr. Bert Dodge was unable to attend. Mayor Martin stated Mr. Dodge was invited to present the Community Flag to Linda Sanders to be flown at the Blockhouse Park. Mayor Martin stated Mr. Dodge donated the Community Flag. Linda Sanders accepted the Flag on behalf of the Blockhouse Committee, she also announced that the Blockhouse would open for the season on Saturday, May 25th at 12 Noon. The Blockhouse Committee will send a thank you to Mr. Dodge for the Community Flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised she had a visit from a person who wishes to open a business in the Chevron Station building, he is looking for a letter giving him permission to operate for DMV. She also had a call from a woman requesting a letter in support of her opening a pre-school at the United Church.

The Clerk read a letter from Judy McSweiney advising the Village that she would be starting a farmers market in the St. Peter's Church parking lot for the summer.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Martin Riccardi

Plan review and issued a permit for an addition at the American Legion; foundation inspection for a replacement trailer, Hudson Avenue; Plan review issued a permit for an above-ground pool, Colonial Estates; plan review, issued a permit for an in-ground pool, Colonial Estates; plan review, issued a permit for an above-ground pool, Hudson Avenue; plan review, issued a permit for renovations to the car shop, Hudson Avenue; final inspection, issued a certificate of occupancy, trailer replacement, Hudson Avenue; plan review and issued a permit for a new home Colonial Road; final inspection of a new home, Ferry Lane.

Trustee Murphy questioned the criteria to determine if a building permit is needed. Mr. Riccardi explained the rule of thumb is \$2,500 or structural change.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Chief Mahar requested permission for Chris Aldi to return to active duty.

MOTION authorizing Chris Aldi return to active duty in the Newland-Wood Fire Department contingent on a license check made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar advised the Department requested help with purchasing new air-packs. We received notification that Senator Bruno has awarded the Village Department \$22,000 for the purchase of new air-packs. The Chief has written a letter of thanks to Senator Bruno.

Chief Mahar advised the Steamer will be home Friday for the Memorial Day Parade. Friday it will be stored in the DPW garage. Saturday other vehicles will be moved so that all equipment is stored in one building. Department is

training in the boat on the river. Would request that garage be keyed the same as the rest of the Fire Dept. locks. Trustee Murphy questioned the status of the draft driver policy for the department.

Trustee Kinisky questioned who would pull the steamer trailer and the insurance coverage. Mayor Martin will contact Round Lake Insurance to question the coverage when a private vehicle is pulling the steamer on its trailer.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell Laquidara

Supt. Laquidara provided the Board with the months activities, he offered to answer any questions they might have. He advised that the walls and floor for the salt shed should be poured next week. The banner for the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga has not been put up; we are waiting for permission from NYSEG. The flower boxes will be put out when the threat of frost is over.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay one-week unused vacation pay to Russell Laquidara and Paul O’Kosky before the end of the fiscal year made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Have had some problems with the various chemical feed pumps at the water plant.

Discussion regarding the water problem behind the tennis court was held. Engineer, Bruce Ringrose is working on the problem, he is working on an application for funding this work. Application must be submitted by June 7, 2002. Board agreed something must be done to relieve the problem.

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

Motion carried 4-0

John Tedesco, Ferry Lane, explained he recently moved into the apartment over the garage that he built, he would like to rent out the trailer that they recently vacated. There are no sewers on Ferry Lane as yet. Mr. Tedesco explained they originally moved in to the Trailer, he purchased the lot next door, built a garage with an apartment upstairs. Mr. & Mrs. Tedesco stated they signed a letter regarding their situation assuming that by the time the garage was finished there would be sewers available on Ferry Lane. They were allowed to connect the garage to the septic system, contingent on removing the trailer within 90 days of moving into the garage apartment. Mr. Tedesco questioned when they would get sewer in that area. Mayor Martin stated the laws were written to protect the residents of the village and they can not allow this request. Mayor Martin will look at the laws again to see if there is any way they can leave the trailer in place to rent.

A resident of Colonial Road questioned if something could be done to prevent the speeding on Colonial Road, before and after school, it is being used as a short cut to get around the buses. Trustee Kinisky advised the Town Police have recently received grant money to allow daytime patrols to try to prevent this problem. He also expressed concerns regarding the town portion of Colonial Road in the morning. Mayor Martin advised that the Deputy Sheriff is patrolling this area some mornings.

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

Motion carried 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Raymond Walker – The Fire Department recently received money from General Electric toward the purchase of a new computer for the Fire Department.

Trustee John Treacy – Commend Russell for the good job cleaning the streets in the Village. Clean up day went well, thanks to Stewarts' for hot dogs and soda for the workers. Bruce Ringrose has computer software that he would help to install in the Supt. computer; this would allow him to monitor the water system. We also spoke regarding Colonial Road, work should begin soon. Steve Kirk met with grant administrator from NYS, we should write a letter of intent to keep our Grant Application for Waterfront Revitalization open for the upcoming year. Work is progressing on the Small Cities Block Grant, the first single family and first renter units have begun the process. Façade applications have also been submitted. Trustee Treacy questioned the fire department recent purchase of a boat motor. Trustee Kinisky questioned one of the applications. Discussion was held regarding various concerns at this property. Mr. Riccardi advised the asbestos has been removed and he is requesting his building permit.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Village of Stillwater is applying for funding under the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act pursuant to executive Law 42 and,
WHEREAS the New York State Department of State is soliciting applications under Title 11 under the Environmental Protection Fund,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Village of Stillwater is hereby authorized to submit an application for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Preparation and Implementation.

The Resolution was moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Ernest W. Martin, as Mayor of the Village of Stillwater, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act in an amount not to exceed \$61,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Village of Stillwater for the Stillwater Skateboard Project.

The resolution was moved by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Thomas Kinisky – John Herrick easement, Attorney will contact person doing the title search to get this project moving. Colonial Road project will begin replacing the sewer line from Hallum's Trailer Park south along Colonial Road. Attorney Reynolds questioned the Board's wishes if no easement was found. Trustee Kinisky advised we need to get necessary easements and acquire some land for the present playground. Trustee Kinisky questioned the sewer truck condition. Supt. Laquidara advised the truck is running fine, brakes are a little tricky. Money to fix the bulldozer is in the next fiscal budget. Trustee Kinisky questioned who is responsible for conditioning the tennis and basketball court. Youth Commission is no longer in existence and new committee has been formed and is under the umbrella of the Community Center. Balances that they had as the Youth Commission were expended before they disbanded.

Trustee John Murphy – Met with Joe Zecca regarding contracts for water and sewer connections. Mr. Zecca has not signed yet; Trustee Murphy will contact give until June 1st to sign documents. Met with Hal Coles regarding necessary costs to continue with their project. Village will have Engineer review the plans they have for the property and our engineer will provide necessary information to Mr. Coles relevant to water and sewer upgrades. (i.e. for this plan you would need this type of pump station, this type of infrastructure, etc.) If this were acceptable he would then come before the whole Board to present his project. Spoke to Tom Brewer regarding hydraulics between the new water tank and the old tank (that the Board feels this should come under the services for the construction of this tank), also spoke to DOH representative, advised the costs associated with this report could be \$3,000 and asked how important it is to have a report prepared by the engineer regarding this issue. He will consider this request and get back to the village. We continue to have an elevation problem and will continue to research until a satisfactory answer can be found.

ATTORNEY – William F. Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds has the easement for the property where the south end village sign is located. Trustee Kinisky advised it would cost the village approximately \$1,300 to have a survey completed so that the property could be deeded to the village. The easement will allow the village the same rights as ownership.

NEW BUSINESS

Palmer Street - parking Mayor Martin asked what the Board would like to do regarding the situation. Trustee Murphy suggested that the street be made no parking. Residents are complaining about the number of cars parked on the street.

Mr. Floyd Russell spoke regarding the need for parking along the street. He stated he owns property on this street and his tenants need to park on the street. He stated other property owners also have tenants that need places to park for themselves or their company. He stated the amount of traffic is really the problem.

Trustee Murphy questioned if making the street one-way would help. Mr. Russell feels the village should do a traffic study to address concerns throughout the whole village.

Discussion continued regarding this problem. The Board will continue to look into this situation.

Farmers Market – Trustee Treacy feels the Mayor should send a letter to Judi McSwieney in favor of the concept of having a farmers market in the Village of Stillwater, providing they comply with all Health Department regulations. The Board agreed.

Mayor Martin announced that Family Day would be held June 1st.

Mayor Martin announced that starting on Wednesday, May 29 and continuing for the next 8 Wednesdays the Boy Scouts will be renumbering all properties in the Village. Trustee Kinisky questioned why this is being done; it was explained that the County is requesting updated information from all municipalities. Chief Mahar stated he had received a request from the County to provide information regarding houses on Kellogg Road. He explained that the county had the village listed as the fire department to call for properties all the way to the 4 corners where County Route 75 and 76 come together, this could be a real problem if an emergency should happen.

Mayor Martin announced the Memorial Day Parade would be held Friday, May 24th at 6:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage for Steamer – Trustee Kinisky requested an Executive Session to discuss a contract matter that may affect the location of a garage for the Steamer.

Mayor Martin announced that he attended the 50th Anniversary of the United Church on Sunday May 19th. He said it was a wonderful celebration. The Board extended its congratulations to the United Church on this significant anniversary.

Vendor Law – Mayor Martin stated he feels it is time to consider updating the existing vendor law. He feels the fees are too low and there is a need to be more specific as to what is allowed. The Attorney will review and make recommendations. Trustee Kinisky would like to raise the fee charges for building permits also. The Board requested the fees for building permits be set at \$25.00 for renovation and \$50.00 for new construction. The Board requested vendor fees be set at \$25.00 per day or \$100.00 per year.

Clerk questioned if she should write a letter from the Village granting permission to operate a business in the Village of Stillwater. Discussion was held regarding this issue. Board does not want to endorse any type of business to be started in the Village. They have not in the past and do not want to begin this practice.

The Clerk advised that there is an outside user that has not paid their water/sewer fees for 2001 and now they have additional fees assessed in April of 2002 and penalties assessed in May 2002. The Attorney will write to the consumer regarding this delinquent bill.

Clerk asked if Board would like to have information regarding the Small Cities Block Grant to be sent to the web sites to be included with village information. Board would like information sent to both sites.

Clerk advised transfers are needed to balance overspent accounts for the end of the fiscal year. They are as follows: increase General fund appropriations 1440.4A (engineer) \$1,000.00 from 1320.4A (auditor); increase 1620.402A (buildings telephone) \$220.00 from 1620.403A (electricity); increase 3410.2A (Fire Department equipment) \$100 from 3410.404A (FD equipment repair); increase 5132.401A (garage supplies) \$20 from 5132.409A (garage gas & oil); increase 5132.404A (garage equip repair) from 5132.409A (garage gas & oil) and increase 8989.4A (home & community services) \$300 from 8160.4A (refuse removal), increase water fund appropriations 8330.1F (purification personal service) \$402 from 1990.4F (contingent); increase 8330.403F (electricity) \$5,200 from 1990.4F (contingent) and increase sewer fund appropriation 8130.1 (sewage personal service) \$525.00 from 8110.1 (sewer administration personal service) and amend the general fund budget increasing revenue 2709A (employee contributions) and appropriation 5010.406A (cell phones) to allow for extra minutes used and paid by employees.

MOTION to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to make the above transfers to allow for balanced accounts when closing for fiscal year 2001/2002, made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report as presented was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 9, 2002 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited Claims:

A	\$43,332.80
F	\$38,619.46
G	\$13,872.07

Made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:05 PM was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer