

SPECIAL MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JUNE 11, 2013-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - JOHN BASILE, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-SHAW, TRUSTEE ELLEN VOMACKA, TRUSTEE KEITH COLLINS CLERK/TREASURER: SHERISTIN TEDESCO ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO - ABSENT BUILDING CODE OFFICER – LAWRENCE ALLEN - ABSENT

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the pledge to the flag.

MOTION to appoint Paul O’Kosky as interim Superintendent of The Dept. of Public Works effective June 1, 2013 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to appoint Paul O’Kosky as the permanent Superintendent of The Dept. of Public Works effective July 1, 2013 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve salary increase to \$50,000 per year for Paul O’Kosky made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Motion denied 2-1

MOTION for any new hire of the Village of Stillwater, after June 1, 2013, to contribute 25% of health insurance premium costs to the Village of Stillwater made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to allow the Mayor to hire a fourth and fifth person for the Department of Public Works labor force, at a starting salary not to exceed \$17.00 per hour, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Motion carried 3-2

MOTION to publish the DPW job openings made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried 4-0

Discussion was brought up in regard to Mr. Doyle, and his project at Stillwater Landings, to establish an escrow account to pay for construction management and inspection services for the referenced project. The Mayor has sent him a letter in regard to this and he has not responded as of yet. Trustee Basile stated we do not want to see history repeated with sub-standard installations, Clinton Court being an example. The Board decided to table this topic until the next regular meeting when Mr. Doyle could attend.

The Mayor informed the Board that a drinking water violation has been received from the Department of Health for TTHM levels that have been exceeded. The notice has been added to the Village website. Per Trustee Collins, the county is working on the topic and is trying to put a plan in place, but unfortunately it is taking a long time. The county has not been successful in getting a blanket ruling from DOH in regards to fines. The county was aware of this situation a good six months before we were at the Village. Per Trustee Basile, an official engineering report has been sent to the NYSDOH requesting permission to install the Aerators in the Dick Lynch Tank. The last I knew they were still “reviewing” it. Per Trustee Collins, we want to provide better service than we are currently being allowed to provide because of being caught between the DOH and the county. Trustee Basile stated he will write a reply to DOH stating the engineering application we presented needs their support so we can at least test this system. The water samples are done quarterly and are required to average the last four readings.

The Village Board then discussed the paving of streets in the Village. The streets discussed for potential improvement were Franklin Court, Champlain Ave., Major Dickinson Ave. and Park Ave. There have been estimates provided by Kubricki Construction Corp., Valley Paving & HVC Inc. The prices for Major Dickinson were estimated at \$74,000, \$82,000 and \$85,000, respectively. Barbolt Court will probably be covered under the sewer project.

MOTION to approve Kubricky Construction Corporation’s proposal for the work on Major Dickinson Ave. at a cost not to exceed \$74,000.00 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw. Motion passed 4-0

The Mayor also brought up the parking situation on Neilson Ave. He believes it is getting out of hand and would like the Board to do something about it. He has asked his neighbors to sign a petition, but they are too scared to sign. There is no place to park in front of my house, Mr. Riley's house and the Hoyt's house is also blocked. 7 Neilson Ave., Mr. Fitzpatrick's house has 2 vehicles. 9 Neilson Ave., Mr. Hoyt's house has 3 vehicles. 11 Neilson Ave., Mr. Riley's house has 4 vehicles. 13 Neilson Ave., Mr. Martin's house has 1 vehicle. There are too many vehicles from a neighboring house taking up these spots, this is a daily occurrence. The Mayor would like a change in the V&T law for resident parking. The Mayor was then interrupted by multiple village residents stating their views on a different topic. At this point the meeting was not open to public discussion, and Trustee Basile tried to remind these residents of that fact. Trustee Basile then stated there needs to be a public hearing if the V&T law is to be modified. The Board then decided to think this topic over for a week.

Trustee Vomacka stated we pay for the Sidewalk Inspector to do his job and unfortunately Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mang were overlooked by the contractor to make sure one driveway was kept open for these residents. The Mayor stated the contractor promised him he would make their driveways accessible and that did not happen. Trustee Collins stated he was surprised with the number of driveways that have been blocked, not just now but also in the earlier stage of the project. Trustee Collins also asked if the contractor was on schedule and how much further there is to go? He stated there are things being left overnight that should not be left overnight. Trustee Collins also asked if the driveways are to be repaved for the residents where they have been cut across? The Mayor responded yes. The Mayor stated the weather has been giving the contractor difficulties, but that is not a good reason to leave the things the way they have been left. Trustee Vomacka stated they are going on schedule, but have been set back with the rain numerous times. They should be complete by the end of the month. Trustee Vomacka stated all the mailboxes will be moved, they will be installed further towards the outside edge of the sidewalks. In regard to the Simmons' property, the elevation is the way it is supposed to be for water runoff. She noticed with the curbing that is there, it is already solving a lot of the problems as far as water runoff. There is backfill that needs to go in, so the Simmons' need to be approached. Either they remove their shrubs so no damage is done or the contractors can do it. Being that it is a volatile situation to begin with, I would rather not have the contractors go in to remove their shrubs, but it is strictly up to the homeowner. I spoke to the DOT regarding this and they put a lot of money into that so it needs to be protected. Also, coming down their driveway will be paved and the degrees will be tipped so the water goes to the lawn. According to the DOT, the sidewalk to the porch angle is 6 degree pitch and apparently it is working, this was according to the DOT when we were all up there last Friday. The contractors need to allow access to all residents at the end of each day. The point of this project is we are getting sidewalks to get the kids off the side of the road.

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Wood-Shaw, seconded by Trustee Basile.
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer