

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 17, 2003-7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, KENNETH PATENAUDE; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR**

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

Mayor Martin offered comments regarding Jessemyn Russell's accomplishments winning the Division II NYSPHSAA 2003 Pentathlon Championship. He presented her a congratulatory plaque from the Village of Stillwater.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk read a letter from Stillwater Area Youth Cheerleading requesting permission to hold a tag day on June 21<sup>st</sup>, they were rained out on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** authorizing the Stillwater Area Youth Cheerleading to hold a tag day on June 21, 2003 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 3-0

Clerk read a letter from Mary Patenaude thanking the Village for welcoming the Tour de Cure bike riders on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They were happy to see the welcome on the sign and they had 550 bike riders this year.

Clerk advised she received two requests for donations from people trying to raise funds for different venues. One is for Cody Daigle who is raising money to join the Rensselaer County Raptors AAU basketball club when they go to the national event June 28-July 5, 2003. The second is from Lori Baylies who is trying to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Trustee Murphy questioned if this was something that municipalities should be doing with public funds. The Attorney advised that it is not. It was decided not to fund either request.

Clerk advised she received information from G.A.Bove & Sons regarding various payment options they are offering for the next heating season. It was decided to prepare and send bid requests.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Kenneth Patenaude**

Footing & slab inspection and framing inspection for an addition, 8 Palmer Street; issued a permit for an above ground pool 300 Hudson Avenue; inspection for deck, 31 Lake Street; footing inspection, right & left additions, 8 Clinton Court; issued a certificate of occupancy, new home 28 Clinton Court N.; framing inspection for new roof/awning, 11 Palmer Street; footing & foundation inspection, new home 37 Yorktown; framing inspection, new home 35 Yorktown; issued a building permit for an addition and a new structure, Fred's Tents.

Mr. Patenaude advised he was contacted by Stewart's, they will be removing the gas tanks at the old Stewart's Shop and they will be renting the vacant storefront at the new Stewart's Shop to a video shop. Board discussed this with regard to the proposed moratorium and decided that it would not be affected. They advised Mr. Patenaude to contact Stewart's and let them know the Board approves of their plans. He also received an inquiry regarding the Masonic Temple from someone that is interested in purchasing and converting to a residence. One of the owners would hope to have an art gallery in the upstairs at some time in the future. This does not appear to be a problem.

**FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

The Grant application that the Fire Department submitted to FEMA has passed the first round of funding and has moved on to the next phase, so far everything looks good.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell L. Laquidara (absent)**

Mayor Martin advised that the Superintendent had been excused for the meeting tonight. He provided a report for the Board. Trustee Hanehan stated the County would take all of the sludge from the holding tank at the sewer plant, however we would need to hire a septic truck to pump out the bottom.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Lake Street Flood Mitigation, waiting for Engineer information. Streetlights, Hudson Avenue, needs to be re-figured, estimate from NYSEG was for connection only no wiring. Hope to eliminate benches and add that funding to cost of clock, no room for benches in area and clock costs are in excess of funding.

Worked with Ken Patenaude to develop a spec sheet for furnace replacement for municipal building. Will develop a separate spec sheet for replacement of entrance doors. Alarm system is installed, have requested a quote for additional equipment. Mayor Martin has advised he received a contract for services in connection with the Lake Street Project from Fraser Engineering, it has Attorney approval.

**MOTION** authorizing Mayor Martin to enter into an agreement with Fraser Engineering for the Lake Street Mitigation Project made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Trustee Riccardi questioned the Host Benefit Package for the Town of Stillwater; he wanted to know the water source for a 4-mile water line from Town line south to the Village line. Mayor does not know. Trustee Murphy will contact Town Water Committee Chairperson with this question.

Mayor Martin would like the Boards to come up with ideas to prepare a Host Package for the Village. The County is willing to add the Villages along the Hudson River to the County Host Benefits Package.

Trustee John Murphy – Granite block has arrived for planters around entrance signs. DBS Planning has provided a grant report to the Board, the project is continuing slowly. Trustee Murphy would like to inventory Local Laws and provide this information to the Board. Hope to have copies of all Local Laws available in BoardRoom filing cabinet.

Water situation, read information in newspaper, spoke to Dept. of Health regarding boil water notice, DOH has agreed to suspend this requirement. Councilwoman Ronda has two resolutions on the table for the next Town board meeting. Hopeful they would continue to purchase water from the Village throughout the summer months. Mayor and Deputy Mayor will attend the next Town Meeting for first hand results of vote.

We have received a request from person wishing to build a home in the Town and would like to connect to Village water and sewer via Joe Zecca connections. Need to speak to Supt. regarding the situation.

Trustee Murphy spoke regarding Anusesky property request for water connections. Feels Board should have serious discussion before we contract with any more outside users.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – there is a hold up with the Church easement, we were to begin cutting for the forcemain next week, however, it is on hold until matter cleared up.

Attorney Reynolds explained the Church Attorney had included a couple of points that are unusual. Discussion was held regarding the approval of

installing a lateral for the parish center. It was decided that Trustee Hanehan would contact Father Turnbull regarding the request for additional laterals. Trustee Hanehan stated they would focus on Colonial Road until negotiations with the Church are completed. He advised that the condition at the sewer plant is much improved.

The playground equipment is installed and the fence has been moved.

**ATTORNEY** – William F. Reynolds

Nothing other than easements.

**SPECIAL GUEST** – Jason Bowman representing David Anusesky

Mr. Bowman distributed drawings for a proposed sub-division in the Town of Stillwater, currently owned by David Anusesky. Mr. Bowman explained his client wishes to contract with the Village of Stillwater to provide water to 12 homes he is proposing to build in the Town of Stillwater off of Stratton Lane. Discussion was held regarding various issues, the Board expressed concern about entering into so many individual contracts outside of our municipality. The Board suggested annexing into the Village rather than selling to additional outside users. They would also like to meet with Mr. Anusesky in person to discuss their concerns. The Board thanked Mr. Bowman for his information.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 3-0

Questions from the press were answered regarding the Tag Day request, sewer line through the church parking lot, Blockhouse water & sewer and the Host Benefits Package draft.

A resident of Colonial Road questioned when Colonial Roadwork would begin. He was advised that the work should begin within the next couple of weeks, however, if the easement situation were settled the force main would be installed through the church parking lot first. He also asked if it would be possible to install an entrance at the north end of the playground as well as the south. He requested new speed signs and perhaps children at play signs at the completion of the work on Colonial Road. Mayor stated they would do their best to comply with his wishes.

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

Motion carried 3-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moratorium on building in the Village.

Mayor Martin distributed his thoughts on enacting a moratorium, he asked for comments. Attorney Reynolds stated the maximum for a moratorium is a six-month period which might be extended to finalize a plan dealing with proposed development within the village. In order to enact a moratorium you need to be in the process of preparing a plan. A moratorium can be done via resolution, however, the best way is to hold a public hearing and enact a Local Law. Attorney suggested instituting a moratorium on and application for site development.

**MOTION** authorizing the Village Attorney to draft legislation, schedule a public hearing for the July meeting and publish a legal notice for a Local Law establishing a moratorium on any new applications for site development within the Village of Stillwater for a six month period made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Discussion: Trustee Hanehan questioned if this would stop anyone from moving into an existing commercial storefront. The moratorium would be on new or existing businesses or change of use.

Motion carried 3-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Martin opened the one truck bid that was received for purchase of the 1970-tanker truck formerly used to haul sludge.

Bid from Jerry Fessenden, Gray Street Schenectady \$881.75

**MOTION** to accept the bid of \$881.75 from Jerry Fessenden for the purchase of the 1970 tanker truck made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 20, 2003 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 3-0

<b>MOTION</b> to approve the audited claims:	A	\$36,038.91
	F	\$ 5,447.25
	G	\$ 9,396.42
	H	\$ 267.50

Made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer