

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 17, 2008-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN BASILE, KENNETH BAKER, RAYMOND WALKER, JOHN MURPHY**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, LYNN GOMAN; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read a letter from the owners of 35 Colonial Road requesting to terminate the stand-by water account at that location and explained the connection has no meter and can't be used.

**MOTION** to close Account # 520035 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile Discussion: Trustee Walker would like Supt. Gerasia to confirm the connection cannot be used prior to terminating the account.

Motion carried 4-0

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman**

Permits issued for 213 Hudson Ave and 44 Russell Drive. Work is progressing on the Russell Drive Apartment Buildings; letter was sent to the owners of 46 Major Dickinson but no response so far. Officer Sheridan was contacted regarding the unlicensed autos on Nielson Ave. Mr. Goman spoke about the condition of the brick on the rear of Village building and recommended it be repaired. The Mayor will look for the quote provided by Donovan Restoration. Trustee Walker asked if we could require the LP tanks at the Russell Drive apartments be enclosed and was advised the tanks are not owned by the homeowner and must be accessible for fuel delivery. Trustee Basile asked if Mr. Goman was aware of any abandoned houses in the Village and spoke briefly about a NYCOM article regarding abandoned property.

**FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

Chief Mahar distributed his monthly report (copy on file) and informed the Board the Family Day fire prevention booth was a success. The Chief attended the Fire Chief's Convention and was able to save \$1,000 on the purchase of equipment while there. The crew is attending another convention and will participate in a parade in Ellenville this weekend. Chief Mahar explained a paid EMT for the Stillwater Rescue Squad has offered his services to the FD as a volunteer and distributed a letter of support from the man's home Volunteer Company. Discussion was held about our liability and the Mayor requested our insurance agent be consulted.

**MOTION** authorizing David Peat as a Mutual Aid Fire Fighter for Newland Wood subject to review by Insurance Carrier made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile Motion carried 4-0

The back door springs were broken at the Firehouse, they have been repaired and a quote has been received for automatic door openers which should help prevent damage from manual use.

**MOTION** authorizing the purchase and installation of two automatic door openers with expenditure from Buildings Equipment made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar explained a digital cable box was recently installed upstairs for use with the projection screen that was purchased with fundraising proceeds. The Clerk-Treasurer requested the Chief get permission from the Board prior to making similar decisions in the future.

**MOTION** authorizing payment of additional costs associated with the digital cable box made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia**

Monthly written report on file. Discussion regarding sump pump inspections: A large number of residents are not home or are refusing to answer their door. Mayor suggested issuing appearance tickets to those who are denying the DPW access to inspect.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Kenneth Baker – expressed concern about the pole on School St.

Trustee Raymond Walker –The ZBA meeting for July will be changed as it's currently scheduled prior to a holiday weekend. Questions were answered about the Site Plan Review Form and Mr. Peluso requested a copy via email in order to review and make suggestions. Trustee Walker met with Mr. Finkin regarding his request to develop his property; it appears there isn't enough room for what is planned but Mr. Finkin will provide drawings and a plan for consideration.

A proposal to develop 299 N. Hudson was received from Scott Ronda and copies were distributed to the Board. Trustee Walker asked for any comments or concerns to be addressed to him within the next few days if possible.

**MOTION** to appoint the Village of Stillwater as Lead Agency for SEQRA on the 299 N. Hudson Ave. project made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Discussion: Mr. Peluso requested clarification of the location of curb cuts and Trustee Baker asked when the remaining debris would be removed and Trustee Walker agreed to ask Mr. Ronda.  
Motion carried 4-0

A new form is available for anyone wishing to post on the sign in Cannon Park .

Trustee John Murphy – A meeting with NYS Representatives is scheduled for June 20 at 12:00pm at the WTP. Trustee Murphy and Trustee Basile have spoken about the current situation with street lights and discussed the possibility of requiring cut off lights as required by our Zoning law as well as reducing the number of lights to conserve energy.

Trustee John Basile – Reviewed his written report (copy on file) and spoke about our Order on Consent schedule as well as the Filter Backwash Project. Trustee Basile will obtain the President of the School Board's signature on the easement and agreement and will provide a copy of the resolution to Mr. Peluso.

**CLERK-TREASURER - Margo L. Partak**

**MOTION** authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to bid the Village of Stillwater's oil contract made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Baker Discussion: Trustee Basile found the letter from GA Bove to be very confusing and will work with the Clerk to review her proposed bid specs.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Senior Citizens made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

The Clerk advised the lease is about to expire on the copier in her office and distributed a proposal from Electronic Office Products to lease a new one. Discussion was held on the cost to lease vs. purchase

Motion authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a lease contract with Electronic Office Products for a period of 5 years, the cost to be \$175.00 per month plus color copies \$.07 and scans \$.003, made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**ATTORNEY** – James Peluso No report

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Murphy  
Motion carried 4-0

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fisher in attendance to request the Village enact a noise ordinance. They have found it necessary to summon the police numerous times to their neighborhood but they've been told there is no law to enforce. A lengthy discussion took place about contacting surrounding communities to see what their laws are, inviting representatives of the police dept to the next meeting to ask for their input, and expression of concern for unsupervised children.

Paul Lilac spoke on behalf of the Family Day Committee and thanked Mayor Martin for his opening remarks, Supt. Gerasia for helping set up, and Newland Wood for their participation. Mr. Lilac also expressed appreciation for the DPW's assistance in installing the new Flag Pole at the Community Center.

James Champlin asked questions regarding the Village's application to the County Sewer District and asked if there was a legal definition of a Town House vs. a 2 Family home. Mr. Champlin is concerned about the developer of 297 N. Hudson Ave adding 10 bathrooms to a lot that previously had 1 bathroom since we are having so many problems related to flows.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Baker  
Motion carried 4-0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Patenaude's are demanding the Village sign be removed from their property. Discussion was held on who owns the property, who negotiated placement of the sign there, and if it could be moved. Mayor Martin will speak to Linda Sanders regarding obtaining an easement and relocating the sign to her property

The Mayor asked the Board to review existing laws for possible changes. Supt. Gerasia requested the Traffic Law be revised to limit parking in front of the Village Clerk's office to ½ hour.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on open fire permits, there is nothing in Zoning prohibiting it and Mr. Peluso advised it would be faster to enact a new local law than declare a moratorium.

**MOTION** to approve Treasurer Report made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from May 20 & June 3, 2008 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried -0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:  
A - \$48,494.85

F - \$12,276.38

G - \$ 7,594.28

made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer