

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 20, 2006-7:00 P.M.

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

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.

BID OEPNING – VILLAGE INSURANCE 2006-07

One bid was received from Adirondack Trust Insurance Agency
Bid \$24,508.87 was from Selective Insurance however the actual bill will be \$24,692.69 to reflect a 4% increase in property values

MOTION to accept the Insurance Bid submitted by Adirondack Trust Insurance Agency on behalf of Selective Insurance made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Roll call vote: Trustee Murphy – yes
Trustee Riccardi – yes

Trustee Hanehan – yes
Trustee Walker – yes

Motion carried 4-0

Colleen Adamec and Anthony Adamec spoke to the Board regarding concerns they have relating to property Mr. Adamec owns behind where he lives. Ms. Adamec presented the Board with photos of property owned by her parents; she explained that since the Town of Stillwater installed a new culvert pipe under Stratton Lane their property is no longer draining properly. Discussion was held regarding the situation. Mayor Martin stated he would visit the site and contact the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent for the Town of Stillwater.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter he wrote to Trustee Hanehan congratulating him on being named Citizen of the Year at the recent Family Day Event. (copy attached)

Mayor Martin advised the Board he also wrote DOT requesting another analysis for the corner of Lake Street & Hudson Avenue and the corner of Hudson Avenue & the Stillwater Bridge with regard to installing a traffic signal at these locations.

Mayor advised Board that the Stillwater United Church building is being considered for historic preservation registry.

Clerk read a letter from Todd Kelly requesting a water connection for property he purchased along Stratton Lane in the Town of Stillwater.

Clerk advised the Board of Assessment Review reduced the assessment on the Dick Lynch Road property owned by the Village of Stillwater to \$294,000.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman

Mr. Goman stated he issued 6 permits: 3 for renovation, 2 for decks and 1 for a pool. He met with the Mayor and Health Officer at 2 Rundle Lane regarding a mold complaint, issued a violation.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

Chief Mahar reviewed his monthly activities: 7 alarms, largest incident was mutual aid with Mechanicville.

School drill was a success; all residents appreciated being notified in advance. Able to accomplish goals. Would like to make drill on school property an annual event. Community Center provided a guided tour, detailed maps and relevant information.

Attended the Hudson Valley Volunteer Convention in Lake George, NYS Fire Chiefs also had their expo at the same time. Purchased some equipment and saw new equipment that is available.

Inspection was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Amy Benacquista has been approved as a support member for the department, would like Board approval.

MOTION to approve Amy Benacquista, pending a license check made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

Supt. reviewed the various activities for the month (report on file) He explained the flows at the sewer plant are up due to heavy rainfall. There was some vandalism this past weekend; the police did catch them in the act. Keith took his practical exam at the water plant, DOH will issue license when he completes the Grade D course. Have been working at the water plant trying to determine the reason monitors screens keep failing. It appears there is a problem with the wiring. Will try to get that corrected. A resident of Colonial Road backed into a hydrant and broke it off. The resident will be billed for the repair.

Mayor thanked Supt and crew for all of their work making the Village look good for the season.

Trustee Riccardi questioned the status of the Clinton Court pump station. Supt. explained the situation; we are renting a pump as the old ones have failed. The entire pump station needs to be redone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Walker, Hanehan & Riccardi had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Murphy spoke regarding a proposed contract from “infinigy engineering” for engineering at the Clinton Court pump station.

Trustee Hanehan has concerns regarding estimate, Attorney Peluso also has concern regarding the language. Discussion was held regarding various concerns.

Attorney feels we should have a letter advising the project is not subject to SEQRA

MOTION to approve the contract with “infinigy engineering” subject to additional language and approval of the Sewer Committee made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Discussion: need clarification of section 4 compensation and section C not estimate but actual cost.

Motion carried 4-0

Route 4 Corridor proposal defines what is included in the route 4 corridor, concerns and desires. Trustee Murphy will leave copy of plan in Clerk’s office.

Trustee Murphy spoke with a member of DEC their position is they will neither approve nor deny additional connections. He spoke with regard to I&I, summary of his conversation attached for the record. Supt. feels Village should begin to update the plant, it is now 15 years old and equipment has begun to break down.

Trustee Murphy requested Supt. get estimates for cameras for security at the DPW Garage and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Police recommend “No Trespassing” signs be installed. Supt. also recommended the Board consider fencing at the water plant.

MOTION authorizing Supt. Gerasia to purchase & install video surveillance cameras at the DPW Garage at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Murphy advised that litigation regarding Stanley property continues.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Nothing else to report

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo L. Partak

Clerk stated she has a few overspent accounts for 2005-06, she requested the Board approve the following transfers to balance the 2005-06 budget.

2005/06 TRANSFERS NECESSARY TO CLOSE BOOKS

\$320.00 from A1990.4 (contingent) to A1490.1 Public Works Administration (personal service)

\$130.00 from G8120.403 Sanitary Sewer (Electricity) to G8120.404 Sanitary Sewer (equipment repair)

\$305.00 from G8120.403 Sanitary Sewer (electricity) to G8110.1 Sewer Administration (personal service)

\$300.00 from G8130.2 Sewage Treatment & Disposal (equipment) to G8130.1 Sewage Treatment & Disposal (personal service)

\$8.00 from A1990.4 contingent to A9030.8 Social Security

\$10.00 from A1990.4 contingent to A9035.8 Medicare

MOTION authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to make the above transfers to balance the 2005-06 budget made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Gary Male – CT Male Associates

Discussed the backwash treatment at the water plant, lagoon design is substantially complete, currently waiting for DOH determination to see if we are under the influence of surface water. CT Male would recommend waiting for determination, this determination could make a difference in how the water is treated and that would make a difference in the waste that is generated. Should take another look after determination is made.

Paul Lilac, Colonial Road

Mr. Lilac expressed concern regarding the new intersection at Broughton Lane and Major Dickinson Avenue; he stated it is very difficult to make the corner the way it is currently designed.

Mayor Martin explained that there are plans to correct this problem.

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

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Martin requested a motion to request an audit for the Village of Stillwater.

MOTION authorizing the Mayor to request proposals to perform and audit of the Village of Stillwater made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Connect-CTY

Mayor Martin explained the Connect-Ed system; this system automatically notifies residents in the case of an emergency.

Supt. of Public Works is requesting summer help.

MOTION authorizing the Supt. to hire one person for summer help at a rate of \$8.50 per hour made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion was held regarding the money available to hire an extra person.

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin explained it would be necessary to hold a public hearing to amend the traffic law to change the stop sign at the Broughton Lane/Major Dickinson Avenue intersection.

MOTION to hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. July 18, 2006 amending the traffic law made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

July Meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Martin advised he received a letter from the Stillwater Central School Board of Education denying our request for an exemption for the property owned by the Village adjacent to Dick Lynch Road.

Route 4 Corridor Plan

Mayor Martin requested the Board approve \$4,000.00 for the Route 4 Corridor Plan.

MOTION to appropriate \$4,000 of the Community Development Loan money to pay the Village share of the Route 4 Corridor Grant made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Walker has considered the proposals to design Planning & Zoning in the Village, they appear to offer the same services, however LaBerge Group is considerably less expensive. Would request money from the Community Development Loan Program be appropriated to pay for the plan to be prepared.

MOTION to appropriate \$21,000 from the Community Development Loan Program to pay for the LaBerge Group to prepare Planning & Zoning for the Village of Stillwater made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Murphy – yes Trustee Hanehan – No
 Trustee Walker – yes Trustee Riccardi – yes
 Mayor Martin – yes

Motion carried 4-1

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 16 & May 30, 2006 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims: A \$47,606.02
 F \$ 5,006.52
 G \$ 7,256.68

Made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer