

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 21, 2011-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - KEITH COLLINS, ELLEN VOMACKA , JOHN BASILE, JUDY WOOD-SHAW**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY JAMES PELUSO, FIRE CHIEF TONY CONTI, SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHN SCOTT, BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN, VILLAGE HISTORIAN LINDA SANDERS**

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

Thomas Dingley is under contract to purchase Stillwater Landings and would like permission from the Board to alter the existing plans as follows: relocation of proposed sewer pump station to the lower cul de sac in order to eliminate a number of grinder pumps; eliminate gabion walls and use 1 on 10 berm instead, and substitute PVC for ductile iron for connection to the Village water system.

Trustee Basile reviewed the recommendations from Delaware Engineering indicating PVC pipe was not acceptable, removal of gabion walls would be allowed, and quoted "The project developer will be responsible for design and construction of the gravity sewer extensions and force main extensions from the existing station site to the new location. In addition, the developer will be responsible for construction of the pumping station at the new location. If the pumping station is constructed prior to the Village upgrade project, the Village will cost share in the installation of the new station. If the pumping station is constructed after the Village upgrades are completed, the developer will be responsible for all of the construction costs. The design of the station is currently in progress. "

Discussion was held on substituting a letter of credit for a performance bond, the current fees for water and sewer taps and Mr. Dingley was advised an escrow deposit in the amount of \$15,000 would be required before the project could begin.

The Board will hold additional discussion in executive session and then respond to the prospective buyers.

Mayor Martin stated he had walked the project site numerous times and continues to believe the entrance to the proposed development can and should be relocated; Scott Ronda responded he had investigated the possibility and the location of the storm pond would likely prohibit such a change.

Margo Partak, Clinton Court, asked if the homes would have cellars and if so, where sump pumps would discharge. The plans include sump pump laterals and with the updated storm water drainage there should be no issue.

Terry Simmons asked if this proposal had been before the Planning Board and was advised it was grandfathered and therefore not subject to Zoning.

**VILLAGE HISTORIAN** – Linda Sanders gave her semi annual report thanking the DPW for landscaping at the Blockhouse and reviewed upcoming events for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Ms. Sanders advised she would appreciate being notified when a special event takes place.

**FIRE CHIEF** – Tony Conti – reviewed his written report (copy on file)

**MOTION** to remove Bryan Nyland and add Larry Mason with the provision the Chief give an update after six months made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Basile Motion carried 4-0

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** – John Scott

Supt. Scott reviewed his written report (copy on file) and provided an update on the cleaning of our wells. Trustee Collins indicated all levels have improved and questioned if it was due to operations or flushing of the GAC system. Supt Scott stated the extra backwash was definitely the reason since flushing used to be done every six weeks and is now being done twice per week.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman**

One permit issued for 15 Park Avenue, 2 C/O's issued for 41 Russell Drive and 86 Colonial Road, 4 Certificates of Compliance issued for 9 Nielson, 20 Colonial, 3 Independence Row, and 86 Colonial Road. Inspections continue at 19 and 27 Russell Drive.

Five violations were issued to owners with excessive grass and weeds and Trustee Vomacka advised several homes on S. Hudson Avenue appear to be abandoned.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Basile – Design work continues for Clinton Court and other areas of upgrade; will be complete and sent to NYSDEC in November. A pre-construction meeting for the SCWA project will take place on 6/27/11 at 1pm with USDA and all parties in attendance. USDA will be dedicating some equipment at Cordero Blvd to SCWA as we are not allowed to do so.

Trustee Keith Collins – levels in all three tanks are healthy, prior issues in Tanks 1 & 3 seem to be resolved as a result of the increased flushing of the GAC System. A list of work needed at the playground has been received from Tim Campbell and Supt. Scott was asked to review and schedule his crew to complete in house.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – the Boy Scouts will take care of Village planters on 6/25, waiting for software to continue work on the website.

Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw – has created a list of links for the website and asked Ms. Sanders for assistance in adding a history of the Village which has already been completed. The Board was asked to consider being a sponsor for the SACC Golf Tournament with proceeds going toward their annual gala.

**ATTORNEY - James Peluso – no report**

**CLERK-TREASURER – Patti Ryan –** New computers and software have been installed, reps from KVS were here last week for training but the staff is struggling to adapt. Tax collection is slow with only \$112,183 out of \$389,567 received so far. In April the Clerk advised EFC was refinancing our WTP loan; the closing was 6/11/11 and a copy of the new repayment schedule showing a tentative savings of \$38,000 was distributed.

A resident of Ferry Lane has complained the staff is no longer locking the gate to the WTP and asked the Board be notified several high school students have been seen on the property as well as the local ice cream truck is using the space as a turnaround. It was further noted the company has not applied nor paid for a Vendor Permit.

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

Ron and Margo Partak, 6 Clinton Court, presented the Board with a petition including photos (copy on file) and requested something be done about the condition of Clinton Court. Trustee Basile responded the area was slated for repairs next year, no work would be done sooner, and recommended the residents drive carefully. Mrs. Partak

stated the road was poorly constructed but that wasn't the fault of the people who purchased homes there and have paid taxes all these years.

Michael Rich owns property along the sidewalk project, the requested storm water easement is not a problem but he is concerned about discharge on his property. A lengthy discussion took place on how to resolve Mr. Rich's concerns and he was asked to remain after the regular meeting concluded to discuss in executive session.

Mike Caulfield, Clinton Court, attends Town Board meetings and would like the Village Board to address the issue of a \$4600 water bill issued to a Town resident. Mayor Martin indicated he would be presenting this situation later this evening.

Terry Simmons asked what the Village website address would be and questioned the need for new software. Our site will be Villageofstillwater.org; Adobe Dreamweaver is necessary to make it live and will cost \$119.

Tim Campbell thanked the Board for their support for his work at the basketball courts and read a letter (copy on file) expressing his concerns about our water situation. Mr. Campbell and Trustee Basile debated the best way to test water pressures and how to apply the results.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**MOTION** to accept the 5/7/11 proposal from Bruce Fence for repair and replacement of fencing at the Legion property for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Basile requested an executive session to discuss easement issues and the Stillwater Landings Project

#### **OLD BUSINESS – none**

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

- A- \$ 55,218.11
- F – \$ 14,669.92
- G – \$ 8,384.03
- H - \$ 44,624.11

made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Vomacka , seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of April 19 and 26 (as amended) made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session to discuss easements, contracts, and litigation at 8:45pm made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to return to regular session at 10:15pm made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

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**MOTION** to decline settlement offer from General Electric Company made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** the Village Board take no action regarding the Town of Stillwater request regarding a Town customer's disputed water bill made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins  
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Ryan  
Clerk-Treasurer