

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JULY 16, 2002-6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, THOMAS KINISKY, JOHN TREACY, RAYMOND WALKER

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, MARTIN RICCARDI; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RUSSELL LAQUIDARA

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter from Time Warner advising that they will be a new media outlet for the Capital Region. They will be know as Capital News Channel 9.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Martin Riccardi

Footing and foundation inspection for a new home, Colonial Estates; final inspection of renovations at American Legion; framing inspection of a new deck, Colonial Estates; final inspection of car shop, corner School Street & Hudson Avenue; framing inspection, new home, Colonial Estates; framing inspection deck, Colonial Estates.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Requested Board have Supt. purchase signs for the garage doors in the rear of the building advising that there are emergency vehicles in the garage that would need immediate exit if there were an emergency. Chief Mahar advised that the exits were blocked during court last night. He spoke to the police regarding no parking in front of the doors. Trustee Walker offered to get the signs. Chief Mahar advised that the windows in the upstairs meeting room have broken springs, they no longer stay open. He requested that someone be contacted to see if they could be repaired they can not be opened for ventilation. Fire Dept. will be at the County Fair for the Fire Protection Booth on Wednesday. Steamer took another trophy in Catskill.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell Laquidara

Report was distributed to Board, Supt. offered to answer questions. He advised that NYSEG replaced the transformer at the water plant, the plant was shut down for several hours. Have been testing different pumps throughout the plant to be sure everything is in working order.

The Fire Hydrants on Dick Lynch Road have low pressure “20 PSI”; we notified the Arvin Hart Fire Department and have painted “20 PSI” on the hydrants.

Generator, automatic transfer switch, louvers and wiring it would come to \$27,000. Without the automatic transfer switch it would be \$24,100. Discussion was held regarding the difference between automatic and manual. It was decided that the purpose of the generator was start up automatically if there was an interruption in electricity. It would take 12-14 weeks for the generator to get here. Southworth will want payment 30 days after installation. Supt. will talk to Bruce Ringrose regarding the automatic transfer switch.

Sewer Plant – belts in the blowers were found to be broke on Monday, belts have been fixed, will haul sludge and add potassium to control odor.

Trustee Kinisky questioned if the salt shed has started nothing yet. He also questioned if he has samples for planters yet, Supt. waiting for direction from Board. Trustee Kinisky questioned when Barbolt Court sewer would be started. Supt. advised it would be next Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Treacy – Historical Society will hold a rededication ceremony of the Henry Knox Trail marker on Sunday, July 22nd at 1:00 P.M.

Housing Re-hab Grant – Stephanie will be leaving DBS and either Steve Kirk or his wife will be running the Grant for Stillwater. Trustee Treacy reported on the progress to date.

Trustee Treacy reviewed the status of the NYS Canal Corp. land. Steve Kirk suggested writing to “SHPO” foregoing the Archaeological Study. It was decided to have the Mayor write directly. Trustee Treacy walked the area with Bruce Ringrose, Mr. Ringrose would like to attend a meeting with the developers and Board, he has some concerns and would like to meet to protect the Village’s interest.

Trustee Murphy stated they are now at the point of the need for a plot plan to better understand their plans so the Board could discuss water and sewer infrastructure. After the last meeting he was to get back to the Village with necessary information. Trustee Murphy offered to call the developer to invite him to a future meeting to discuss their plans.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Thanked Supt. for repairing the broken water shut off on Colonial Road. He questioned if something could be done on the corner of Russell Drive, Supt. plans to brick it off.

Trustee Thomas Kinisky – Bruce Ringrose advised that SEMO has forwarded the Village Flood Grant Application to FEMA. The person he spoke to was very encouraged with our application.

Mayor Martin questioned why Trustee Kinisky resigned from the Building & Grounds Committee. Trustee Kinisky stated he feels he could no longer be effective on the Committee. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this situation. Mayor Martin will restructure the Committees.

Trustee John Murphy – received a call from Ken Baker regarding Barbolt Court sewer situation. He is concerned that this project will not get done again this year. He is also concerned about the piles of garbage in front of one of the rental units.

Trustee Murphy spoke regarding the study that was requested by the Health Department and the recent problems that were discovered with regard to pressure. Trustee Murphy suggested the Village hire Tom Brewer to complete the study regarding hydraulics between the two tanks.

MOTION authorizing Trustee Murphy to retain Brewer Engineering to do a hydraulics study of the water system at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion was held regarding the need for this study. Trustee Treacy expressed concerns regarding having the same engineer that worked on a project do a study of the same project. Discussion was held regarding the Dept. of Health doctor’s reference to installing an altitude valve. Trustee Murphy would like the Doctor’s name so that Tom Brewer could contact him. Mayor Martin provided the name.

Trustee Treacy questioned if Brewer Engineering was being employed by the Town of Stillwater. It was explained that Brewer Engineering works for the Turning Point project and they gave them permission to turn over the Turning Point plans to the Town Engineer.

Roll call vote:	Trustee Murphy – yes	Trustee Kinisky – no
	Trustee Walker – yes	Trustee Treacy - yes

Motion carried 3-1

Trustee Murphy explained that there is a problem on top of the hill, Dick Lynch Road. Trustee Murphy continued by explaining that he was called by Mr. Ford of Dick Lynch Road that their well was failing and they wanted to purchase water from the village. Trustee Murphy provided them with a contract similar to the one provided to Mr. Zecca. They signed the contract, and had a plumber run the line to their house. After the line was installed it

was discovered they have very low water pressure. It now appears all homes on top of the hill will have this problem. The Fords have asked if the village would consider purchasing a pump to increase pressure or offer a reduced rate for water. Trustee Murphy invited them to the meeting to discuss their problem with the Board. Trustee Murphy stated he does not necessarily feel this is a village problem but he told them he would share this information with the Board. Trustee Murphy will raise this issue with Brewer as well. Trustee Kinisky feels village should have a fresh outlook on these problems. Supt. Laquidara gave a brief description of how calculations are made regarding water pressure. Trustee Murphy prepared a letter, over the Mayor's signature, supporting Supt. Laquidara's application for his water operators license. Trustee Murphy wrote a letter of thanks to the NYS Department of Health for their assistance during the recent problems with the water. Trustee Kinisky questioned if Trustee Murphy spoke to Brewer about the ongoing problems that the Town is experiencing. Trustee Murphy spoke to Michael Shaw of NYS Health Dept. regarding the problems at the Town and he advised that the Village is under no obligation to the Town of Stillwater to provide water to the Town at a higher rate than .2 chlorine residual. They are required, as is Hillside, to maintain the chlorine residual after it leaves the Village. The problem is old pipes that eat the chlorine residual and dead end lines. They have some engineering work to do at the Town. Trustee Kinisky stated the Mr. Ringrose advised that the software that he has installed into the Supt. computer would allow the village to track information easier. Trustee Murphy feels compassion for the Town, they own the infrastructure and are responsible for the maintenance of their system. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the problems that exist and the rumors that are circulating. Trustee Murphy advised the Town did purchase water from the City of Mechanicville for a period of approximately 5 days, Joan Ronda, Water Committee Chairwoman for the Town, did call the morning they were closing the village valve to notify us. She was advised at that time that it was a violation of the water contract and Trustee Murphy stated he is inclined to charge them for water that would have been used during that time period. Ms. Ronda did notify the Village that the water advisory has been lifted for the Town of Stillwater as of today.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Rick Nelson, St. James Place, explained situation at his house regarding the water line from the main. It is running through the house in front of his property. This has caused some problems in the past. He is requesting that the main be tapped for his house only and would also request that the fee for this tapping be waived.

Supt. Laquidara questioned how far his house is from the road. Mr. Nelson was advised that a meter pit is required for any tap over 150 feet from the home. Trustee Murphy stated the first thing to be done is to measure the distance from the main to the house.

MOTION to grant a variance from the tapping fee, if more than 150 feet Mr. Nelson would have to install a meter pit at his expense made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: Trustee Murphy feels Mr. Nelson inherited the problem and the village should assist to rectify the problem. Discussion was held to see if there is no need for a meter pit if Mr. Nelson would be willing to pay for the necessary parts to tap the line.

Trustee Murphy withdrew his motion.

MOTION authorizing Trustee Murphy and Supt. Laquidara to gather figures for Mr. Nelson and determine if a meter pit is needed, made by Trustee Kinisky seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

Supt. Laquidara will measure the distance tomorrow and get together with Trustee Murphy to decide if a meter pit is needed and if not how much it will cost to tap the line.

Ken Baker, Barbolt Court, there is a situation on Barbolt Court where garbage is being left for weeks at a time. As soon as it is removed new piles are put out. One of the neighbors saw a rat in the area. He is formally requesting that something be done. Mr. Baker was advised that this is a violation of the health code and the Health Officer will take care of the problem.

Mr. Baker questioned when the sewer line replacement would be replaced. He was advised that they would begin July 22nd. He requested that when it is torn up he would like to have the turnaround blacktopped. Discussion continued where the line would be installed and what area would be blacktopped. Trustee Kinisky questioned if we have the permit to dig along the road. Supt. advised he has the permit. Supt. Laquidara drew a diagram for everyone to see. Everyone was in agreement with regard to the ways the lines would be installed.

Geri Mehan asked if the Board would be willing to purchase their annual Car Show Award plaque.

MOTION authorizing purchase of car show plaque for the Newland Wood Annual Car Show made by Trustee Kinisky, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

ATTORNEY – William F. Reynolds

Change to Vendor Law

Trustee Treacy was advised that this is just an amendment to the existing Local Law. The current law addresses bothersome noises by vendors.

Attorney Reynolds advised that he handled correspondence regarding the land that the Board voted not to purchase.

Mayor Martin advised he invited Steve Kirk to explain a new grant initiative. Mr. Kirk explained Governor Pataki has released approximately \$50,000,000 in grant money to assist projects that would create significant job opportunities. The other funding source is \$2,000,000 offered statewide, it is called the Main Street New York Funding. They are offering municipalities \$25,000 matching grant money for any main street improvements that the municipality would like to do. Village could do additional improvements more façade, street lights, sidewalks. Could use any money as match, this includes money we are getting from current grant. Need to get this application in by August 12th.

MOTION authorizing DBS Planning Consultants, Inc. to submit a grant application for the Main Street New York funding made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: use small cities money as matching funds, increase the number of street lights and some landscaping, decorative bases around new signs.

Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Kirk advised that the current employee working on the Village's small cities grant will be leaving, Mr. Kirk will work until a new employee is hired.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Martin advised that the Town of Stillwater Highway crew was landscaping around the playground on the Community Center lawn, they installed a drainpipe which drains into the driveway and then on to Palmer Street. Discussion was held as to whether it could cause more of a problem

than we currently have. Trustee Murphy suggested Supt. Laquidara contact the Mayor or Trustee Treacy when he gets a request that is beyond the scope of his general work. The Mayor will talk to the Historian and the Community Center Director regarding their many requests from the DPW.

OLD BUSINESS

Generator

MOTION to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare paperwork for bonding for the generator at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Discussion: Mayor feel the \$20,000 from the County of Saratoga should be used for this purchase, the remainder of the work to be paid out of the water fund. Trustee Kinisky in favor of bonding

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin questioned if there was an additional pump at the water plant and the sewer plant. Supt. advised the water plant has a spare pump and a spare is on order for the sewer plant.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report as presented was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from June 18 and July 2, 2002 made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$26,642.77
F	\$20,863.90
G	\$ 2,337.97

made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session to discuss Fire Department business made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer