

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JULY 17, 2007-7:00 P.M.

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

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

SPECIAL GUEST: DAVE MEAGER REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK TRUST INSURANCE COMPANY

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

Mayor Martin introduced Dave Meager who provided the Board with packets summarizing the Village's current insurance policies and coverage. Mr. Meager answered questions from the Board and will provide information on higher deductibles at the request of Trustee Basile. Mr. Meager provided information regarding disability insurance, Hartford versus First Rehabilitation, if village were to change savings would be small, however benefit to employees would increase.

Village resident David Martin expressed his concern over the growing use of fire rings in his neighborhood and asked the Board what the Village's policy is regarding open burning. Chief Mahar answered questions on how it's been handled in the past; Mr. Martin requested the Board consider enacting legislation to prohibit the use of fire rings. Mayor stated village would continue to handle each complaint on an individual basis until the Board can review request and consider some type of regulation for outdoor burning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor read a letter from Kate Szewczyk on behalf of the National Society Children of the American Revolution requesting the village declare the week of September 17-23rd as Constitution Week by issuing a proclamation.

MOTION authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23rd as Constitution Week in the Village of Stillwater was made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker.

(copy attached)

Motion carried 3-0

BUILDING CODE OFFICER-Lynn Goman

Five permits issued; 10 Palmer, 80 Colonial Road, 15 Hudson Ave, 33 Hudson Ave, 237 Hudson Ave. Attended a meeting with Trustee Murphy, Trustee Basile, and Mayor Martin regarding the proposed Retail Center and walked the property with Supt. Gerasia. St. Peter's structural steel is up, waiting for siding. Expect to issue a C/O for 225 Hudson Ave soon.

FIRE CHIEF-Shane Mahar

Two mutual aid calls, 1 Arvin Hart, 1 City of Mechanicville (report on file). Master Alarm Company to be hired to expand alarm system to upstairs. Albany Fire Extinguisher will be coming to mount five fire extinguishers, two upstairs, three downstairs. Safety First Hose Testing hired to pressure test our hoses and will provide documentation which we currently don't have. VRS is evaluating 1980 firetruck E-593 and will provide an estimate on costs to bring it up to standards. Department attended convention in Colonie and was awarded three trophies.

MOTION to approve Brittany Rouse as a social member to the fire department made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve Jessica Dunn as an active member pending physical and submission of new application made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-Robert Gerasia

Supt. reviewed his monthly report. (Copy on file) Work on sidewalk on School Street has been delayed due to lightning strike at the water treatment plant. Hydrants were flushed, Wells Communication repaired radio problems at the WTP, Smoke testing to begin next week. Received a proposal from Lash to complete smoke testing, estimate is \$1,100.00 per day. Distributed a list of damaged equipment at the WTP to Board and provided information relating to membrane filtration the Plant, trying to find a company willing to set up a pilot plant at no cost to the Village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Basile-reported on requesting voluntary removal of sump pumps and discussed setting a date to begin inspecting for violations. Received a letter from DEC to be discussed in Executive Session. Mrs. Hallum requested reduction in sewer connection in the town portion of trailer park. They do not have a contract for service and would like to research this issue before making recommendation.

Trustee Ken Baker – requested \$760,000 grant on behalf of the Village from Federal Government for storm water management, advised by Mayor a copy of the request must be kept on file at the Village.

Trustee Raymond Walker- ZBA training to begin in September.

ATTORNEY-James Peluso – nothing to report.

CLERK-TREASURER-Margo Partak

The Clerk distributed a written report (Copy on file)

Would like to make the following adjustments to the telephone service for the village: remove: 664-3243 (Boardroom); 664-3323 (court); 664-3340 (court fax); 664-6739 (garage area run extension from office phone); 665-0017 (sewer plant); 665-0040 (unused)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Village Court has been abolished and there is no longer a need for their telephone numbers 518-664-3323 and fax 664-3340; and

WHEREAS the Village Boardroom telephone number 518-664-3243 has not been used; and

WHEREAS the second telephone line 518-664-6739 can be replaced by an extension of the main telephone line at the DPW garage; and

WHEREAS the telephone line 518-665-0017 is rarely used and all employees have cellular service; and

WHEREAS 518-665-0040 is an unused line at the water treatment plant; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to contact Cornerstone Telephone Company and have service to those telephone numbers removed immediately.

MOTION to adopt the foregoing resolution to remove six telephone lines made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

The Clerk advised the Board she'd received several complaints about the condition of the entryway to her office and requested the DPW paint entryway and repair the panels above the door.

MOTION to move the Court copy machine to Supt. Gerasia's office and renew the contract made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

Meter bids – discussion was held on whether the bids received met the specs and if all bidders were qualified, after technical discussion was held the Board requested Supt. give them a list of pros and cons so they could made a decision. This matter was tabled for further information from the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to authorize DPW to spend up to \$15,000 for an outside firm to complete smoke testing made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker. Discussion: Board is in agreement detailed documentation is critical, Trustee Basile prefers to have us do the analysis of the smoke testing results and requested a meeting with Supt. Gerasia and the outside firm hired.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to set a deadline of August 31, 2007 for voluntary removal of sump pumps made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker Discussion it was explained this is a very important step in removing I&I from our sanitary sewer system.

Motion carried 3-0

Building Code Officer Lynn Goman would like to cite three homeowners for violations relating to junk cars and asked the Board for direction on what penalties can and should be imposed. Mr. Goman was advised to issue a verbal warning and in the meantime, the Board will investigate what is currently in local law.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve minutes of June 19 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

- A \$55,657.43
- F \$14,709.59
- G \$11,720.04

Made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contract matter at 9:00pm made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer