

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JULY 26, 2005-6:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, THOMAS MELLON; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RANDY RATHBUN

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read a letter from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation advising that there is a possibility of a reduced interest rate for the wastewater treatment plant loan. It would require a new closing certificate be signed by the village to proceed.

MOTION authorizing the Mayor to sign the closing certificate for NYSEFC was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.
Motion carried 3-0

Mayor Martin read a letter advising the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors would be distributing surplus money from the County Treasurer's Office, the village would receive \$23,384.

Mayor Martin read a letter advising that a \$30,000 grant has been awarded to Newland-Wood Fire Company.

Mayor Martin distributed a letter from the Community Center to the Board for discussion later. The letter is with regard to establishing an arson center

Mayor Martin advised he recently attended a Town Board meeting at which a resolution was offered honoring Gary Lester on his retirement from the Town Police Department. Mayor Martin stated for the record that Gary Lester was a good friend to the Village Board and the residents of the village, he did a great job. The Village wishes him a long and happy retirement.

* Trustee Walker arrived 6:07 P.M.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Thomas Mellon

Mayor would like to hold an executive session at the end of meeting to discuss some issues with regard to code enforcement.

Mr. Mellon advised he has issued sever pool permits, a deck & window permit Hudson Avenue, window permit Clinton Court, several inspections Colonial Estates, inspections at the old mill property, received complaints from tenants requesting inspection for code violations in their apartments, received two complaints with regard to burning.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Chief Mahar advised the Department has submitted a letter to Senator Bruno requesting funds to purchase a utility pickup, \$30,000 was awarded to the Dept. for this purchase. The Department received \$10,000 grant last year for the purchase of a thermal-imaging camera. Mayor advised he received a call from the Senator's office they are meeting and may be able increase the amount granted for the camera.

Chief Mahar advised the trucks have passed the pumping capacity tests that are required for insurance purposes.

Chief Mahar requested approval for reinstatement for Raylene Dunn.

Resolution reinstating Raylene Dunn in to the Stillwater Fire Department was moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar thanked the Board and DPW for their assistance during the convention; he is especially thankful for the remodeling of the upstairs meeting room and the new sign over the fire doors.

Mayor Martin stated he would like to commend the Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary for the work they did hosting the convention in the Village of Stillwater, he stated he enjoyed the parades and fire works. On behalf the Village Board of Trustees and the resident of the Village of Stillwater he would like to thank the Newland Wood Fire Company and the Ladies Auxiliary for a job well done. You made the Village proud!

Bill Mehan presented the Board with a copy of the memorial booklet.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun

CT Male is working at the water plant preparing the information needed for the backwash tank.

Having problems with the computer screen at the water plant again, they are shipping a new one, will install next week. Will work with company to fix the problems. #1 booster needed to be rebuilt. Hydrants have been painted. Met with ISO and reviewed system, will do flow testing when flushing in October. Budget information for auto read meters: range would be from \$120,000 to \$180,000, this would include all new meters, equipment to remote read and software for billing. It seems there may be grant money available to do this work, we would need to have the grant writer prepare an application.

Mr. Zecca is no longer interested in additional taps; Supt. questioned who would be responsible for providing contracts. Discussion was held regarding this issue. It was decided to review the Zecca contracts and the sample contracts.

Sewer – Kestner study is progressing well. There have been some issues with the clarifiers. The force main across the canal is broken will be fixed tomorrow. Getting prices to complete the forcemain project using directional boring. Waiting for ENCON approval before completion. There seems to be some concern regarding the upgrading of the pumpstations several years ago.

The stamped concrete process has been completed.

Would like to meet with Trustee Hanehan and Trustee Riccardi to review the final bill for the work done upstairs.

Converged Technology has repaired the telephone lines to the building.

Skutnisky drain line discussion about getting an extension.

Trustee Riccardi questioned if there were any more problems with the Castle Cliff pump station.

Mayor Martin advised he met with the Supervisor regarding the connecting of the new Arvin Hart Firehouse. He was told a letter requesting the connection would be sent to the Village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Raymond Walker – The joint Comprehensive Plan Committee is on vacation for the summer.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – nothing additional

Trustee Michael Hanehan – no joint water meeting this month. Spoke to Councilwoman Ronda regarding contracts with town residents, the contract does not transfer on the sale, the new owner would need a new contract. Hallum easement was signed by the Mayor and forwarded to Mr. Hallum along with the deed held in escrow.

MOTION to forward the budgeted amount to the Stillwater Community Center using the old contract format made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Discussion: Mayor not pleased with giving them the money. A committee was proposed with a member from the town, village, school and community center to discuss providing a program next summer.

Roll call vote: Trustee Murphy – yes
Trustee Walker – yes
Trustee Hanehan – yes
Trustee Riccardi –no

Motion carried 3-1

Trustee John Murphy: He stated he feels a discussion needs to be held regarding the Community Center situation the reason behind all of the resignations and what could be done. Met with Provident Development, they are expected to attend the August meeting with plans. We have submitted a grant application for main street planning. Trustee Murphy would also like an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Hallum easement covered and Arvin Hart Fire District connection covered.

CLERK-TREASURER – Margo Partak

Presented year end reports to the Board

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

Motion carried 4-0

No one wished to speak.

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

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Supt. Rathbun would like the Board to authorize preparing specifications for a new truck to replace the international. I would take 6 to 8 months to get a truck. Board approved bidding for a new truck, however it would be necessary to reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Mayor Martin requested the Board pass a resolution adopting the joint comprehensive emergency plan.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby adopt the Joint Town & Village of Stillwater Comprehensive Emergency Plan as presented at the June 2005 Village Meeting.

Resolution moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Cable Television Franchise – Trustee Walker will review the information and report back at the August meeting.

Fees & permit schedule: Board would like to hold a public hearing on this schedule at the August 16, 2005 meeting time: 6:00 p.m.

Joint Grants received regarding Brownfields & Capital District Regional Planning distributed.

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

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 31 & June 21, 2005 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$39,315.31
F	\$18,906.10
G	\$ 6,259.89
H	\$18,147.56

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

Community Center proposal to have a juvenile arson center. Discussion was held regarding this proposal, there is not enough information, Mayor will ask for clarification.

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 7:05 P.M. made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer