

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-AUGUST 16, 2005-6:00 PM.**

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

**ABSENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR**

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

Deputy Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Dave Meager, Adirondack Trust Insurance, gave a brief presentation with regard to the Village of Stillwater annual insurance renewal.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Blockhouse Committee was read, it explained they are having a problem with Canada Geese, they would like the Town & Village to consider various options to rid the property of the Geese. The Village Board feels this is Town property therefore it is a Town problem.

A letter from Andrea DiDomenico, Attorney for the Stillwater Fire District, was read. The letter is requesting a contract for the Fire District to connect their new firehouse to the Village of Stillwater sanitary sewer system.

A fax was received from the Department of State requesting the Board consider passing a resolution supporting the Collateral Source Bill. The Attorney will review and make recommendations.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Thomas Mellon**

The Building Code Officer has issued various permits during July and August, he advised he would be attending a seminar in Albany on August 31<sup>st</sup> at no cost to the Village.

**FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

There is an ongoing problem with a resident burning garbage, there is no village law regarding burning garbage only NYS regulations. Discussion was held. Mr. Mellon explained that part of the New York State Fire Code prevents open burning. Attorney Peluso stated the Village does have a law for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Attorney Peluso will research this issue. If this becomes a health related issue it could be referred to the Consolidated Health Board.

Chief questioned if there are any plans to replace entrance doors downstairs before keys are made.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun**

Water – installed a new screen at the water plant waiting to hear about the warranty, CT Male is working on the backwash tank, will flush hydrants next week, Town has requested this flushing. At the water committee meeting it was decided to purchase lawn signs to notify residents when flushing is taking place.

**MOTION** to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay the Town of Stillwater for half the cost of purchasing hydrant flushing lawn signs not to exceed \$400.00 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 4-0

Town has requested to connect to the City of Mechanicville, they are working near the main line and have been shutting it on and off, Supt. would prefer to have them complete their project then turn the water back on rather than continue to disturb the system.

Sewer – Kestner has promised an interim report in the next 2 weeks on the wastewater treatment capacity. The force main across the canal has been repaired;

the force main split has been approved by ENCON. Have been getting prices on directional boring.

Miscellaneous – installed crosswalk signs, working on Colonial in preparation for blacktopping, installed various no parking signs where needed.

#### PROVIDENT DEVELOPMENT GROUP - James Quinn

Mr. Quinn explained he met with Trustee Murphy & Trustee Walker to discuss the various options that the Board had requested they consider.

Mr. Quinn presented a slide show with two options:

##### Clinton Court Extension

Improve the roadway, resolve drainage problems, install a decorative entrance with sidewalks, improve the pumping station, provide community access to the proposed river walk.

##### Route 4&32 entrance

Decorative entrance with sidewalks, limited impact on Clinton Court, limited river access.

A resident questioned how many homes are now being proposed, it was explained they have not made a formal proposal but it would be approximately 60 homes.

Deputy Mayor Murphy explained that the Board held a workshop in May, as a result of this workshop a letter was sent to Provident with a list of things the Board would like to see included in their proposal.

Chief Mahar questioned the ability to access with fire equipment. It was explained emergency vehicles would have adequate access.

Other residents of Clinton Court arrived and the slide presentation was reviewed. They expressed concern that they have not been notified of meetings with Provident. They were told to contact the Clerk's Office periodically to see if Provident will be attending future meetings. Once a plan has been formally presented adjacent residents would be contacted to attend a public hearing.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Raymond Walker – Working on franchise agreement with TimeWarner, there are 3 components worth investigating, working with Mr. Flynt, he is compiling a list of things they would like. Working with Carol McTyge, senior consultant Dept of Public Services. They could have filmed the Fire Convention Parades for the Village as a free service.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Randy covered everything under his report.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Attended a joint water committee meeting, Village is entitled to \$500.00 per tap for the new construction on Stratton Lane, 4 homes have tapped in we will receive payment as soon as the Town has the funds. Trustee Hanehan questioned if any progress has been made with regard to installing new remote read meters. Supt. Rathbun explained there is grant money available through the New York State Archives. Trustee Murphy will contact DBS Planning Consultants regarding this type of grant application. Next Joint Water Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Discussion was held regarding the fee schedule, Trustee Hanehan feels the fees are too high. It was requested that Trustee Hanehan make suggestions for the Board to review.

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy stated the Mayor has requested an executive session meeting to discuss a personnel matter for Monday or Tuesday. Meeting was scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **ATTORNEY – James Peluso**

Attorney Peluso advised the Hallum easement has been signed will file. He explained he was contacted by Andrea DiDomenico regarding the Stillwater Fire

District request for a connection to the Village of Stillwater sanitary sewer system. He has drafted a contract to provide this connection.

**MOTION** to authorize a sewer connection to the Stillwater Fire District (Arvin Hart Fire Company) was made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: Trustee Hanehan questioned how this connection would be billed, should this be part of the other sewer district; another connection has been made to the Castle Cliff Sewer District without permission from the Board. Mayor has requested a letter be sent by the district several times. The Mayor has had a conversation with the Supervisor regarding this connection; Board needs information regarding this conversation. It was decided to have Trustee Riccardi contact the Chairman of the Town Sewer Committee to get some answers to questions from the Village Board before a contract is given to the Fire District.

Motion was tabled until the Board receives answers.

Attorney Peluso provided draft revised copies of water and sewer contract to be used for purchasers outside of the Village.

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Margo L. Partak

Mayor had conversations with a village resident regarding splitting their property; they called today and would like to split their lot into 3 parcels. Clerk questioned if this should be addressed under the Land Development Law. Discussion was held, Board would like more information, a survey and how they plan to provide water and sewer to the new lots.

Clerk questioned if the Board plans to hold public hearings on proposed local laws at the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding the various rates that would be changed proposed fees attached. Trustee Hanehan will make recommendations to the Board with regard to building permit fees

**MOTION** to accept the changes as discussed made by Trustee Riccardi seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

James Champlin resident of Colonial Estates thanked Trustee Hanehan for his stand on the building permit fees.

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

Motion carried 4-0

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Canadian Goose problem, Board feels this is a Town problem, it is a Town Park and a Town Building.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

2. Cable Franchise table until next month

**MOTION** to accept the Treasurer Report as presented made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from July 26, 2005 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A      \$16,065.11

F     \$ 8,219.21  
G     \$ 7,992.67  
H     \$ 747.78

Made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0 (Deputy Mayor Murphy abstained as he had not reviewed the bills)

**MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk - Treasurer