

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-AUGUST 18, 2009-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES, KENNETH BAKER, JOHN BASILE, KEITH COLLINS, ELLEN VOMACKA

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA, BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN; FIRE MARSHAL, PAUL O'KOSKY II; ERIC JOHNSON FROM THE CHAZEN CO

ABSENT: FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor read an invitation to attend the 60th birthday celebration of the Stillwater Free Library on August 29, 2009 from 2-4pm. The Stillwater Mechanicville Elks will hold an economic summit on September 17, 2009; time to be determined at a later date.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman

Mr. Goman reviewed his written report (copy on file). Trustee Vomacka said she had been approached by Mr. Blakeley who complained local youth continue to trespass at the home next door to him. Mr. Goman suggested the police be called; the Mayor asked Lynn to inspect the property and request the police accompany him.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar (absent)

Asst. Chief Jeff Mahar reviewed written report (copy on file)

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

Supt. Gerasia reviewed his report for the month (copy on file) EPA has agreed to pay for the use of our truck for sludge removal; the Supt. will put together a bill for the Clerk to send to Dave Rosoff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Basile – reviewed his written report (copy on file) highlighting Consent Order Actions, financing for the water project, and miscellaneous other issues related to I/I, backwash flows, and correspondence between DEC and Delaware Engineering.

Trustee Basile introduced Eric Johnson from The Chazen Companies to provide an update on the status of the Water Project. Preliminary drawings are available, 1B field effort is almost complete with no findings on County Rt. 76, Dunn Road and Dick Lynch Road should be done this week. Once alignment is finalized, work will begin on easements and subsurface investigations. Mr. Johnson advised the board Cold Spring Road would not require any additional work as the location was previously cleared with well documented findings. The schedule originally called for going to bid in late 2009 but now it appears we'll bid in January or February 2010 with construction beginning in the spring.

Trustee Keith Collins – expressed thanks to those working on the project including Supt. Gerasia and the DPW. Discussion held on the easement process.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – has been working with Eric Johnson regarding grant funding for park rehabilitation. Mr. Johnson explained the program is a 50-50 local match with a deadline of September 14 to apply. Supt. Gerasia commented the property is owned by the American Legion, not the Village, and Mr. Johnson said he would look into whether there would be a problem regarding ownership.

Jim Smith was contacted regarding creating a website for the Village with preliminary costs estimated as follows: \$10.00 per year host charge plus \$19.95 per month and a negotiable set up charge of \$600.00. The Board was encouraged to view the sites of Dunn Funeral Home, Mechanicville Chamber of Commerce and Assumption St. Paul

who all use Mr. Smith's services. The Mayor authorized Trustee Vomacka to investigate this option further.

MOTION to accept the proposal from Steve Streeter for building repairs made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Basile Discussion: As long as the cost is below \$20,000.00 we are not required to bid the project but if the Board wants, more quotes can be obtained although Wayne Donovan, who previously quoted the job, is no longer interested. Trustee Basile wants to be clear on exactly what work is included in the estimate as it appears the roof is excluded and replacement of the footing, if needed, is not addressed.

The motion was tabled pending further investigation and it was suggested Mr. Streeter attend a meeting with the Board to answer any additional questions. Supt. Gerasia stated if concrete is needed, the Village will purchase and confirmed repaving of the parking lot would be taken care of by the DPW via a sub contractor.

Trustee Ken Baker – no report

ATTORNEY - James Peluso – GE litigation, DOH correspondence, and easements will be discussed during Executive Session. Mr. Peluso advised the Board there is no requirement to bid surplus or obsolete equipment.

MOTION authorizing the Mayor to negotiate the sale of E59-3 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 4-0

CLERK-TREASURER – Patti Ryan

A proposal for \$1250.00 was received from GA Bove to relocate the furnace to accommodate the new fire truck. Supt. Gerasia asked why they weren't re-routing using the Clerk's furnace and the Mayor said he would contact Bove and request they meet with the Supt. before making a decision.

MOTION authorizing the Stillwater United Church to use Village roads for a 5k race to be held on August 20, 2009 at 9:00am made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

At the Mayor's request, Cornerstone Telephone was contacted to obtain the cost of installing a phone line in the former court office which is now being used by our code officers. Trustee Collins questioned why we aren't using Time Warner phone service and said if we were adding a new line, we should evaluate all options.

The Clerk requested the recent SEMO/FEMA reimbursement to the Fire Department be transferred to Fire Department Truck Reserve; the Board was in full agreement the money should remain in the General Fund at this time.

Material and labor costs were incurred to secure the property at 18 Yorktown Lane and the Board instructed the Clerk to send a bill to Wachovia Mortgage Corp.

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

Tim Campbell expressed concern regarding the width of the road in relation to the location of the new sidewalks and mailboxes. The Mayor advised the final drawings are not complete and the grant didn't address mailboxes.

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 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for refurbishment of sewer manholes along Colonial Road, south of Ten Broeck and along Ten Broeck in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins
Discussion: this is part of our I & I program, 13 structures need to be done which will save approximately 100,000 gals during high flow events

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to accept TCC's TSC0#4 to complete wetland permits for an amount not to exceed \$8,400.00 made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Basile
Discussion: This is not the same TSCO #4 that was rejected previously; it is a completely different proposal and a required part of the project.

Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Supt. Gerasia explained the SPDES flow relating to the Consent Order. The Mayor asked if the new rate would cause us to be in violation and the Supt. advised it would not, it's a better number.

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

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of July 21 and August 6, 2009 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

- A - \$ 7,969.75
- F - \$ 8,378.02
- G - \$ 3,861.52
- H - \$ 152,417.86

made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 8:30pm to discuss issues related to litigation with GE, personnel, and contracts.

Motion carried 4-0

Return to regular session

The Board authorized the Clerk Treasurer to accept the payment received from Water Customer #5.

MOTION authorizing payment of unused vacation and sick days to retired Clerk Treasurer Margo Partak made by Mayor Martin, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Ryan
Clerk-Treasurer