

**REGULAR MEETING-PUBLIC HEARING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-  
AUGUST 20, 2002-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR, JOHN MURPHY; TRUSTEES; JOHN TREACY AND RAYMOND WALKER**

**ABSENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; THOMAS KINISKY, TRUSTEE**

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

Deputy Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of the year 2002 to order. He read a copy of the notice published in the newspaper regarding this amendment to the vending law and explained the fees are increased from \$10.00 per day to \$25.00 per day and from \$50.00 annual fee to \$100.00 annual fee; this amendment also addresses noise generated while in a stationary mode.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

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Deputy Mayor Murphy called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Deputy Murphy explained that the Mayor is on vacation and requested the Deputy conduct the meeting in his absence.

**SUPT. of PUBLIC WORKS – Russell L. Laquidara**

Supt. Laquidara distributed his monthly report (copy on file) and advised that the blower pump at the water plant was replaced, he would like to rebuild or replace this pump so that we could always have a spare on hand. Deputy Mayor Murphy requested the Supt. get cost estimates for this and get back to him with the estimates. A&B filters need some work, they have a broken air wash grid, media will need to be pumped out to fix this problem, should also replace a couple of valves, waiting for a call from Tonka for a price. There was some vandalism at the Neilson Avenue Bridge, they caught the kids. The damage was not that costly, will prepare an estimate for the court. We are having some problems with the Case backhoe transmission, will have S.C.Hansen check out the problem. Trustee Treacy advised he would meet with Supt. Laquidara on Thursday to review anticipated projects and prepare a revised list for the Board.

Bruce Ringrose, Fraser Engineering

Re: Barbolt Court

Mr. Ringrose showed photographs that were taken when he visited the site on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The manhole on 4&32 at Barbolt Court was opened along with the manhole at the west end of Barbolt Court; the elevations of each were then shot. The difference in elevation is 1.44 ft the length of the line is 387 ft, the slope was determined to be less than it should be, this is causing part of the problem. The Zurlo home has never had a backup problem. Mr. Ringrose is not recommending that the line be excavated at this time. A large part of the problem is the lack of grade for the length of pipe. Nothing structural appears to be wrong that could be corrected by replacing the line. This line should be jetted out from time to time on a regular basis to keep the solids from settling out. The resident that is having the problem has a very long service connection that should be cleaned out from time to time also;

however, this would be the homeowner's responsibility. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this situation, it was decided that Mr. Ringrose would make recommendations for the Board by the end of the week or early next week.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk read a thank you note from the Stillwater Historical Society & Blockhouse Committee thanking the Village for the help provided when they attended the Parade in Schuylerville.

Clerk read a letter of thanks for the new sign in front of the Library.

Clerk advised she received a proposal from Cornerstone Telephone Company, they would like the Village to contract with them for their services. Clerk will invite representative to next meeting.

### **BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Martin Riccardi**

Heating, plumbing & insulation inspection, new home Colonial Estates; plan review, issued a permit for a new roof, Hudson Avenue; plan review, issued a permit for a garage conversion, Colonial Estates; foundation inspection for a garage, Russell Drive; footing and foundation inspection, new home Colonial Road, framing inspection, new home Colonial Road; framing inspection garage, Russell Drive.

Mr. Riccardi explained the modifications to the garage, Colonial Estates, he spoke to Mr. Carpenter regarding deed restriction in the development. Mr. Carpenter said as long as it has no kitchen it is okay.

Mr. Riccardi advised the Board he recently spoke to Mr. McClements and was advised that after the last rainstorm they did not have any water in their basement.

### **FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

Would like Board approval for a new/old member for the Fire Department.

Jack Bushell, probably Fire Police capacity only. If he would drive at all Board would like license check completed.

**MOTION** to approve Jack Bushell for the Fire Department contingent on license check with insurance company, made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 3-0

Chief Mahar advised the Department would be holding their annual tag day, Labor Day weekend with the Board's permission.

**MOTION** authorizing the Fire Department to hold their annual tag day Labor Day Weekend made by Trustee Walker seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 3-0

Chief Mahar advised the Department received money from New York State for the new air packs, the air packs are on the truck. The younger firefighters, Shane Mahar, Matt & Kevin Mehan are going to Oswego to Niagara Mohawk electric & gas schools for training fighting gas and electric fires.

The windows and screens upstairs have been fixed by the Fire Department; we do need to look at overhead door, north end, where new truck is kept.

Deputy Mayor Murphy requested Supt. Laquidara take care of that problem.

Chief Mahar and Trustee Walker are trying to set a date for visiting various locations to see how old fire apparatus are stored by other municipalities, would also like to hold an inspection of the Department for early fall.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Raymond Walker – Fire Department Internet connection completed.

Trustee John Treacy – advised the Board the new Grant person has started, his name is Matt Hess. The application for Downtown Revitalization has been submitted. We were notified that the HOME Grant Application was denied.

Trustee Thomas Kinisky – absent

Trustee John Murphy – annual drinking water report will be distributed via the Pennysaver this week. Mayor was instrumental in initiating a joint meeting with the Town of Stillwater to try to clear the air regarding the recent water problems that the Town has experienced. The Town retained their engineer to study the problems that they have had and the Village retained Tom Brewer to do a hydraulic study for our system at the recommendation of the New York State Health Department. Supt. Laquidara has been working very hard on this situation, it has become very evident that it is necessary to use the committee structure to make requests of the Supt. via Trustee Treacy so that different committees aren't sending him in a different directions at the same time.

Trustee Murphy requested that the Board prepare any information for the "Bits of Village News" that will be sent in the water bill envelope in October as soon as possible, no later than the next meeting. Chief Mahar will try to get something together about the steamer restoration. Supt. Laquidara will provide information regarding hydrant flushing.

Trustee Murphy advised that Mayor Martin was contacted by Mr. Flynt, Superintendent of Schools, regarding access to untreated water for irrigation of their playing fields, could we take one of our abandoned wells and somehow allow them to have a line run to their fields or would it be better to run a line and dry hydrant to the river. Supt. Laquidara stated the abandoned wells are in the pump room, sometimes in the summer there is a small amount of water, however the six inch pump is on top of these wells and he would not want to take the chance of finding 4-foot of water in that room some time. Chief Mahar stated he tried to talk the School Board into installing a dry-hydrant in the river when the elementary school was built and the School Board would not discuss this because they said it was cost prohibitive. Discussion was held regarding various options that may be available. Chief Mahar explained the concept of a dry hydrant, the pipe would need to be at the river where the dry hydrant is located, then pumped to the fields. Deputy Mayor Murphy will try to schedule a meeting with Mr. Flynt to discuss this issue.

**ATTORNEY** – William F. Reynolds

Supt. Laquidara questioned if the easement over Noonan property is ready for the sewer force main. He was advised that it was not prepared yet.

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Motion carried 3-0

No one from the public or press was present to speak.

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Motion carried 3-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** to adopt Local Law #3 of the year 2002 amending the vendor law was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 3-0

Deputy Mayor Murphy commended the Clerk-Treasurer for the amount of work that was required to respond to the request for information that was received from Paul Lilac. He wants the public to know how much work was involved in gathering the information requested.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report as presented was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2002 made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A	\$24,122.99
F	\$ 9,415.46
G	\$11,006.03

made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss a contract matter made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Treacy.  
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer