

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-OCTOBER 15, 2002-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, JOHN TREACY, RAYMOND WALKER
ABSENT: THOMAS KINISKY, TRUSTEE

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, MARTIN RICCARDI; FIRE CHIEF (assistant), JERI MEHAN

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense regarding a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. He would like authorization from the Board to sign this document.

MOTION authorizing the Mayor to sign the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 3-0

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Martin Riccardi

Plan review for a new home, Colonial Estates; footing inspection for a new home, Colonial Estates; plan review and issued a permit for a deck, Ten Broeck; plumbing and insulation inspection, new home, Colonial Estates; foundation inspection, new home, Colonial Estates; final inspection, issued a Certificate of Occupancy, new home, Colonial Road; heating and insulation inspection for an addition, Independence Row.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeri Mehan (for Jeff Mahar)

Assist. Chief Mehan brought two names to the Board for approval; they are Amy Van Arnum and Jacqueline Mastrocola. Assist. Chief Mahar questioned the status of work to be done to the upstairs meeting room. Trustee Walker clarified the work the Department would want completed. He advised they would want a new floor, sheet rock on walls, painting, some electrical should be redone and some outlets should be added. The Dept. has drop in lights for the ceiling.

The Board asked that the Fire Department Building Committee make a list of needs and wants, then meet with the Village Board Fire Dept. Committee to decide order in which to proceed. Committee will go with Chief and Assistant Chief November 2nd to see how other Departments store their antique fire apparatus.

Assistant Chief advised “Olde Tymer’s Night” is next Saturday, the Board is invited to attend.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell Laquidara

Absent due to water main break. Trustee Treacy advised the salt shed has been started should start the walls next week. The Dept. did a very good job getting the Village ready for the 225th Anniversary Parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy advised that the DPW has begun flushing hydrants, they had substantial water break at the north end of the Village today, which is now fixed, and will continue flushing tomorrow. Have been approached by Joan Ronda, Town Water Committee, Chairwoman regarding water and sewer for the Blockhouse. Would like to work with the Town to try to get water and sewer to this area. Former Supt. Rathbun had begun making plans, will meet with Supt. Laquidara and Mr. R. Rathbun, go over plans and come up with a strategy, run it by this Board and then

approach the Town Water Committee with the plans in hopes of resolving this issue. Trustee Murphy advised the Board that it is his understanding that the Town continues to purchase water from Mechanicville. The Board needs to decide how to bill the Town for the time they were connected to Mechanicville the end of June to the beginning of July. Discussion was held regarding how to proceed. It was decided to send a bill for the five days in June/July. It was also decided to bill for the current time they are connected to Mechanicville. The Board expressed concern regarding bond payments that are due in November.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to bill the Town of Stillwater for the days they were not connected to the Village water at an amount up to 130,000 gallons per day based on an average for the time prior to disconnection made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.
Motion carried 3-0

Trustee Murphy advised that Joe Zecca's connection has not been made, he has not furnished the necessary easements we requested. He would like to install the meter pit at the rear of his property.

Trustee Murphy reminded the Board that when we installed the water line along Colonial Road the Village & Town Water Committees met, the Town was asked if they wished to have laterals installed so that if someone ever wanted water in the Town the taps would already be installed. It was agreed that the Town would pay the Village \$2,000 per 8" lateral, Mark Minick, Supt. of Highways advised Supt. Rathbun where he wanted them installed. The Village inadvertently never billed the Town for these laterals. The Board authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to bill the town for the three (3) laterals at the agreed cost of \$2,000 each.

Trustee Raymond Walker – The Board conducted their annual inspection of the Firehouse on October 6th prior to the parade.

Trustee Murphy stated that the Committee led by Joan Ronda did a very good job with the parade.

Trustee John Treacy – On October 9th stood in for the Mayor at the School for a Media Center presentation. He explained. He advised the Board that Time Warner provides roadrunner free to the School. He distributed information from Time Warner. October 10th attended the Historical Society Meeting; two civil war re-enactors were present from the 77th NY Regiment, Bemis Heights. October 11th attended the Community Breakfast at the School with the Mayor; discussion period was held then a tour of the School was offered. October 13th attended the re-enactment of the 225th battles held in Fort Edward, there were 3,000 re-enactors from all over the world

ATTORNEY – William F. Reynolds

The water pump situation seems to be settled.

Mayor questioned if there was any new information regarding 42 S. Hudson. The attorney he has been in contact with does not own it yet, the owner has left town and the mortgage holder is trying to foreclose. Village should have Judge Cavotta issue a warrant to inspect the property.

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

Questions from the press were answered regarding the billing to the Town, the water break and it's affect on the water, the meeting at the water plant with Town & Village Engineers and both Supts. Village has also requested Health Department assess Village system and make recommendations. Trustee Murphy explained the improvements that have been made to the

system over the past several years and improvements that are to be made based on the recent hydraulic study.

Mr. Champlin questioned when Colonial Road would be repaired. He was advised it would not happen this year. He then requested that some patch work be done in that area. Board will request Supt. take care of this request.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bunce Lane storm drain-pipe is broken needs to be repaired or replaced. Board requested this be taken care of by DPW. Mayor will request Supt. replace the pipe.

OLD BUSINESS

Various issues with sewer line split need to be resolved so that this project could be completed.

Property owned by Village, Clinton Court. Mayor spoke to property owner who would like to purchase part of this property. Mayor feels it would not be a problem to sell a portion of this property. Proper paperwork and surveys must be completed by people requesting land. Discussion followed regarding how much land to sell and at what price. Mayor will contact residents to see how much they are willing to pay for this property.

Curb cut request from Charles Porter, area has been cleaned as Board requested. Board approved his curb cut, however, Trustee Murphy questioned if it could be a problem with New York State DOT.

Code Officer along with Engineer from Fraser and Associates inspected 145 Hudson Avenue. Sent findings to Mayor, who sent to property owners. They do not have money to hire an architect or make the repairs.

Trustee Murphy feels when you own a business you are responsible for maintenance and safety of that property. They accept rent and bear a responsibility to the tenants. Board requested this be turned over to the Village Attorney to proceed.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of September 17, 2002 Regular Board Meeting made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

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| A | \$11,450.92 |
| F | \$ 8,822.71 |
| G | \$85,674.76 |

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

MOTION authorizing the Treasurer to transfer \$500.00 from F8330.409 (water purification state testing) to F8330.425 (water purification lab fees) made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Russell L Laquidara

Water break has been repaired, tail gate on dump truck opened creating a mess on Hudson Avenue, will clean up tomorrow. Will continue flushing hydrants tomorrow. Concrete for salt shed is complete will back fill this week. Will be patching next week or following week. Will patch Colonial Road, install parking area on Major Dickinson Avenue and entry to salt shed. He advised Health Dept would be at Water Plant this week just to review present

procedures. They do this for all water treatment plants in New York State. No other meeting has been scheduled with Town Engineers. Supt. requested Tom Brewer be invited to future meetings regarding the Village water system. Well #3 screen has given out, should just close off and drill a new one when able. Well cleaning has been completed.

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 8:20 P.M. made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer