

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-OCTOBER 18, 2005-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – MICHAEL HANEHAN, MARTIN RICCARDI, RAYMOND WALKER

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

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Martin welcomed SRA Marc E. Muzio who recently returned from his 5th tour of duty in Iraq.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Village of Stillwater welcome SRA Marc E Muzio back from Freedom of Iraq

WHEREAS, your service to our country for our peace and freedom will never be forgotten by the people of our country and our community of Stillwater

WHEREAS your dedicated duty to the armed services and your fellow comrades in time of war and your bravery beyond the call of duty will always be appreciated by the United State of America, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village of Stillwater does hereby proclaim this day of October 18, 2005 as SRA Marc E. Muzio day in the Village of Stillwater and will be known forever in the minutes of the Village of Stillwater. With the best wishes of all the residents of the Village of Stillwater

Resolution moved by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Mayor Martin also recognized two village residents on their recent birthdays. Mrs. Bertha Wolff celebrated her 100th birthday in August and Mr. Anson Lawrence celebrated his 100th birthday in October. Mayor Martin on behalf of the village resident wished them much health and many more years to come.

SANITARY SEWER FORCEMAIN SPLIT – Award of Bid

Trustee Riccardi explained the bids were opened on Wednesday October 12th; they were then turned over to the Engineers to review for accuracy.

Eric Johnson, Chazen Engineering explained there is a request for a slight change in the wording of the bid document. The low bidder has requested the same unit price for all type of pipe installation. The modification is necessary or the contractor would be forced to withdraw his bid. This change would not make a significant difference in the bid amount. Mr. Johnson stated he felt this would not be a significant change that would require rebidding.

Discussion was held regarding the valve work to be done on Hudson Avenue. Mayor Martin will call engineer in the morning with the Board decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk read a letter from the Court with regard to the canceling of court for the month of November; the Justice will be having surgery.

Clerk read a letter from the Volleyball Booster Club requesting permission to hold a tag day in the Village on October 22nd.

MOTION to authorize the Stillwater Central School District Volleyball Booster Club to hold a tag day in the Village on October 22nd made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Thomas Mellon

Mr. Mellon reported that he issued 4 permits for the month, did several inspections and closed several permits.

FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar

Three new members for approval:

Josh Bruns, Jr. Member, Hudson Avenue

Rachel Waltz, Support membership

Michael Hammond, regular adult membership, Kellogg Road

MOTION to approve Josh Bruns, Rachel Waltz and Michael Hammond for membership in the Newland-Wood Fire Department made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Old Tymers is scheduled for October 29th, would like permission serve beverages. Several younger members will be covering any calls. Mayor would prefer to have Arvin Hart on stand-by as well.

MOTION to hold Old Tymers night upstairs on October 29, 2005 with refreshments made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Walker – yes
Trustee Hanehan – no
Trustee Riccardi – yes
Mayor Martin – yes

Motion carried 3-1

Chief Mahar explained that the Department has had some problems with the radios in the building. It was necessary to replace the radio cable and install a new wire to the radio. Discussion was held regarding these charges, with regard to the work that was done and the fact that a nail was driven through the radio cable.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

Supt. Gerasia presented a report of work completed during the month. Questions were asked and answered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Complimented the new Supt. and his work force for a job well done.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Met with a member of the committee regarding youth programs in the Town & Village, they are still compiling information.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Waiting for information from Peter Taubkin regarding the franchise fee. Received a call from a resident regarding her application for low income discount, she has been turned down because they said we do not have this discount in our area. Will also ask questions regarding this discount.

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

Motion carried 3-0

No one wished to speak from the public.

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

Motion carried 3-0

ATTORNEY – James Peluso

Mr. Peluso explained the easement from Mr. Hallum has been filed.

Have been investigating long term bonding for the new truck that is to be purchased.

Heard from Provident Development Attorney they will be returning to the Board with a proposal soon.

Supt. requested permission to price an electric toilet for the water plant since there is no restroom facility at the plant.

TREASURER REPORT – Margo Partak

Ms. Partak explained there is a cash flow problem in the water fund, there is a payment due to EFC of approximately \$33,000 for the water plant improvements and we do not have the money and will not have the money until the Town is billed in November, the Board needs to advise where to get the money.

MOTION authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money from the General Fund to pay the EFC payment with the money paid back when the next payment is received from the Town of Stillwater made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

It was explained that the heat in the main building is not working, discussion was held, it was decided to use some of the money from Saratoga County.

MOTION to appropriate \$8,875.00 from the money received from Saratoga County increasing estimated revenue H2770 and appropriation H1620.2 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Discussion was held regarding what work was to be done for this amount of money.

Motion carried 3-0

Colonial Road Streetlight, trees cut back allowing existing lights to illuminate the roadway. Trustee Hanehan would like NYSEG to attend a meeting regarding the request to change the lights to the new more efficient streetlights. Mayor Martin will contact NYSEG to see if he could get someone to attend the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The public was advised that Broughton Lane and Colonial Road would be paved beginning October 28th. Supt. would like to change the stop sign location. Would need to change the local law to change the position of the stop sign.

Mayor advised that the man that did a painting of the firehouse has stated he would be willing to offer the painting to the Village for \$1,000. The Board decided that the price was more than they could afford, it was decided to make him an offer.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer contract with Arvin Hart, no contact has been made since last meeting.

Cable TV Franchise, Board would not want to see an increase to residents.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of September 20 and 28, 2005 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

- A \$15,935.04
- F \$13,150.55
- G \$ 7,509.91

Made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 P.M. made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to accept the bid for the sanitary sewer force main submitted by Nelson Yager, with modifications, in the amount of \$108,950 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Discussion: It was decided that it would be necessary to keep a very close watch over this job.

Roll call vote: Trustee Hanehan – yes

Trustee Riccardi – yes

Trustee Walker – yes

Mayor Martin – yes

Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Murphy arrived at 8:15 P.M.

MOTION to adopt a resolution to bond an additional \$50,000 for the force main project was made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Discussion: additional bonding due to cost of project being higher than anticipated.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to pay the additional invoices for work to the Fire Department radios made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk