

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-OCTOBER 20, 2009-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES, KENNETH BAKER, JOHN BASILE, KEITH COLLINS, ELLEN VOMACKA

ALSO PRESENT: SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA, BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN; FIRE CHIEF SHANE MAHAR; FIRE MARSHAL PAUL O'KOSKY II

ABSENT: MAYOR ERNEST MARTIN, ATTORNEY JAMES PELUSO

Deputy Mayor Basile called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., led the Pledge to the Flag, and spoke about the Mayor's medical situation stating our prayers are with him and we wish him well.

The Deputy Mayor read the legal notice for the public hearing to amend Local Law #1 of the Year 2007. Motion to open the floor for public comment made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

Questions from the public were answered clarifying the need to appoint a Fire Marshal. Motion to close the floor made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Mayor read an invitation to an open house at the Saratoga National Historical Park on Saturday, October 24 from 3pm – 5pm

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman
Mr. Goman reviewed his written report (copy on file)

FIRE MARSHAL – Paul O'Kosky II
Mr. O'Kosky reviewed his inspection efforts and advised he's having difficulty getting people to respond to his requests for inspections. The Mayor has a press release that hasn't been issued yet and the Clerk was asked to follow up on it.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar
Chief Mahar reviewed his written report (copy on file) and provided an update on the current status of the 1975 Maxim. The estimate to repair was excessive and the Mayor directed the Chief to investigate the cost to purchase a replacement. Preliminary estimates range from \$225,000 to \$325,000 which would be for a basic truck with customization needed due to the size of our garage. A lengthy discussion took place regarding less expensive options and writing specs and soliciting official bids.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia
Supt. Gerasia reviewed his report for the month (copy on file) and discussed defective meters as well as a faulty hydrant at Stratton Lane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Basile – reviewed his written report (copy on file) and spoke about the deadlines agreed to in our recent response to DEC. EFC notified the Village we're eligible for interest free financing based on our hardship application for the connection to SCSD which we will not be accepting as we currently have a flow limit we expect to be able to comply with.

Trustee Keith Collins – currently working on easements with the engineer and attorney.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – updated the Board on the Sidewalk Project and advised she will have more information after meeting with DOT engineers on October 22.

Discussion regarding expected final costs, sump pump discharge, and location of mailboxes.

Trustee Ken Baker – no report

ATTORNEY - James Peluso – Absent

CLERK-TREASURER – Patti Ryan

The Clerk read a letter from the owner of 11 Kellogg Road requesting termination of the water account for his trailer. Deputy Mayor Basile stated we need to look at the law, if it's not prohibited, the meter can be removed.

W/S Account 410110 showed usage of 69,400 gallons of water and the owner claims the property was vacant. The DPW went back to re-read the meter and it appears the first reading contained an extra zero.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to adjust Account 410110 to a minimum bill made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Collins
Motion carried 3-0

W/S Account 490041 was billed for 141,710 gallons with 126,710 of those representing approximately two weeks of usage on an old meter that was removed 4/7/09. That meter is gone; there is no way to check the final reading. The Clerk advised the average usage for this property is 24,800 gallons.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to adjust Account 490041 to usage of 24,800 gallons made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Collins
Motion carried 3-0

Questions about flood plains and elevations were asked and answered. Discussion was held on where sidewalks will go and what utilities will be affected.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Vomacka advised an account needs to be set up to pay the monthly fee associated with the website

MOTION authorizing the use of electronic transfer to pay website fees made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to solicit bids on the purchase of a new fire truck made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Baker Discussion: Specs are needed, remodeling the garage to accommodate a standard truck should be considered, and comprehensive search for a used vehicle should be done.
Motion defeated 1-2

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to approve Local Law No. 2 of the year 2009 made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Collins
Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Collins – Aye
Trustee Vomacka – Aye
Trustee Baker – Aye
Deputy Mayor Basile – Aye

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes of September 15, 2009 as amended made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A - \$ 5,884.60
F - \$ 53,682.93
G - \$ 85,188.55
H - \$ 33,917.70

made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 9:00pm to discuss a personnel issue and litigation with GE made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

Return to regular session at 9:35pm

Superintendent Gerasia is authorized to use 2 days of comp time and 3 days of personal time for the week of October 26 through October 30, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Basile misunderstood the result of the vote to approve bidding on a new fire truck. Trustee Vomacka and Trustee Baker both voted aye, Trustee Collins voted nay.

MOTION is therefore carried 2-1

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Vomacka
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Ryan
Clerk-Treasurer