

**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING-OCTOBER 21, 2003-7:00 PM  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, DM, MICHAEL HANEHAN, MARTIN RICCARDI, RAYMOND WALKER**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F. REYNOLDS; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, KENNETH PATENAUDE; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR**

Deputy Mayor John Murphy explained that Mayor Martin is at another meeting and should arrive shortly. He then called the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of the year 2003 to order at 7:00 P.M. and read the notice that was published in the newspaper.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 4-0

James Champlin, Colonial Estates questioned the reason to make Palmer Street no parking. Deputy Murphy explained, he was approached by a citizen requesting no parking and after researching the problem that parking creates it was decided to hold a public hearing amending the traffic law.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**SPECIAL GUESTS – Cadet Girl Scout Troop 641**

Mayor Martin turned the floor over to the Girl Scouts – they explained they are a Cadet Troop attempting to achieve the highest award given which is a Silver Award. They plan to team up with the local Historical Society, take pictures of all of the houses in Stillwater, research their past including original photos of the homes. They would do a presentation of their project.

Mayor Martin said the concept sounds good to him. He requested they send a letter of their plans for contacting homeowners for permission and other details of their project.

Mayor Martin thanked them for coming before the Board with their request.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Martin read a letter from Mr. Flynt regarding a traffic safety meeting to discuss the area near the Stillwater Central School. DOT will be installing new safety signs in the area notifying of a school zone. They are also working on getting flashing lights installed.

Mayor Martin read a letter regarding the results of the Saratoga County request for disaster assistance from FEMA. The request was denied.

Mayor Martin read a letter from Justice Cavotta requesting permission to be placed on the agenda for the November 2003 meeting to discuss some changes that need to be made regarding the bench for court nights.

Mayor Martin read a letter from Jessemyn Russell thanking the Village for the sign recognizing her accomplishments at the NYSPHS Championship winning the Pentathlon for 2003.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Kenneth Patenaude**

Mr. Patenaude explained he has two concerns to bring before the Board.

- 1.) The owners of 18 Russell Drive have done some excavating and there is obvious debris old automobiles have been exposed. He explained

that he is trying to reach the owner of the property. He would like to have the Village DPW secure the area. Trustee Walker stated the residents of the area have expressed concerns.

- 2.) 42 Hudson Avenue, Mr. Reynolds received notice from the Attorney for lien holder. They have done some work to secure the area and are requesting an extension of 5-6 weeks to complete securing the area. Mr. Patenaude stated he would give them to the end of the month, then have the DPW complete the job. Attorney Reynolds will contact attorney and have owner meet with Mr. Patenaude.

**FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

Chief Mahar presented the name of Donald Houle for membership in the Department.

**MOTION** to approve Donald Houle as a member for the Newland-Wood Fire Department made by Trustee Walker seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar explained the Department has had some considerable maintenance issues on the ETA. The Grumman Van needs to have a spring replaced. The electric door opener to the boat bay is no longer usable. Chief Mahar has quotes for work on all of the doors, including adding electric openers for the rear doors. To replace the existing opener would be \$418.00. All of the doors were adjusted while they were here.

Board will review accounts to see what can be done this fiscal year.

“Olde Tymer’s Night” has been scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>, Board is welcome.

Would like permission to serve refreshments.

**MOTION** to authorize Department to have liquid refreshments to be served providing Arvin Hart is on stand-by for any calls received made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Roll call vote: Trustee Murphy – yes  
Trustee Walker – yes  
Trustee Riccardi – yes  
Trustee Hanehan – no

Motion carried 3-1

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun**

Water – The hydrants were flushed last week, everything went well. Three hydrants on Colonial Road have been replaced. The generator at the water plant is operational. Additional ductwork is to be installed. Working with the Health Department to do some testing of wells closest to the river. Well #8 was installed in 1996; ENCON is reviewing the permit and has some questions.

Sewer – pump station Barbolt Court, 2 options; a one pump station \$3,000 or two pump station for \$7,500, would run all sewerage to pump station then pump to force main. This should alleviate problems that exist. We have been experiencing some problems with the main pumpstation, would like to establish a yearly maintenance program with Smith & Loveless, this could catch problems before they become major. Would like to budget this expense next year.

Colonial Road – gravity sewer is install to the playground, force main is also installed to playground. Hope to pave with a base coat late next week, Wednesday or Thursday. Will be installing drainage this week. After paving is finished will tie in driveways and finish shoulders.

Some extensive equipment maintenance has been done. Reviewing supplies to see what is in stock and what is needed.

Lake Street Project – working with Engineer, should go out to bid within the next two weeks, construction to begin this fall with completion some time in December.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Trustee Hanehan congratulated the DPW on the work they have done on Colonial Road.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Request for quotes for light poles and lights have been received from three suppliers, will meet with Matt Hess to review and make a decision.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Comprehensive Plan, have been working with County Planning Department preparing a map to use. Will not identify water or sewer plants due to terrorist issues.

Trustee John Murphy – Spoke to Bruce Ringrose and Ken Retundo, Provident Development Group regarding the intergenerational housing project. Requested developer contact engineer for village with questions. Approximately 50% of the housing re-hab grant has been expended to date. We received a \$39,000 check from the Town in settlement for the water dispute. Have suggested we hold off purchasing the elevation valve for the water tank until the ductwork can be completed at the water plant. Then we should have the engineer prepare specifications for the elevation valve that is to be installed.

**ATTORNEY** – William F. Reynolds  
Nothing at this time.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.  
Motion carried 4-0

Paul Conley, TenBroeck Street – stated sign on corner of Hudson Avenue & TenBroeck Street is misspelled.  
Mayor requested DPW check this out.  
Mr. Conley addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Village being non-partisan. He expressed his displeasure with the members of the Village Board openly supporting a political candidate for office using their title as a member of the Village Board.

Lisa Sabatino-McIntyre, Colonial Road – questioned why, in March 2003 the water rate was increased, but the increase was not used in the billing until October 2003.  
It was explained that the Village must notify the Town six months in advance of an increase in rates.

James Champlin, Colonial Estates – Mr. Champlin questioned the Mayor regarding a conversation he had about a sign that is on a lawn. He had not heard anything from the Mayor in response to his questions. Mayor Martin explained he did not respond because he forgot.

Michael Hanehan, Jr., Kellogg Road (Town resident) – spoke to the Board regarding his displeasure with the Board regarding the recent signs that were erected in the Village supporting a political candidate. He requested the Board remove the signs  
Mayor Martin declined to remove his sign.

Josef Mueller, Colonial Road (Town resident) – Mr. Mueller read a prepared statement regarding being a taxpayer of the village for 38 years, he made comments regarding his displeasure with the Board members lending their names to political signs, he also spoke regarding village water problems, which he heard about over the years. He applauds the Village efforts to improve the water.

Leigh Hornbeck, Times Union – Ms. Hornbeck questioned the Board regarding the status of the Stillwater Landing Project. Trustee Murphy explained that the Local Law dealing with Commercial Parks and Estates was not being followed entirely and the developers were advised to contact our engineer with questions.

Mr. Champlin questioned the status of the Skateboard Park Grant. It was explained that the students were to prepare a plan along with the architect and get together to finalize the project. We are still looking for a location. He also questioned if Mr. Rathbun was employed full-time. It was explained that he is the Superintendent part-time. He questioned what would be done with the money that was received from the Town. It was explained that the immediate use would be to pay the water project bond and it would allow the village to continue with the planned improvements.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 4-0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing was brought before the Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Martin advised the Board that the Town has submitted the \$39,000 settlement payment for the period of time they were disconnected from the village as their main water source. The Mayor questioned the status of Barbolt Court sewer work; it was explained that would be the next project for the DPW after the completion of Colonial Road. Supt. Rathbun explained there is still some planning to be completed, this is being done. Mayor Martin thanked Trustee Hanehan for his effort on Colonial Road. The Board continued to table the Motion to adopt the moratorium.

### **CLERK-TREASURER REPORT – Margo L. Partak**

Clerk-Treasurer explained that when preparing bills for the October 1<sup>st</sup> billing there was a problem with one reading, it was entered incorrectly. We have had the meter reader verify the correct reading would like authorization from the Board to adjust the bill.

**MOTION** authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the October Water & Sewer Billing for 38 Russell Drive to the correct reading made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to accept the Treasurer Report as presented made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of September 16, 2003 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A	\$25,862.61
F	\$41,656.71
G	\$85,166.38
H	\$ 5,283.09

Made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss contracts made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to return to regular session at 9:00 P.M. by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the Local Law amending the Traffic Law to prohibit parking on Palmer Street made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Discussion: Trustee Riccardi spoke to several residents of Palmer Street, workers at the bus garage and people associated with the church. They were of the opinion that there are two different issues 1. The traffic on the street, 2. Residents being able to get out of their driveways. A suggestion of no parking Monday-Friday 7-9am and 2-4pm, this would allow buses to access without a problem, but it would also allow resident use of the street. Trustee Hanehan questioned if people would pay attention to the new law. He feels it should either be no parking or leave it the way it is. It was decided to table this issue.

#### **HEATING BIDS FOR 2003/04**

The Board only received one set of bids for providing #2 fuel oil & LP gas for the 2003/04 heating season.

#2 Fuel oil	\$1.119	
Mixed fuel	\$1.319	
LP gas	\$1.199	
Maintenance contracts		\$369.90 each fuel.

**MOTION** to accept the bid submitted by G.A.Bove & Sons for the 2003/04 heating season made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer