

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-OCTOBER 21, 2008-7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN BASILE, KENNETH BAKER, RAYMOND WALKER ABSENT: JOHN MURPHY

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, LYNN GOMAN

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read a letter from the owner of 213 N Hudson Ave stating the water was turned off when the property was demolished and requesting the water/sewer account be terminated. Discussion was held on the water regulations which state customers will receive a minimum bill unless they request, in writing, to terminate their account. Mayor will call the owner tomorrow and explain that two w/s bills are outstanding and must be paid and that the account may be terminated but will be subject to a \$300 reconnection charge as well as a \$300 charge for a new meter.

MOTION to allow Account 410213 be permitted to disconnect from service for the duration of time no building is on the property made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 3-0

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman

One permit and two c/o's issued, a stop work order issued for 299 Hudson Ave, the south building was released but the stop work continues on the north building. Two violation letters were sent with both owners complying with the request to mow and clean up their properties. The Fire Department is installing a slab for the steamer building but it appears setbacks will not comply with zoning. Trustee Walker will review the law and advise Mr. Goman on what is required.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

Chief Mahar distributed his monthly report (copy on file).

MOTION to approve a change of status for Jessica Dunn from active to support made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve removal of Doreen Doesburg from rolls made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

The Chief will be working with BCO Goman and Joe Fitzpatrick on the steamer building and hopes to have the slab poured and the building framed before snowfall. The dunking booth was vandalized for the second time in 2 months with an expected repair cost of \$200.00. Trustee Walker questioned why no security cameras have been installed and the Supt. agreed to get estimates for proper cameras. Fire prevention week was successful and two firefighters, Tracey Cancilla and John Demers, have completed training.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

The Supt. reviewed his report (copy on file).

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

Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Fred Myott questioned the proposed change to the local law regarding set backs from intersections and was advised the current law states 20' and is not changing. Mr Myott expressed concern about the effect prohibited parking would have on his

business and asked when the public hearing would take place if he wanted to make further comments.

Ronda Nyland asked what the Board would require to remove and replace the trailer at 5 Ferry Lane and was advised to start with a building permit and work with Mr. Goman to comply.

Mr. Jim Champlin questioned the removal of the stop sign on Major Dickinson and Supt. Gerasia explained his crew got ambitious and took it down. He asked for more information about the County sewer and Trustee Basile said he would discuss under his report and would answer questions at the time.

Mr. Paul Grady spoke about property he owns at 226 N Hudson Ave and asked if he would be required to purchase a new meter as the building is a camp, not a residence and each fall he pulls and drains the current meter. The Board agreed Mr. Grady should contact the DPW and they will remove his meter and store for the winter.

Christine Hamil has owned property on Riverside Drive for the last two years but was not aware she should have been calling in meter readings and is now concerned about the large discrepancy between what's been estimated and what is actual. Discussion was held on the amount of usage now that a valid reading is available and Ms. Hamil was advised to purchase a new radio read meter to avoid future estimates.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk to adjust Account 590022 to a minimum bill made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

Questions were answered regarding who will need to purchase new meters and how to obtain information and the Supt. described the benefits of installing new meters.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Basile – Reviewed his report (copy on file) and answered question from Mr. Champlin regarding County sewer.

Trustee Raymond Walker – ZBA continues to meet and would like to attend the County Planning Conference. Satellite maps of the village will be provided by the County.

Trustee Ken Baker – no report

Trustee John Murphy – absent

CLERK-TREASURER - Margo L. Partak

Account 500001 disputed their bill stating the apartment is vacant and therefore impossible that 94,000 gallons of water could have been used. The meter was sent back to EJP to be tested and was found to be accurate. The interim meter registered 3,000 gallons in a week therefore it was agreed a leak is responsible for the high usage and no adjustment is authorized.

No account has been set up for 10 Russell Drive and no bill was sent. The DPW is unable to access the meter and there is no outside reader. The Supt. spoke to the owner in FL to request entry and the Clerk asked to be given a reading as soon as possible.

Account 520036 was billed for usage of 77,000 gallons, the owner found no leaks and believes the meter is faulty. The Clerk requested the DPW return to the residence tomorrow so this issue can be settled.

Account 600013 asked to have their meter tested as there were several reasons usage should have been less. The Clerk researched the account which showed past usage has been considerably higher and doesn't feel there is any problem with the meter.

The Clerk explained there isn't enough money in the Water Fund to cover the upcoming payment due to EFC nor the current month's invoices. Discussion was held on how much is needed and the best way to borrow.

MOTION authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to proceed with the paperwork necessary to borrow \$100,000.00 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Mr. Peluso stated this discussion should take place in Executive Session
Motion tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Traffic Law – The Clerk called General Code but has not heard from them, Mr. Peluso wants to proceed with the currently revised law and sees no need for us to codify. Trustee Walker shall be the point person so this issue can be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to lower the curfew on 10/31/08 to 9:00pm made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Discussion: According to Mr. Peluso we would need to amend the law to change; motion withdrawn.

Trustee Basile advised Malcolm Pirnie has installed test wells at the water plant site and read from the Quality Assurance Project Plan from EFC. No money is or will be available from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund nor the Drinking Water Revolving Fund as all money is being allocated to the Bronx.

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

MOTION to approve the minutes from September 16, 2008 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3 -0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A - \$11,992.01

F - \$46,711.52

G - \$81,245.85

made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer