

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-NOVEMBER 21, 2006-7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, LYNN GOMAN; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA  
HISTORIAN & DEPUTY HISTORIAN – LINDA SANDERS & LINDA PALMIERI**

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

**HISTORIAN REPORT – Linda Sanders**

Ms. Sanders gave a brief report of activities from her office. She advised that the town recently lost its oldest citizen; she was the holder of the Golden Cane which will now be passed on to the next oldest living person in the Town or Village. She stated that the Town of Stillwater is the only town in Saratoga County that continues this tradition. The oldest person now living is 101 years old, he is a village resident, Anson Lawrence.

Historians Office was invited to present a display at the Saratoga Lake Association meeting, we were pleased to provide much information regarding our community. We have been in contact with the new owners of the Smith Building regarding the history of the building. She stated there are many very important sites within the Town & Village of Stillwater; we have been working to gather as much information as possible with regard to these sites.

**DEPUTY HISTORIAN – Linda Palmieri**

Ms. Palmieri gave a brief report from the summer season at the Blockhouse, the number of visitors were up from the prior year. She explained the various activities with which she is involved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Martin read a letter from Anthony Cavotta advising he would not seek re-election for Village Justice in March 2007.

Mayor Martin read a letter from Bertie Mang advising that she would be resigning as Court Clerk effective March 31, 2007.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman**

Issued two new permits – 1 roof; 1 interior Sonny's Restaurant, completed several inspection; have successfully completed 5 courses as Code Enforcement Officer.

**FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

Report on file

Recently went to the County Training Tower with Arvin Hart & City of Mechanicville Fire Departments. We had a very successful day.

Majority of Department have completed required training for NIMS, he will provide a list for the board.

Saratoga County dispatching will be slowly transferred to digital dispatching. The Village Department will need to assess each street and the type of structures that are located there. The Department will be conducting this assessment over the next few months.

The Fire Department has received a donated monument to be erected near the Village sign in front of the firehouse. A plaque dedicated to fallen members is being made. This should be installed in the next couple of months.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia**

Report on file – cleaned out sludge holding tank; took down flags & banners for the winter months checked out Russell Drive sewer, had to be jetted out again; doing maintenance on village vehicles during the rain days; broken pavement Clinton Ct. has been repaired; vacuumed leaves from village streets; since last January we have had 50.5 inches of rain.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Murphy – thanked Attorney & Trustee Walker for handling the resolutions as the last meeting; NKT Land Acquisitions, Inc. has exhausted the deposit for Attorney & Engineering fees, it has been requested they forward another \$1,500 for additional expenses.

Trustee Raymond Walker – Zoning Commission has compiled a rough draft for public input, the next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M., the public and Board are invited and encouraged to attend to provide suggestions.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – we continue to wait for a response from DEC with regard to additional sewer connections; will again be purchasing the evergreen kissing balls for the street lights; Supt. advised he would be purchasing lights for the poles also.

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Festival of Trees at the Community Center, we have no tree feel we should purchase a new tree to be used for the Festival of Trees.

**MOTION** to purchase a new tree from the Festival of Trees at a cost not to exceed \$200.00 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 4-0

Mayor will notify Director that we will again participate.

October water billing issues:

Acct# 410249: concern with amount of water used, meter was tested found to be registering high, a new meter was installed, would like to adjust the cost of the meter the excess amount paid for October usage.

**MOTION** to adjust the cost of a new meter for account number 410249 to \$115.85 a reduction of \$84.15 overpayment for usage on the October water bill made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 4-0

Acct. # 620025: many estimated readings, have received an actual reading which is in excess of the reading we have in the computer, over the period since the last actual reading many times no additional usage was added to the computer even though the property owner was required to pay for 10,000 gallons of water, would like permission to adjust the prior reading to the one we recently were able to obtain.

**MOTION** to adjust the prior reading on account #620025 to the actual reading of 462.600 gallons made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Discussion: it was decided that a meter pit must be installed before the water could be turned back on in the residence.  
Motion carried 4-0

Various new owners: several bills were mailed on October 1<sup>st</sup> to former owners of property; new owners were sent a copy of the bill in November as they are responsible once they take ownership. Requesting permission to extend penalty time an additional 30 days so they can pay the money owed.

**MOTION** to extend the penalty time for new owners of property that transfers were received after the October billing was sent made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

Clerk advised on Monday an envelope was received that had nothing inside as the top and bottom were cut open. The envelope was discarded and on Tuesday a check & bill stub were received from the postal service stating they were found loose in the mail. Would like permission to accept without penalty as we do not know when it was sent.

**MOTION** to accept the payment from account 420005 with no penalty due to circumstances explained made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

Account # 530004 has requested permission to make payments for the water & sewer for 2006 due to the size of the bill. Discussion was held regarding this issue, Board is not in favor of allowing partial payments as it would set a precedent.

**MOTION** to deny request for partial payment, Mayor Martin will write a letter to the property owner stating the Boards decision made by Trustee Hanehan seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 4-0

Supt. Gerasia advised he sent a set of bid specs to “infinigy engineering” for a new meter reading system for their review.

**ATTORNEY** – James Peluso  
Item for Executive Session

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Margo Partak  
Request an amendment to the Community Development Budget to pay Laberge Group for the Zoning Plan for the Village.

**MOTION** to amend the Community Development Budget appropriating \$18,500 for account CD8684.4 (management & development) money to come from loan repayment fund balance made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

Due to pump rental for Clinton Court the sanitary sewer equipment repair budget is overspent would like permission to transfer \$2016.00 from I&I Removal to that account.

**MOTION** to transfer \$2016.00 from G8120.402 to G8120.404 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.  
Motion carried 4-0

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

No one wished to speak

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stewart sent a claim for sewer backup into their basement. Amount of claim is \$1,103.19. Supt. explained the situation; DPW was called to jet out main line due to grease buildup. Mr. Stewart claims the sewer was coming in around his lateral. No other homes in the area have claimed any problem.

Discussion with the Board continued.

Attorney Peluso recommended the Mayor contact Adirondack Trust Insurance advise a claim has been made ask how to proceed.

Trustee Walker will prepare a request that residents cease putting grease in the sewer line; the DPW will deliver door to door.

Mayor Martin advised he received a response from DOT denying his request for a traffic signal at the corner of Lake & Hudson Ave and also at the Stillwater Bridge Road.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor commended the DPW on the work they did helping the American Legion with their new Veteran's Memorial.

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

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from October 17, 2006 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Discussion: Trustee Murphy questioned the motion for shared municipal services. The Mayor explained.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A	\$30,969.26
CD	\$ 4,510.00
F	\$10,281.36
G	\$ 8,499.05
H	\$ 942.38

Made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 8:05 p.m. made by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to name Trustee Murphy as the person to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees with regard to the Small Cities Loan that is currently in default and the Grant money that needs to be repaid to the village made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer