

**SPECIAL MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-DECEMBER 3, 2002-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN MURPHY, THOMAS KINISKY, JOHN TREACY, RAYMOND WALKER**

**ALSO PRESENT: SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RUSSELL L LAQUIDARA**

**PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES**

Mayor Martin opened the meeting stating that he feels the Board needs to discuss some type of planning for the future of the Village, there seems to be many small businesses opening throughout the Village with no consideration for location.

Discussion was held regarding the junkyard law with regard to used car lots.

Trustee Kinisky stated he advised the Beautification Committee at the last meeting that he would bring the issue of zoning to the Village Board. He feels the Board should meet with someone who is able to advise how to proceed, discuss some type of planning for the future of the Village. Discussion was held regarding possible problems that might not have to comply due to existence prior to the law taking effect. Mayor Martin suggested the village enact a moratorium on any new uses throughout the village.

It was decided that Mayor Martin would contact the SEDC request someone meet with the Village Board to discuss their concerns and how to proceed. The Board would like to hold a workshop some time in January.

Trustee Murphy will compile materials he has in his files from past research into this issue. He stated he is very gun-shy because he expended a considerable amount of time in the past, under the direction of the Board. After the Board voted to enact this a large group of residents, who were very much against it, attended a Board meeting and their reaction caused the Board to reverse their decision. He stated he is not willing to revisit this issue unless the entire Board understands how controversial this issue could become. Mayor will get a couple of dates from SEDC and get back to the Board.

**WATER**

Trustee Murphy stated there is a 2-page article in the Express this week. Will provide Board with a copy of the packet that was distributed to the press during their tour of the water plant.

He advised the Clerk-Treasurer has prepared estimates of revenues we would receive from semi-annual billing of Village residents and Hillside along with an estimate of revenue we are losing during the time the Town of Stillwater is connected to the City of Mechanicville system. She prepared some estimates of what we would receive if the rates were increased various amounts. He explained the most difficult part of the problem is we do not know when or if the Town will come back to village water. This could become a serious problem for our water fund.

Trustee Kinisky suggested that we get the Engineers from both municipalities involved again. Trustee Kinisky would like to have several areas throughout the Village and Town tested for chlorine residuals. The test results would probably support the Village. Discussion was held regarding whether we would want other testing completed at that time. It was decided that Trustee Murphy will contact the Engineer and have him contact the Town Engineer to request chlorine residuals be taken at various locations in the Town water district before the chlorine injectors are installed.

The Mayor advised the Board that our Attorney suggested that the Mayor contact the Supervisor to have a one on one discussion to try to determine when the Town would be returning to Village water. The Board would like the Mayor to try this approach. It was also suggested that perhaps the two water committees could meet. The Board has many questions regarding the rate the Town is paying the City and if any contracts exist. It was decided that the Mayor would FOIL request the rate the Town is paying to the City of Mechanicville for water, also any contract that might exist. This should help us have a better understanding of this situation.

Mayor Martin will contact NYCOM, discuss the problem as it exists and see if they could give an opinion whether mediation, arbitration or a lawsuit would be the best approach regarding the situation. He will also contact the Village Attorney to discuss how much this type of litigation could cost the Village.

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Beaver Dam: There have been articles in the newspapers regarding this problem. They have provided us with alternative ways to deal with the dam. The Supt. contacted ENCON and the nuisance permit is in the mail. The trapper will contact the Supt. when trapping season begins, he will trap and dispose of the beavers per the nuisance permit. It appears that trapping is the best solution for the Village.

John Treacy requested information from the Superintendent regarding items not accomplished this year.

Drain behind Post Office: Supt. explained the reason for not doing this job, the power plant needs to be shut down to do the job properly. It will be done in the spring when they can shut down for a period of time. The Board suggested that we get authorization in writing from the power plant before starting this project.

Ferry Lane Sewer: should consider completing the Ferry Lane Sewer project as soon as feasible. We will need to apply for a SPDES permit for water plant effluent, if we could empty into a sewer line the permit would not be necessary. Discussion was held regarding this project.

Barbolt Court Sewer Line: Supt. explained that the DPW blacktopped the area at the end of the court. Engineer led Board to believe that nothing could be done to correct the situation. The August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes stated nothing structural appears to be wrong that could be corrected by replacing the line. Discussion was held Board has different opinions as to priorities regarding sewer problems.

Colonial Road: problems with water system last summer caused a delay. Pipe supply for sewer line is here, elevations are done. DPW is ready to begin this project in the spring, will begin Hallum Road going south to Broughton Lane along the center of the road. Trustee Murphy questioned if sewer line could be moved to side of road. Will discuss with engineer.

Split Sewer Line: Attorney has prepared easements; we will take them to property owners when ready to begin this project. The Board would like the engineer to map out the entire project to be bid out. We will also need to get permits from the State to connect to the manhole on Hudson Avenue. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the ability of the DPW to complete this many projects in one year. Board requested Trustee Kinisky contact Brewer Engineering to prepare and RFP for Colonial Road and splitting the sewer system. Discussion was held regarding the need for an easement from Mr. Herrick or alternative ways to run pipe to sewer plant. The Board feels we need some idea of the costs involved in these sewer projects so we can decide what we can afford to do and how we will pay the costs.

Trustee Walker requested that the Board consider preparing a resolution for the Lady Warriors Soccer Team to be presented at the banquet December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mechanicville/Stillwater Elks. Mayor will draft something for the Team. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of erecting a sign for the team. It was decided not to do this at this time.

**MOTION** to adjourn the special meeting was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer