

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-DECEMBER 17, 2002-7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, WILLIAM F REYNOLDS BUILDING CODE OFFICER, MARTIN RICCARDI; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RUSSELL L LAQUIDARA

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

Mayor Martin introduced a special guest Tony Jordan. Mr. Jordan explained he is an attorney representing WR Enterprises, they are under contract to purchase land in the Village owned by Mr. Frank Russell III. He explained they are here to seek approval from the Board to develop the site on Route 4&32 (Hudson Avenue). He introduced Mr. Kyle McPhail who spoke to the Board about his plans to build a self-storage facility on the land. He presented photographs of other storage facilities that he currently operates. He also presented a site plan drawing of his proposal for the property. Trustee Kinisky questioned the location of the buildings on the lot. It was explained they would be 75 feet from the highway running east and west. There will be two buildings with a total of 44 units. They would be on an Alaskan slab with a lip around the edge to prevent storm water from entering the units. Mr. Jordan advised the Board that everything prohibited in the Aquifer Protection Law would be included in the contract that the developer requires before leasing a storage unit to anyone. It was explained that the area would be fenced and gated, any lighting would be directed toward the rear of the buildings. The gate would be keypad access or lock that would be physically opened at 7:00 a.m. and locked at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Jordan told the Board of other locations where he operates this type of facility. He has had calls from Stillwater residents who presently rent in some of his other facilities. He has considered installing security cameras run by motion detectors if necessary. They were given copies of the land development application and the Local Laws relating to the project. Questions regarding wetlands were asked and answered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Martin read a letter from the Stillwater Area Community Service Center advising of the newly elected officers for the year 2003. They are as follows:

President: Nicole Lee	1 st Vice President: Beth Riccardi
2 nd Vice President: Mike Hammond	Secretary: Johna Millard
Treasurer: Frank Markowski	

BUILDING CODE OFFICER: Martin Riccardi

Final inspection issued a Certificate of Occupancy for a home, Colonial Estates; footing & foundation inspection for a new home, Colonial Estates; heating & plumbing inspection for a new home, Colonial Estates; framing inspection of a new home, Colonial Estates; framing inspection of a three season room and deck, TenBroeck.

The Board questioned if Mr. Riccardi has entered into any apartments on Hudson Avenue & School Street. Mayor explained he requested a warrant from the Village Justice, the Justice refused, on the advice of the Attorney the Mayor contacted the owner for permission to enter each apartment. Mayor, Engineer and Building Code Officer will make arrangements to inspect each apartment.

FIRE CHIEF: Jeff Mahar

Chief Mahar presented the slate of Officers for the year 2003 as follows:

President: Doreen Doesburg	Vice President: Tracey Cancilla
Secretary: Barbara O’Kosky	Treasurer: Bill Mehan
Trustees: Tom Caivana	Steward: Jeri Mehan
Marc Scelsi	

Chief: Jeff Mahar	1 st Asst. Chief: Jeri Mehan
2 nd Asst. Chief: Shane Mahar	

Captain: Paul O’Kosky, II
Kevin Pratt

Lieutenant: Tony Conti
Bryan Nyland

Chief Mahar presented his annual report.

MOTION to approve the Newland-Wood Officers for the year 2003 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Chief Mahar presented an application for approval as a junior member, Theodore Thrane.

MOTION to approve Theodore Thrane as a Junior Member of the Newland-Wood Fire Dept. made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

Chief advised that the furnace in the engine room is not working properly, it does not come on, and they have to constantly reset the furnace so that it will run. Board would like to have Bove called, this burner was installed last year, should have some type of warranty.

Discussion was held regarding the number of hours spent servicing the Fire Dept. vehicles. The Board approved 4 hours at \$10.00 per hours; the time card was for 15 hours. Chief Mahar said he serviced all of the vehicles and it would take more than 4 hours to complete this work.

MOTION to pay J. Fitzpatrick for 15 hours spent servicing the Fire Dept. vehicles made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Murphy.
Motion carried 4-0

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: Russell L. Laquidara
Presented monthly report distributed to Board. Supt. Laquidara advised he met with Engineer to determine where the forcemain would be located on Ferry Lane. The archaeological study will begin tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Thomas Kinisky – snow on sidewalks in front of Mr. Windshield piled on sidewalk so residents cannot use walk. Clock to be purchased with grant money, Beautification Committee suggested installing clock on the point in Cannon Park. We need to determine if it would be 1-side or 2-sided face. NYSEG is willing to give the Village assistance with the streetlights. We need to determine the cost of each light before we can determine where to begin installing them. Trustee Kinisky will contact the City of Mechanicville for information on their clock.

Trustee Kinisky advised that the Engineer received a call from FEMA requesting information regarding the Lake Street project. They want to know when we plan to start the project, if successful it would be a 75%/25% split are we prepared to contribute our 25%.

MOTION authorizing the Lake Street Flood Mitigation Project to commence March 1, 2003, weather permitting, with the Village of Stillwater contributing their 25% share as in-kind services made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.
Motion carried 4-0

Trustee John Murphy – Trustee Murphy spoke regarding lost revenue in the water fund due to the Town of Stillwater purchasing water from the City of Mechanicville. It appears that it would be necessary to increase water rates in the Village to \$2.50 per one thousand gallons of water used and to \$4.38 per one thousand gallons of water used by consumers outside of the Village. It is necessary to notify the Town 6 months in advance of increasing water rates so it is necessary to increase the rate as soon as possible. Trustee Murphy explained the plans that the Town has for testing their system. These tests could take considerable time. Trustee Murphy is still waiting to hear from the Supervisor with an explanation of the term “potable

water” that was used in the letter he wrote regarding the estimated bill that the Village sent for the time they were not connected. He stated he would like to discuss continuing the effort to have the Town adhere to the contract. The Attorney suggested this discussion be saved for Executive Session.

MOTION to increase the Village water rate from \$1.25 per one-thousand gallons of water to \$2.50 per 1,000 for inside user rates and increase the outside user rate from \$3.13 to \$4.38 per one-thousand gallons made by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Walker.

Discussion: the reason necessary for doubling the fees: Village residents will be alarmed by this situation but we entered into a debt of \$600,000 based on a 20-year contract we have with the Town and we are committed to make the payments on this debt. Discussion was held regarding various FOIL requests that have been submitted to the Town for information. Trustee Kinisky would like to contact the Town in writing advising of this situation and request the Town & Village begin a discussion to try to end this problem. Trustee Treacy would like to wait until the Town is contacted before increasing rates.

MOTION to table the above motion made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion to table approved: 4-0

Trustee John Treacy: Small Cities Grant – 5-owner occupied are in place/ 7 renter properties active and 4 facades in place. We received information regarding the Main Street Grant, paperwork should be here in January. Need to get DOT involved due to being a State highway.

Trustee Raymond Walker – distributed a list of things to be done in the firehouse, reviewed Code Review done by JD Smith. Requested a prioritized list of code violations from JD Smith. Would like to pursue having the building receive historic designation. Will continue to pursue this project, report next meeting.

Skateboard Park Grant, reviewed grant information. A former resident of Mechanicville has contacted us; he is now an architect and has volunteered his services to help design the park. Need to contact American Legion as we lease the land from them.

Trustee Walker thanked the Board for their support for the Lady Warrior Resolution to be presented on Thursday December 19th.

ATTORNEY – William F. Reynolds

Mayor Martin explained Mr. & Mrs. Caulfield have completed the survey of the land adjacent to their property on Clinton Court, currently owned by the Village. The Board reviewed the survey map with the requested changes. Discussion was held regarding the value of the property. The Engineer will be reviewing property with the Supt. it was decided to have him give us an estimate of the value of this property as divided by the survey.

Attorney Reynolds stated he needs to be updated on the Herrick land swap. Trustee Kinisky said the last we heard we sent a counter proposal. He will contact the Engineer working on this project to see where we stand. Trustee Kinisky brought the Board up to date. Attorney Reynolds will hold for a future meeting.

MOTION to open floor to the Public and Press made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

Press questioned if rumor, about Sheriff taking over for the Town of Stillwater Police, would affect the Village.

Mayor Martin stated he has no information regarding this subject. He explained to the press the reason the Village disbanded their department many years ago.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Kinisky.

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

To be discussed in Executive Session (contract matter)

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

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from November 19th Regular Board meeting made by Trustee Treacy seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:

A	\$10,514.25
F	\$ 7,460.48
G	\$ 5,794.01
H	\$ 50.33

Made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Treacy.

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. made by Trustee Treacy, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer