

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-DECEMBER 20, 2011-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - ELLEN VOMACKA, JOHN BASILE, JUDY WOOD-SHAW, KEITH COLLINS**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY JAMES PELUSO, FIRE CHIEF TONY CONTI, SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHN SCOTT, BUILDING CODE OFFICER LYNN GOMAN**

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the pledge to the flag.

David and Randy Rathbun were present to discuss the recent sewer backup at 22 Nielson Avenue, specifically their insurance claim for damages which the Village's adjuster has denied. The Mayor and Board heard the Rathbun's complaints and advised they would investigate further.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**FIRE CHIEF** – Tony Conti – reviewed his written report (copy on file)

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** – John Scott - reviewed his written report (copy on file)

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER** – Lynn Goman – reviewed his written report (copy on file)

Trustee Basile explained the Application for a Special Use Permit submitted by Lois McClements was not necessary as NYS Regulations govern family daycare facilities. Mr. Goman asked Chief Conti if the FD had been given a layout of the house in case of emergency but they have not. The Mayor will call Mrs. McClements to ask for a copy of her NYS license and will recommend she notify the FD.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Basile – Sewer projects have tentative DEC approval but we are still waiting for EFC to approve the Castle Cliff agreement once the Town acts on it. In light of the recent sewer issue on Nielson Ave., that area will be inspected as part of the project. Water tests have been submitted to DOH for approval, fourteen additional samples are needed with no results expected until Thursday or Friday. A meeting will take place tomorrow morning to determine when the line will be placed in service.

Discussion was held on the Rozell proposal to winterize the WTP with Trustee Collins stating it didn't make sense if we were closing the plant. DOH is expected to advise what they will require as far as the current plant goes.

Supt. Scott is working on a contract for someone to cover water breaks in the future.

Trustee Keith Collins – Two quotes for water meters, the current design is preferred and the Supt. was instructed to go ahead with the purchase authorized last month.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – Prior to the meeting, photos were taken for the website which will be live on 1/1/2012 and should be helpful to keep residents up to date on the SCWA connection. Trustee Vomacka has had no word from NYSDOT but will call them after the holidays.

Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw – Our Comprehensive Plan needs updating and the Mayor appointed Trustee Vomacka to assist. Trustee Wood-Shaw advised the Village's appropriation to SACC would be used to start a senior program which she will run.

**ATTORNEY** - James Peluso – Revisions to the Sidewalk Project have been approved by DEC; Trustee Vomacka should proceed immediately with that project.

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Patti Ryan – requested executive session for a personnel matter

**MOTION** authorizing the transfer of \$3000.00 from F.8310.400 Admin Contractual to F.8320.420 Source Prof. Svcs. and \$1549.20 from G.8120.402 I & I Removal to G.8130.408 Sewage Disposal made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins  
Motion carried 4-0

The Clerk advised all registration forms for the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference must be in her office no later than January 9.

Discussion was held on the draft audit report and the Clerk will contact BST to request they attend a question and answer workshop during January.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

Chief Conti asked if the Village was responsible for the new hydrants on County 76 and if so, who would be taking care of flushing and snow removal. Randy Rathbun commented during his tenure, the DPW always shoveled the hydrants.

Jeff Mahar advised 57 Lake Street has been abandoned; the water was shut off at the street and should not be a problem in the future. The Clerk was asked to provide the FD with her list of vacant and/or abandoned properties.

The general conditions of the Village as well as the upcoming requirements of the new water line were discussed by Randy Rathbun and the Board.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

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**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

- A- \$ 29,629.88
- F – \$12,610.83
- G – \$ 7,818.28
- H - \$ 58,659.21

made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of November 22 & December 6 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 8:25pm to discuss personnel and litigation made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** the Mayor be authorized to hire Matthew Rifenburgh as a full time employee at a rate of \$16.82 per hour made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Basile – yes
  - Trustee Collins – yes
  - Trustee Vomacka – yes
  - Trustee Wood-Shaw – no
- Motion carried 3-1

**MOTION** to adjourn at 10:00pm made by Trustee Collins, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw  
Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Ryan  
Clerk-Treasurer

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