

# VILLAGE OF STILLWATER

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## REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JULY 17, 2012-7:00 P.M.

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

**ABSENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO**

**ARRIVED LATE: TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-SHAW (Due to request per Mayor Martin to attend Emergency Comp. Mgmt. Committee Meeting)**

### **ALSO PRESENT: SUPT. OF PUBLIC ROBERT GERASIA**

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

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Mr. David Meager, Village's Insurance Carrier from Adirondack Trust Insurance Agency. Mr. Meager reviewed all aspects of the insurance for the village. The village's one year renewal insurance premium beginning July 17<sup>th</sup> will be \$24,867.00. The insurance renewed 7/13/12, but can be changed at any time. The Village will pay less for property and liability insurance in 2012-2013 than it did five years ago, per David Meager's 30 minute presentation. Each year the village reviews its policy with Adirondack Trust to see if coverage needs have changed and whether or not adjustments need to be made. The policy is extensive, Meager said, covering all village buildings and their contents, the water treatment plant and sewer pump stations, playground equipment, automobiles and large construction equipment (backhoes and dump trucks), theft, liability, computer fraud and more. The buildings and contents are covered for replacement cost for up to \$4 million with a \$1,000 deductible. The policy also covers general liability claims like "slips and falls" on village property and automobile accidents on village streets, Meager explained, for up to \$3 million. Vehicles and large construction equipment "10 years old and younger" are covered for replacement cost. Computer fraud protects the village should an outside source steal money by electronic means, "which does happen, unfortunately," Meager said. The Village Board will review the renewal insurance policy in coming weeks before approval.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter received from Stillwater United Church, delivered by Janice Ritter, requesting permission to use village roads for a 5K run to be held 8/25/12 at 10:00 am. The board approved a request from the Stillwater United Church to use village streets for the fourth annual "Run For the Future" 5K Run/Walk to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 25. The request was approved on the condition that church officials acquire a one-day insurance policy (rider) to remove liability from the village. The board also recommended that the church look into using the school track for this event in future years so it does not disrupt traffic for village residents. Motion to approve by J. Basile, seconded by E. Vomacka. Motion carried 4-0.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS –** Robert Gerasia – Report given for period 6/20/12 thru 7/17/12, report on file.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Basile - Update given on the sewer upgrade project going on this summer. In May, the board awarded \$1.8 million for four contracts to the four lowest bidders to make upgrades and repairs to the sewer systems in the village and in the Town's Castle Cliffs Sewer District. The improvements will meet terms of a consent decree issued by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation mandating the capital improvements to reduce the infiltration of ground water into the village sewer collection system. Basile said work at Castle Cliffs began on Monday, July 16, and the upgrades to the Clinton Court area will most likely begin in August.

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Trustee Keith Collins – Suggested having Supt. Robert Gerasia obtain bids for propane before the heating season.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – Reported that the village's long-awaited sidewalk installation project near the Stillwater Central School is under final review by the State Department of Transportation with final approval expected this month. The next step would be to solicit bids for the work with the hopes of finishing the project before the start of school in September.

Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw -- not present

**ATTORNEY** - James Peluso – not present

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Sheristin Tedesco

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

Terry Simmons asked why sidewalk project has taken so long. Trustee E. Vomacka explained there have been obstacles by DOT and the project should be moving forward within next week. Terry Simmons then asked if the project would be completed before school opens in Sept. Trustee Vomacka stated that was the original plan and she hopes the project will be completed by then.

Terry Simmons stated there will be Fall Festival for local not for profits on 10/26/12, it will be a "Family Day" type of day to promote businesses in the village.

Both Terry Simmons and James Champlin asked to reserve the right to ask more questions after Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw arrives.

Terry Simmons also asked if there is a way to see how many IP addresses actually hit the website of villageofstillwater.ny.org.

**Motion** to close the floor to the public made by Mayor Martin and seconded by Trustee Basile, Motion carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

**MOTION** to approve the letter of engagement dated 5/08/12 from Dreyer Boyajian and Attorney James Peluso for the Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project made by Trustee Basile and seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Trustee Basile explained we need this letter of engagement to get reimbursed for the project by EFC.  
Motion carried 4-0

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

**MOTION** to revise Mr. Aldrich's EDU assessment to one (1) EDU by Trustee Basile, seconded by trustee Collins. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of March, April, May and June of 2012 made by Mayor Martin, seconded by Trustee Vomacka. Trustee Basile submitted changes he would like made to April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Motion carried 4-0

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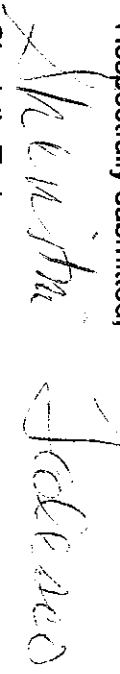
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**MOTION** to approve audit vouchers for the month made by Trustee Basile and seconded by Trustee Vomacka.  
Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Martin explained the gentlemen who hit the village lamppost was driving home with flowers for his 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and the flowers fell causing him the reach over and therefore swerved off the road to hit the lamppost. He stated we will be reimbursing the village for the replacement costs.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:30pm made by Mayor Martin, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.  
Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sheristin Tedesco  
Clerk-Treasurer