

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-OCTOBER 26, 2004-7:00 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; BUILDING CODE, KEN PATENAUE & TOM MELLON; FIRE CHIEF, JEFF MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, RANDY RATHBUN**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk read a letter from a property owner Kellogg Road complaining that their water bill was estimated too high, the actual amount used was less than the minimum. He requested an adjusted bill to minimum.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Ken Patenaue, Tom Mellon**

Mr. Patenaue advised the Board that the double wide that was located at 40 Hudson Avenue has been moved to Thompson Mobile Home Park. Mr. Mellon has been to a few inspections, he has completed 4 classes and should be finished by the new year.

**FIRE CHIEF – Jeff Mahar**

Chief Mahar advised he received notice that the Newland Wood Fire Department has been awarded a \$20,000 grant to purchase personal protective gear and they also received notice that they have been awarded \$1,000 matching grant from ENCON to purchase brush fighting equipment. The new brush truck is coming along quickly and should arrive before Christmas.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Randy Rathbun**

Water- doing an analysis of chemical efficiency and pumping efficiency. Hope to complete by mid December. Doing annual testing for DOH. SPDES permit is 90% complete, meeting with lab people, should send in application within a few days. There is a problem with the ice breakers in the new holding tank. We are also having a problem with the screens in the panel at the plant, would like to have an expert review for problems it would cost approximately \$750 to have someone come in for one day. Supt. explained he would like to purchase a light plant to be used when water breaks occur at night, it would light the area so that it would be easier to see what work needs to be done, and repairs could be made faster. Have found a used one for \$3,800(1999 with 1300 hours) a new one would cost \$9000.

Sewer – Have okay from Ramp Hallum regarding easement. Should be pressure testing this week, there is still a 2-3 month approval process through ENCON. Trustee Hanehan questioned the status of the easement paperwork. Waiting for survey information from engineers. Supt. Rathbun explained that we need to know the capacity of the sewer plan or we will be unable to allow any more users. He has requested price quotes from Chazen and Kestner Engineering Firms. For the short term we need to look at projects proposed and also need information for future needs. He advised they have been cleaning the sewer plant and hauling sludge. The recent semi-annual inspection went well.

We had to install a new electrical box at the Castle Cliff pump station.

We have a new DPW employee Bob Gerasia; he seems to be working out well.

We had a Labor Dept. inspection; they found a few minor infractions that need to be addressed.

Have been investigating the possible purchase of a new pickup for the DPW. We could purchase one on State Contract with a snowplow and hitch for \$22,693, would like approval to purchase this equipment. Will sell the 1988 F350.

Landscaping for the sign at the south entrance to the Village has been completed, we are running conduit between the new street lights, need to know what the Board's wishes are for replacing the blacktop that was between the sidewalk and the curb. Have some prices for stamped blacktop \$14,000; stamped concrete \$16,000 or we could purchase a set of stamps for \$3,000 and then if we ever needed to dig up a section we could replace it ourselves.

The least expensive flag for Hudson Avenue is \$20 per flag. Have been looking at replacing the signs that surround the village municipal building, they would be custom-made signs.

There is a problem at Mr. Skutnisky's property caused by the village drain line eroding. Discussion was held regarding this problem and what could be done to correct it. Supt. would like to give him some type of time table to correct the problem.

Would request an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Wrote a letter to DOT requesting they consider removing the passing zone along Hudson Avenue between St. Peter's Church and the School, also from the School to Russell Drive.

Mayor Martin spoke regarding the great job Supt. has done since his return.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Michael Hanehan – Trustee Hanehan advised that the Supt. would like to purchase a landscape trailer to haul the lawnmowers with the money that is received from the sale of the old pickup.

The Village needs to consider installing drying beds at the sewer plant. The cost of hauling to the County is very expensive. Would like Supt. to get prices to see if we could afford it this year.

Several streetlights are out along Hudson Avenue and they are not being repaired in a timely fashion. Would like a meeting with NYSEG to discuss this problem and changing the lights on the remainder of the streets.

Leaf pickup? Discussion was held, County Waste has an agreement with the Town to pick up leaves as long as they are bagged. Mayor will contact County Waste to be sure and have something added to the community sign.

Trustee Martin Riccardi – Supt. took care of everything

Trustee John Murphy – Community Water Committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Trustee Murphy provided a summary of the water quality study prepared by Chazen Engineering. Provident Development would like to meet with the Board and the respective Attorneys. We have an outstanding bill from Fraser Engineering for work on the Stillwater Landing Project, would like Attorney to correspond with them advising that the Village has a great deal of concern regarding the amount we have paid them to date on this project and that we feel we have paid them sufficient for the work that was done.

Personnel manual is still in draft form need to finalize this plan as soon as possible. Will have Attorney review before it is adopted.

### **ATTORNEY – James Peluso**

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Questions from the press were answered.

James Champlin questioned if the Village Board had promised water and sewer to Camelot Associates for property they are developing along Stratton Lane. He stated he is very concerned that possible promises have been made to a developer when the Board has consistently advised other local developers that they could not have water and sewer without attempting to annex into the village.

Frank Russell III questioned the status of his application. He was advised that until the sewer plant capacity information is received we cannot allow any more connections to the sewer plant.

William Stanley questioned why the village would ever have an Engineer say that the village sewer plant is at capacity, which would prevent even future development in the village.

The Board had no explanation.

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

Motion carried 3-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor stated that with Halloween falling on the weekend he would like to have the curfew for children under the age of 18 to be 9:00 P.M. for Saturday and Sunday October 30 and 31, 2004.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees enacts a 9:00 p.m. curfew for October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2004 for all children under the age of 18.

Resolution moved by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried 3-0

Mayor Martin reminded the Board that the Town's 911 coordinator would like to have Champlain Road's name changed. It was decided to have Linda Sanders make some recommendations. It was decided that they were not interested in changing the Hallum/Clarmont Road situation.

Unsafe Building Law, Mayor requested Board review he would like some input from the Board. Trustee Murphy would like to see it adopted, Trustee Riccardi agreed and Trustee Hanehan felt it was too restrictive. It was decided to review and make recommendations at next meeting.

**MOTION** to retain Kevin Roemer's services for one day at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** authorizing Supt. Rathbun to purchase a used light rack at a cost not to exceed \$3,800 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Hanehan.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to authorize Supt. of Public Works to purchase new flags at a cost not to exceed \$450.00 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** authorizing the Supt. of Public Works to purchase a 2005 pickup from the State bid borrowing \$10,000.00 of the cost for a period of one year made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to advertise the 1988 used pickup for sale at a minimum of \$2,000 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to authorize the Supt. of Public Works to purchase a landscape trailer upon the sale of the used truck made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to purchase the concrete stamp at a cost of \$1,500 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

The Board was advised that the Supt. of Public Works computer is no longer working. We have a quote from Dell \$1,342.87.

**MOTION** to authorize the purchase of a Dell Computer for the Supt. of Public Works at a cost of \$1,342.87 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.

Motion carried 3-0

Bid Opening Fuel for the 2004/05 heating season.  
One bid received from G.A. Bove & Sons  
Mixed Fuel \$1.999, maintenance contract \$389.90  
LP Gas - \$1.449, maintenance contract \$389.90  
#2 fuel oil - \$1.799, maintenance contract \$389.90

**MOTION** to accept the bid submitted by G.A. Bove & Sons for the 2004/05 heating season made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report as presented made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of September 21 and October 5, 2004 made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:     A - \$ 7,951.65  
  F - \$40,761.90  
  G - \$80,627.51  
  H - \$ 1,675.00

made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Riccardi.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to appoint Paul O’Kosky to the position of Foreman with an increase of \$.30 per hour effective November 1, 2004 made by Trustee Hanehan, seconded by Trustee Murphy.  
Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Riccardi, seconded by Trustee Hanehan.  
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer