

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JANUARY 17, 2023-6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

**PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-SHAW, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-ZENO - Absent, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON, TRUSTEE JOHN BASILE
CLERK TREASURER – SHERISTIN TEDESCO
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: MATT RIFENBURGH
BUILDING CODE OFFICER: LARRY WOLCOTT - Absent
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO
FIRE CHIEF: JERI MEHAN
FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE - Absent
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ - Absent**

Public Attendance - 1

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

CORRESPONDENCE – Site Plan Applications have been received for Stillwater Lofts (The Wood and Iron) and Mayor Wood Shaw asked each board member to take a copy with them to review for the February meeting. The county is reviewing the site application and will send their determination to the Village. Mayor Wood Shaw attended the emergency management meeting last week and stated we have not had any weather incidents and we are extremely lucky.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There were 5 alarms and 4 training events in the month of December.

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – (Report on file)

DPW – (Report on file) Matt Rifenburg requested approval to purchase spare parts for the main pump station. It was agreed it would be addressed under new business.

BCO – (Report on file)

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile – RWE progress is moving along. They have poured concrete and some equipment has arrived. They are making progress even with the inclement weather. There has been noticeable increased sewer flows in the Castle Cliff and Carpenter areas. The suspicion is there are sump pumps attached to the sewer lines. This happened about 15 years ago also and the homes were individually inspected to make sure the sump pumps were not connected to the Village sewers. This was an arduous process on both the employees and homeowners. Many options were discussed to address the problem. The Board decided to begin with notices mailed with the April 1 water bills to request the sump pumps be identified and removed. This will be followed up with individual inspections for violations. This is covered under the NY Plumbing Code 1101.3 (Stormwater into Sewer) The penalties are being researched.

Trustee DeMarco – Is rebuilding the snowman that was damaged to try to get more life span from the decoration.

Trustee Nelson – An agreement was reached with Livingston and there should be a Resolution for the Electric Charging Stations for the February meeting.

Trustee Zeno – Absent

VILLAGE ATTORNEY .- No report at this time

**Voucher Totals by Account
1/17/2023**

"A" General Fund	\$ 33,883.64
"F" Water Fund	\$ 37,818.91
"G" Sewer Fund	\$ 13,875.28
<u>Sewer Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$205,577.83

Treasurer's Report – copy provided to all board members

Up to date Revenue and Expense Control Reports have been provided to all board members.

MOTION to accept the budget adjustment as presented below, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

Increase A.5132.404 Garage Equipment Repairs by \$2,000.00 for Bucket Truck Repairs
Increase G.8120.404 Sanitary Sewer, Equipment Repair by \$3,000.00 for heating unit repairs at the sewer plant.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 3-0

John Basile publicly stated he will not run for Village Trustee, or any position, in the 2023 election. He stated it has been a pleasure to serve the Village for over 15 years and will be around to share his vast expanse of knowledge.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the purchase of materials necessary to improve pump station #1, not to exceed \$2,800.00, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to accept MVP HDHMO Silver 3 plan as the Village of Stillwater's health insurance plan, effective 3/1/23, for all eligible employees and retirees. Deductibles and copays to be paid in full by the Village of Stillwater and prescriptions to be reimbursed to each employee until deductible is met. Also, authorizing the Village Clerk to reimburse all eligible prescriptions, at time of submittal, as a prepay to be approved at the next scheduled Village Board meeting and to accept the renewal of existing Highmark Dental and Empire Vision Plans made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

There was much discussion regarding raising the water rates from \$5.00 per 1000 gallons for inside users to \$5.50 per 1000 gallons. The SCWA has been raising our annual purchase rate by 1.5% (except in 2022). The Village has not raised water rates since 2020 and prior to that it was since 2015. The water expenditures are greater than the revenues and we are using the fund balance each year to balance the budget. The raising of the rates is necessary currently to keep good fiscal practices, per OSC guidelines. The topic will be addressed at the February meeting.

The Town of Stillwater and the Village of Stillwater have been awarded a \$200,000.00 Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant (BOA). The Town and Village of Stillwater intend to complete a BOA Plan for a 401-acre area that includes waterfront property and the Village's core business district including brownfield and underutilized parcels. The Plan will promote economic development along the Route 4 corridor as well as the Village's downtown and waterfront, repurposing key sites to expand opportunities for walkable mixed-use development and increasing Hudson River waterfront access.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 12/20/2022 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session for a personnel issue made by Trustee DeMarco,
Seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Treasurer Tedesco exited the meeting at 7:45 PM

MOTION to exit executive session for a personnel issue made by Trustee Basile, seconded by
Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer