

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- FEBRUARY 21, 2023-6:30 P.M. – TOWN HALL

PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-SHAW - ABSENT, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON - ABSENT, 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

ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ

Public Attendance - 2

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION to open the public hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law No.1 of 2023. The purpose of said local law is to provide real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant Section 466-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Wood Zeno

Motion carried 3-0

Proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 was explained as New York State has enacted a 10% property tax exemption for eligible fire and ambulance volunteers; and, the State legislation allows municipalities to accelerate those property tax exemptions by enacting a local law after a public hearing.

Trustee Basile stated the assessment on your home would have to be \$487,00+ to qualify for a greater tax exemption than using the standard \$200 tax deduction, as you cannot claim both deductions.

MOTION to close the public hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law No.1 of 2023. The purpose of said local law is to provide real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant Section 466-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Demarco

Motion carried 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There were 0 alarms and 3 training events in the month of December.

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – (Report on file)

DPW – (Report on file)

BCO – (Report on file)

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile – Update on the battery project – the control house needs to be installed along with two power poles. It was agreed that the FD will need to do a walk through before the battery is put into operation. He is currently working on fines for sump pump connections.

Trustee DeMarco – Making plans for Spring

Trustee Nelson – Absent

Trustee Zeno – No report at this time.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY .- No report at this time

Voucher Totals by Account

2/21/2023

"A" General Fund	\$ 42,768.10
"F" Water Fund	\$ 2,805.21
"G" Sewer Fund	\$ 17,302.30
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 62,875.61

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

Transfer \$5000.00 from General Fund to Sewer Debt Service Fund to pay the \$120,000 debt service payment (There was only \$116,000 in the account), then withdraw \$5000.00 from Sewer Debt Service fund at NYCLASS and repay the General Fund
Increase A.1420.400, Law Contractual by \$4000.00 to cover all the miscellaneous charges for the year (EV Charger, Property Research, Civil Litigation)
Increase A.3410.402 Fire Dept Cell Phones by \$1000.00 to cover tablets and phones for fiscal year
Increase A.1920.400 Municipal Association Dues by \$1111.00 to cover 2023 NYCOM Annual Membership Dues. The 2022 Dues statement was lost in the mail and not received and paid until June 2022 creating 2 payments in one fiscal year.
Increase A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance by \$5000.00 to cover FD Auto Policy renewal
Increase A.1620.404 Buildings, Equipment Repair by \$3,500.00 to cover FD ceiling repairs in Firehouse
Increase A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance by \$1,000.00 to cover Special Accident Insurance for Newland Wood Fire Dept.
Increase A.3010.400 Public Safety Admin. Contractual by \$3000.00 to cover Bureau Chief cell phone payments, Spring conference, repairs to Bureau Chief vehicle and misc expenses
Increase G.8130.403 by \$5000.00 to cover increased electric costs at Rundle Lane location
Increase A.1490.400 Public Works Admin., Contractual by \$1,600.00 to cover employee mileage to sewer classes using own vehicle instead of Village truck, approved by DPW Supervisor.
Increase A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance by \$5000.00 to cover FD Commercial Policy renewal

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
February 21, 2023**

Resolution Establishing New Water Rents Effective October 1, 2023

Motion By: Trustee Basile
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 3 of 1999 provides for the establishment of water rents and charges enacted by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees; and
WHEREAS, due to the increases in budgeted operation and maintenance costs there is a need to increase the water rents from \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.50 per \$1,000 gallons; and
WHEREAS, the fund balance applicable to the operation and maintenance is insufficient to cover possible future unexpected expenses; and
WHEREAS, there is a need to increase this fund balance.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater pursuant to said local law, hereby establishes a new water rent billing rate of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons for inside users effective October 1, 2023.

The Village Board Members present were:

Voting:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Basile	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>

I, Sheristin Tedesco, Village Clerk, do hereby verify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York on February 21, 2023

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
February 21, 2023**

Resolution Approving Site Plan for 751 Hudson Avenue

Motion By: Trustee Basile
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

WHEREAS, The Village of Stillwater has received a site plan application from Jeffrey Miller (JEM Properties LLC), the owner of 751 Hudson Avenue (NYS Route 4 & 32) in the Village of Stillwater, to remodel an existing business space into a coffee shop;

WHEREAS, the action is a permitted use under the Village’s zoning regulations (V5 - Mixed Use Center) subject to site plan review;

WHEREAS, the project is a Type II action under SEQRA, 6 NYCRR §§ 617.5(c)(2) and (18), and thereby exempt from further environmental review;

WHEREAS, the project was referred to Saratoga County Planning Board (“SCPB”) per GML 239-m, and by letter dated January 20, 2023, the SCPB issued a decision of no significant county-wide or intercommunity impact; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has duly considered and reviewed the site plan application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater does hereby approve the site plan application from Jeffrey Miller (JEM Properties LLC), the owner of 751 Hudson Avenue (NYS Route 4 & 32) to remodel an existing business space into a coffee shop.

The Village Board Members present were:

Voting:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Basile	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>

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RESOLUTION

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Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2023, a Local Law to Provide Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 466-A

Motion By: Trustee Wood Zeno
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

WHEREAS, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Village of Stillwater Board of

Trustees on February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the adoption Local Law No. 1 of 2023, a “Local Law to Provide Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 466-A,” and all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board has duly considered the proposed local law and public comment thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby pass, approve and adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2023 in its entirety, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and perform such actions necessary to effectuate the filing of the new local law with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

The Village Board Members present were:

Voting:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Basile	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>

I, Sheristin Tedesco, Village Clerk, do hereby verify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York on February 21, 2023.

MOTION to authorize the Supt. Of the DPW to purchase the materials required to complete the bay ceiling in the Fire House, not to exceed \$2800.00, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno

Motion Tabled

It was decided the DPW Supt. Will get estimates to sheetrock the FD bay ceiling.

MOTION to hold a Public Hearing on March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on the Village’s 2023-2024 budget. The hearing will take place at Town Hall, 881 Hudson Ave., Stillwater, NY. At the above date, time and place, all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Village Clerk’s Office made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco

Motion carried 3-0

Tony Conti asked for Village Board approval to purchase a 1991 Marion Firetruck from the Johnsonville FD to replace the yellow truck.

MOTION to amend the motion below to include, not to exceed \$13,000 made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee De Marco

Motion tabled for March

MOTION to approve the purchase of a 1991 Marion Firetruck, subject to the Village Procurement Policy guidelines, made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee De Marco

Roll call Vote: Trustee Basile – Abstain, Trustee Wood Zeno – Yea, Trustee De Marco – Yea

Motion tabled for March

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer’s report made by Trustee Demarco, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 1/17/2023 and Special Meeting dated 2/13/2023 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco

Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session for litigation and personnel matters made by Trustee Basile, Seconded by Trustee DeMarco

Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk excused at 7:15 pm

In Executive Session, Mayor Wood-Shaw was given the authority to enter contract negotiations for the purchase of real property.

In Executive Session, salary adjustments for employees and elected officials were accepted.

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 Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno
Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer