

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

**PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-SHAW, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE JUDY WOOD ZENO, 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**

Public Attendance - 9

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION to open the floor for the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 budget made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

2023-2024 BUDGET NOTES

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
EXPENSE			
GENERAL FUND "A"	\$869,827	939,402	\$69,575
WATER FUND "F"	\$359,150	\$378,750	\$19,600
SEWER FUND "G"	\$374,725	\$374,725	\$0.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,603,702	\$1,692,877	\$89,175
ASSESSED VALUATION	\$96,383,688	\$98,008,514	\$1,624,826
RAISED BY TAXES	\$395,173	\$401,834	\$6,661
FUND BALANCE REQUIRED FOR NEW BUDGET			
"A"	\$33,554	\$13,968	
"F"	\$59,550	\$45,150	
"G"	\$25,725	\$25,725	

There will not be a change to the tax rate of \$4.10 per assessed 1000.

MOTION to close the floor for the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget made by Trustee Wood-Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

SPECIAL GUESTS – Glenn and Diane Barnes, owner and operators of Glenn’s Carpet’s LLC
The Mayor introduced the Barnes’s and thanked them for 40 years of service to the Village residents and surrounding areas. They were presented a plaque of appreciation.

CORRESPONDENCE – Stillwater library requested \$250.00 to sponsor one concert for their summer concert series to be held on Thursdays throughout the summer. The Village Board agreed to sponsor one concert and it will be paid from the Mayor Contractual budget line item.

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

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – Absent

DPW – (Report on file) Matt Rifenburg, DPW Supervisor, stated the Town of Stillwater was selling a street sweeper for \$20,000.00 and he would like to purchase for the Village of Stillwater. He stated he inspected it and it is a good deal. Matt would also like to purchase a new sewer jet. It was agreed he would do additional pricing research on the sewer jet and the sweeper would be addressed under new business.

BCO – (Report on file)

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile – Battery project update, there is a delay in the delivery of the control building. Trustee Basile stated our fuel oil prices are \$4.79/gal for oil and \$4.99 for winterblend and he just received a delivery at home of \$3.42 so believes the Village should research alternative options for fuel and he will do the research this summer. The single phase electric conversion has been completed at the water plant and Skip did a great job.

Trustee DeMarco – No report at this time

Trustee Nelson – We have received a satisfactory agreement with the supplier for the Electric charging stations and hope to execute in a few weeks. He is continually checking for grants for the project.

Trustee Wood Zeno – The Stillwater Heritage Trail signs have been developed and mock ups have been sent to the VB for review. The three areas are Cannon Park, The Newland Wood Fire Company and the Stillwater Mills. Mapping for the Hometown Hero Veteran Banners is currently in progress. A grant was submitted 3/17/2023 for \$1.3 Million dollars for a new fire house with a letter of support from Carrie Woerner. The Farmer’s Market will be on Mondays this year from May 1 through October. During construction, it was discovered the windows for the new library location had been installed incorrectly. The library has received an anonymous donation of \$75,000 to assist in funding to make the corrections. Jeff Miller’s coffee shop, Upton Coffee, should be opening in the Village soon. Their hours will be from 7 am – 1 pm to start and will be offering a collection of local pastries.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY .- No report at this time

**Voucher Totals by Account
3/21/2023**

“A” General Fund	\$ 34,420.78
“F” Water Fund	\$ 2,727.97
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 9,250.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 46,399.54

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 Nelson
Motion carried 4-0

Increase A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance by \$6000.00 to cover FD Commercial Policy renewal

Increase A.8989.400 Other Home and Comm. Services Cont. by \$11,030 to cover Skip’s Electric Invoice that was reimbursed by NYSEG for electric work.

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

John Cerebella, 1006 Hudson Ave., stated he had a large concern with the battery project regarding lithium fire safety and the decrease in his property value.

Greg Mosier, Hudson Ave., stated the same concerns and that it was not disclosed to him when he purchased his house nearby.

Mayor Wood-Shaw reassured them their concerns would be handled, but it is a NYSEG project and that many public hearings were held prior to the approval of the project.

Jeff Mahar, Town resident, asked if any crosswalks could be added to Park Ave and Lake Street as they are dangerous to cross. The VB said they would contact NYSDOT.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Tedisco came to visit the Village of Stillwater and tour the Firehouse. He will work with us to try to secure funding for a new firehouse.

Mayor Wood Shaw was proud to announce, after years of hard work, the FLEX bus will be coming to the Village of Stillwater, with the assistance of Carrie Woerner.

Fred Metzger, Land Surveyor PC, stated his customers at 33A Clinton Court would like to join two parcels that were originally subdivided in 2006. One parcel is vacant and one has an existing home.

Trustee Wood Zeno stated the application has been filed, it was determined to be a Type 2 SEQRA action with no impact and read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
March 21, 2023**

**Resolution Approving Consolidation of Tax Map Nos. 244.46-1-17.1
and 244.46-1-17.3 Located at 33A Clinton Court**

Motion by: Trustee Wood Zeno
Seconded by: Trustee Basile

WHEREAS Pamela J. Lonegran, acting pursuant to Letters Testamentary dated March 1, 2020 on behalf of the Estate of June T. Baker, has submitted an application for consolidation of two lots located at 33A Clinton Court in the Village of Stillwater and identified by Tax Map Nos. 244.46-1-17.1 and 244.46-1-17.3;

WHEREAS the subject lots were previously subdivided and the applicant wishes to abandon the subdivision to the extent required by New York Real Property Tax Law § 560;

WHEREAS the applicant has submitted a proposed plat map and survey dated February 28, 2024 by Frederick J. Metzger Land Surveyor, P.C., showing the new lot lines for the proposed consolidated parcels;

WHEREAS the proposed action is a Type II Action under SEQRA, 6 NYCRR Park 617;

WHEREAS the Saratoga County Planning Board has advised that the application is not subject to referral under GML 239-m; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater has duly considered the application and deliberated thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application of Bonnie Baker for a consolidation of the two parcels identified as Tax Map Nos. 244.46-1-17.1 and 244.46-1-17.3 located at 33A Clinton Court in the Village of Stillwater, is hereby GRANTED; and be it further

RESOLVED that the applicant must comply with any requirements of the Saratoga County or Town of Stillwater offices or real property tax services, including but not limited to any requirements under New York Real Property Tax Law § 560; and shall file the approved plat map, survey and any required annotations with Saratoga County within 62 days of its execution, or the action by this Board shall become null and void.

The adoption of the resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Vote:	Yes	No	Absent
Trustee Basile	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<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 March 21, 2023

RESOLUTION

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
March 21, 2023
Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Motion by: Trustee Basile
Seconded by: Trustee Nelson

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, after due publication and notice, held a public hearing on March 21, 2023 on the Village’s tentative budget approved by the Board and filed with the Village Clerk for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, at which time all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard, and the matter of the budget for such fiscal year having been duly discussed and considered, it is

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED, that said tentative budget, with Schedule of Salaries and Wages, is hereby adopted and established as the annual budget for the Village’s fiscal year 2023-2024; and that the Village Clerk shall prepare and certify said budget and enter the same into the minutes.

VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSENT
Trustee Basile	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Trustee Wood-Zeno	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Shaw	<u> X </u>	_____	_____

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MOTION to purchase a 2010 Elgin Street Sweeper, not to exceed \$20,000.00, from the Town of Stillwater Highway Dept. made by Trustee Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to increase the budget line item, A.5130.200 DPW Equipment Reserve, by \$8,000.00 to purchase the above street sweeper made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno
Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the purchase of a 1991 Spartan Firetruck from the Johnsonville Fire District, at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00, made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 5-0

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer’s report made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 2/21/2023 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0, Trustee Nelson abstained

MOTION to adjourn to executive session for legal advice on property negotiations made by Trustee Basile, Seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION to exit executive session for legal advice on property negotiations made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile

Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer