

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JULY 18, 2023-6:00 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 – Absent  
DEPUTY CLERK – BARBARA PONZILLO  
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

**SPECIAL GUEST** – James Doyle, Stillwater Landings, wants to dedicate the roads before winter. He is trying to get the culverts and roads cleaned. The DPW and engineer will review and report back.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Stillwater Attic Angels is having a backpack giveaway Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM. Their goal is to provide backpacks to all children that need them locally. They are seeking donations from local businesses, along with volunteers for 8/12/23. Joann Boucher, member of the American Legion, would like to conduct a fundraiser on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM for a walk for cancer and would like local businesses to participate.

Mayor Judy commended the Fire Department for their quick and professional response to the fire last Thursday night on Hudson Ave. They responded in record time and the fire was put out very quickly.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:** (Report on file) There were 5 alarms and 4 training events during the month. Hose testing went well.

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES** – (Report on file)

**DPW** – (Report on file) Sewer plant needs some repairs to one of the blowers. I received a quote to replace it. They want \$13,000 to replace, or we can buy the unit for \$2200 and replace it ourselves. I would like approval to purchase the parts.

**MOTION** to authorize the DPW Foreman to purchase a blower for the sewer plant, not to exceed \$2400, made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to authorize the DPW Foreman to purchase a computer board for the spirolift for the sewer plant, not to exceed \$7000, made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 3-0, 1 abstain.

**BCO** – (Absent)

**ENGINEERING** – (Report on file) Trustee Basile asked some questions regarding Scenic View sewer hook ups and if that would allow people on Lake Street to also join the Village sewer.

Family Day will be the Saturday after Labor Day and they will need sandbags.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Basile – The Battery Project is essentially complete. The FD training will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Trustee DeMarco – Asked Matt to check the south end planter for sumac.

Trustee Nelson – The canal authority and the bike project will not happen. Technically boats are not supposed to tie up over there, so it won't be workable. Livingston is waiting for funding approval.

Trustee Wood Zeno – Received proposal for email from the company that the Town uses, Edmunds. Their representative, Ryan, came for a meeting with myself and the Village Clerk. Their

proposal is \$2,790.00 for set up and \$1,440.00 as a yearly recurring total. This would bring us all on to the same platform. Trustee Wood Zeno makes a recommendation to subscribe to this service. Trustee Nelson recommend we invite the representative to the next meeting for questions.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** .- No report at this time

Treasurer’s Report – copy provided to all board members

**Voucher Totals by Account  
7/18/2023**

“A” General Fund	\$ 71,083.10
“F” Water Fund	\$ 42,051.77
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 19,003.53</u>
 TOTAL	 \$132,138.40

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

Village Tax Update – 91% of Village taxes have been received as of 7/19/2023

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

Trustee Basile stated he would like to share his experiences – Part 1. He moved here from the Putnam Valley because he had a disagreement with the school board in Putnam Valley because of the high taxing rate. The school taxes went up \$5000 in 3 years. They moved to Stillwater to get away from the high taxes. When he moved here he started going to the SCSD meetings. At that time, they received 50% of their O&M rates from the State of New York, compared to Putnam Valley only receiving 16%. He wanted to get into public service because he could not while he was working full time. He started coming to the VB meetings because he saw some issues with the pump station #1. He was very happy with the way the board handled the situation with a sewer upgrade project. He then became part of the Zoning commission, appointed by Mayor Martin. They worked and put together the new Zoning Law. He decided to run and was elected in 2007, and his major concern was finances. He witnessed some bad dealings with finances at other places. It took two months for him to become secure with his findings of Mayor Martina and Margo Partak. They did a great job of handling the village finances and were well under control. Once on board, he heard that the DEC was concerned about our water plant. The facts are that water plant was an industrial facility and needed a SPDES permit to discharge the backwash into the Hudson River, since it had been doing since the filters were installed in 1990. The DEC put us into a consent order and the Village Engineer, Quinton Koestner, designed for us a treatment system and DEC approved sending the backwash to our sewer plant. The solution was to send the backwash up to the school’s pump station, which the school owns. The design was worked out, and an intermunicipal agreement was formed for the school to take over responsibility of the operation and repair for that pump station. During that time the dredging preparations began. The DOH did a study and the water in our 6 wells came from the river. Then the DOH and DEC started testing for the dredging and build up of PCB’s as a result of the dredging. We went to bid for the project with an estimated \$900,000, with no grant money involved. July 2008 DOH notified the Village we had PCB’s in our water system. We tested for years and never had found PCB’s the EPA changed the parts per trillion to a lesser amount using new and very sensitive test procedures. The EPA forced GE to install 2 carbon filters in the discharge of our water system to remove all PCB’s. A quick study would have made our annual expenses jump to a million dollars a year. Based on that, we concluded in the long term we could not continue with the water plant, short term it was not a problem. We stopped the project and notified the DEC of what we were doing. Part 2 to follow at the next meeting.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER  
July 18, 2023**

**Authorizing Execution and Submission of Grant Applications  
for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project**

Motion By: Trustee Nelson

Seconded By: Trustee Wood Zeno

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Stillwater (Authority) plans to make certain upgrades to the Village’s existing wastewater treatment plant (Project); and

**WHEREAS**, following a coordinated review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Village adopted a Negative Declaration on May 16, 2023 finding that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to pursue grant funding for the Project through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and to seek low-interest financing under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village hereby authorizes the Village Mayor and Clerk to prepare, execute and submit any and all Grant Applications and supporting materials in furtherance of obtaining grant funding for the Project pursuant to the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to prepare, execute and submit any and all documents and supporting materials necessary to apply for and obtain low-interest financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to prepare, execute and submit any additional materials deemed necessary to seek and obtain grant funds and financing as described in this Resolution, including, but not limited to, any and all materials reasonably requested by EFC.

The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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>	_____	_____	_____

**Certification of Village Clerk**

I, Sheristin Tedesco, Village Clerk, do hereby certify 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 the 18th of July, 2023.

**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER  
July 18, 2023**

**Authorizing Execution and Submission of Grant Applications  
for Hudson Avenue Water Line Replacement Project**

Motion By: Trustee Nelson

Seconded By: Trustee Wood Zeno

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Stillwater plans to replace an existing water line on Hudson Avenue that entails the installation of approximately 8,600 linear feet of 8” ductile iron water main within the existing right of way and easements (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, following a coordinated review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Village adopted a Negative Declaration on May 16, 2023 finding that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to pursue grant funding for the Project through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Drinking Water Revolving Fund and to seek low-interest financing under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village hereby authorizes the Village Mayor and Clerk to prepare, execute and submit any and all Grant Applications and supporting materials in furtherance of obtaining grant funding for the Project pursuant to the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act; and be it further

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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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**OLD BUSINESS**

The free Flex Bus will be in service in early September and will serve the whole Village. There will be 5 pick up and drop off points. They are the Community Center, Library, Town Hall, Riverwood and Russell Drive Apts. For all other residents there will be an app and can be picked up at their residences. They will train people at the library on how to download the app on their phone.

**MOTION** to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno  
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 6/20/2023 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 7:15 PM for legal advice on property negotiations made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Clerk excused at 7:15 PM

One motion made in executive session

**MOTION** to authorize counsel to provide research documents to the Board advising on the procedures and costs for the use of eminent domain regarding one or more properties within the Village made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to exit executive session at for legal advice on property negotiations made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee Nelson

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco  
Clerk/Treasurer