

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- SEPTEMBER 19, 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  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: MATT RIFENBURGH  
BUILDING CODE OFFICER/ FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE  
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO  
FIRE CHIEF: JERI MEHAN  
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ**

Public Attendance - 1

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

The Fire house roof is leaking and must be inspected by a commercial roofer. SCSD uses Midstate Roofing for their slate roofs.

The informational Kiosks need to be installed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:** (Report on file) There was 1 alarm, 5 training drills and 1 event during the month.

**MOTION** to add Jayna Patrick as a social member of the Newland Wood Fire Dept. made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno  
Motion carried 4-0

October 14<sup>th</sup> will be the door to door fundraiser for the Newland Wood Fire Dept.

The new firetruck is being lettered and will have the number #591

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – No report at this time**

**DPW –** Dump truck research has begun as the DPW had to remove a truck from service due to safety. It was suggested Matt look at OGS for state contract and the mini bid process. (Report on file)

**ENGINEERING – (Report on file)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Basile – Visited the battery site and not happy with the clean up to date. The SCADA installation was complete. Requested an executive session for an upcoming local equipment auction and legal advice.

Trustee DeMarco – No report at this time

Trustee Nelson – Livingston Electric said that the utility company is designing the service to the pole and should be completed this week and then the installation will be scheduled.

Trustee Wood Zeno – Kiosks to be installed and exact locations will be determined this week. All employees must complete the annual sexual harassment training. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have completed the required training. Trustee Wood Zeno will hold a group session on 10/12/2023 at 9:00 am in the Village Board room.

Mayor Judy Wood Shaw stated the Village of Stillwater is the proud new owner of 682 Hudson Ave. We will be brainstorming what to do with the property.

Family Day was a complete success, and so was the FD coin drop. New flashing stop signs have been installed at Park and Lake Streets.

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

Treasurer's Report – copy provided to all board members

**Voucher Totals by Account  
9/19/2023**

"A" General Fund	\$ 22,810.43
"F" Water Fund	\$ 2,498.09
"G" Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 13,123.03</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 38,431.55

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 forgive 18,500 gallons, sewer portion only, of 10/1/2023 water bill for Ashley Bailey Customer #410365 - 1157 Hudson Ave. per email request dated 9/5/23 for filling of an in ground pool made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to credit CD.390.000 Rehabilitation Loans Receivable by \$25,501.78 due from owner of 691 Hudson Avenue pursuant to Village's settlement agreement and purchase contract for 682 Hudson Avenue made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to accept the budget adjustment as presented below, made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee DeMarco  
Motion carried 4-0

Increase A.1940.400 Purchase of Land Contractual by \$76,000.00 for land purchase at 682 Hudson Ave and related expenses.

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

Trustee Basile stated he would like to share his experiences – Part 3

**TRANSITION FROM WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPPLY TO SCWA SUPPLY**

August 2008: Board decision to abandon water treatment plant and find an alternative supply. This decision was immediately communicated to DOH, DEC and EPA.

At this time two unsolicited options were offered: Alex Mackey proposed that Saratoga Water Services supply water under contract and Glen Hollow Water offered to sell its water system. Board rejected both proposals. Reasons centered on major investments to upgrade systems, private entity long term commitment, water aquifer beneath a superfund site.

EPA initiated two studies one to determine source of PCB contamination and another to find alternate supply prior to dredging operations.

November 2008: Report identified source of PCB contamination as the soils surrounding the Village wells which raises the water PCB levels higher than existed in Hudson.

December 2008: Malcolm Pirnie report identified seven possible sources of water supply concluding that none would be viable long term nor satisfactory for protection during dredging. SCWA was recognized as viable long term source, but not built and still at proposal stage.

EPA commits GE to provide and pay for new pipe to obtain water from City of Troy to replace water supplies of Towns of Waterford and Halfmoon. Since it was not viable for the Village, decision was to install Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filters to remove all PCB contamination during dredging when levels in river were expected to be elevated.

February 2009: Village contracted with Chazen Engineers to design and prepare bid documents for connection to SCWA.

March 2009: Environmental Assessment Form completed by Chazen for Village water project.

May 2009: GAC installation completed and made operational.

February 2010: Chazen application for federal loan/grant assistance for water connection. This had taken place after much discussion and correspondence with the NYS Environmental Facilities

Corporation under applications for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Project was estimated to cost \$6,000,000.

April 2010: USDA Rural Development announced a loan of \$3,887,000 at 3.375% interest and a grant of \$1,995,000 for the water project.

November 2010: SCWA contract executed with some water supply expected to begin 2011.

April 2011: Highlander Construction wins general contract. Electric contract was won by Brunswick Electric.

May 2011: Contracts awarded with notices to proceed.

June 2011: Construction commenced. 82 easements were entered into between the Village and the various property owners in order to carry out the pipeline construction of approximately 9 miles of 12 inch PVC C900 and/or HDPE pipe.

February 2012: SCWA connection placed fully into service. Construction essentially completed. Remaining work not in original scope included online alarm monitoring and water tank security fencing needing USDA further financial authorization.

March 2012: Water Plant permanently shut down. Shortly thereafter GACs removed from site.

March 2014: All remaining work completed for final cost of \$4,953,330. There remained \$933,669 of the original grant. Lesson was the scope should have been larger.

Not included here are the bonding by the Village, contractor payments, the use of an edu charge to property owners to finance interim construction payments, the General Electric lawsuit and its eventual settlement for \$6.5M, the payoff of the bond for the \$3.9M, edu refunds returned to property owners.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Flexbus is now operating in the Village of Stillwater and we hope to host a "Lunch and Learn" to teach people how to use the app

The ZBA needs to meet to discuss a variance on Ferry Lane and the third member is not responding and his term has expired. It was decided to appoint a new member. Mayor Judy asked a few residents, without success, and now has a volunteer who would like to join the ZBA. The ZBA is a 3 person board with staggered term dates.

**MOTION** to appoint John Tedesco Jr. to the Village of Stillwater's ZBA to fill an open position through 3/31/2026 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

The VB discussed expanding the ZBA from 3 members to 5.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Nelson presented a proposed local law for discussion regarding idle commercial property registrations and incentives. It will be reviewed by counsel, and the trustees, and presented again in October. Trustee Nelson will also make a list of the properties to be potentially affected by the proposed Local Law. (Copy on file)

The Village Clerk will be on vacation November 20-24, 2023. The monthly meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2023. It was agreed the claims would be reviewed/approved the week prior so they can be paid before the Clerk is on vacation.

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

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

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 8/15/2023 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 7:25 PM for legal advice on equipment auctions made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk excused at 7:25 PM

**MOTION** to exit executive session at for legal advice on equipment auctions made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco  
Clerk/Treasurer