

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- NOVEMBER 21, 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
DEPUTY CLERK – BARBARA PONZILLO
BUILDING CODE OFFICER/ FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO
FIRE CHIEF: JERI MEHAN**

Public Attendance - 7

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

A presentation was made by Trustee Judy Wood-Zeno, on behalf of the Board, thanking Mayor Judy Wood-Shaw and Trustee John Basile for their collective years of service to the citizens of the Village of Stillwater.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There were 19 alarms, 4 training drills and 3 events during the month. The Board was presented with a slate of the 2024 officers for the Newland-Wood Fire Department. The Haunted House was reported as very successful with over 600 participants.

DPW – No report at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – Laurence Case presented to the Board his September and October reports.

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Basile – Questioned the legal process to approve the election results once received. Discussion tabled to Executive Session.

Trustee DeMarco – Christmas decorating has begun. The Christmas tree for Cannon Park has been donated by John Retell in memory of his father at no cost to the Village. The sign at Cannon Park will note this generous donation.

Trustee Nelson – Reported that the EV stations should be operational within the week. A decision will be made at a future meeting regarding charges for this service.

Trustee Wood Zeno – Discussed the contract with Drew Aliberti from Flatley Reed that included a contingent to any payment only if grant funding was successful for a new Firehouse and for access to the River frontage, neither of which was successful.

MOTION made by Trustee Wood-Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco to pay Drew Aliberti a flat fee of \$1000.00 for work with other successful projects within the Village and through the Experience Stillwater Committee.

Motion carried 4-0

After discussion among Board members, the motion was modified.

MOTION made by Trustee Wood-Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco to enter in a new contract with Flatley Reed with a sign-on bonus of \$1000.00 for services rendered.

Motion carried 4-0

VILLAGE ATTORNEY - No report at this time

TREASURER’S REPORT – Copy provided to each Board member

**Voucher Totals by Account
11/21/2023**

“A” General Fund	\$ 55,677.05
“F” Water Fund	\$ 11,388.98
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 12,971.05</u>
TOTAL	\$ 80,037.08

MOTION to Open the Floor to the Public and Press made by Trustee Wood-Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson.
Motion carried 4-0

Jason Singer, engineer for project at 805/807 Hudson Ave. discussed a timeline for the project with the Board. The Lot Line Adjustment has been sent to the County for their approval. The meeting is scheduled for December 19th. Based on that decision, the Planning Board will review for approval. Once the Lot Line Adjustment has been approved, the Zoning Board of Appeals will need to meet to review the project for an Area Variance. Laurence Case indicated that if his schedule is possible, he will try to attend the County meeting to get their decision in time for the evening Village Board meeting.

Trustee Basile continued with more history of the Village infrastructure and water plant issues from 2007.

Noted the anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and his impact on people from many nations.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Jack and Kathleen Stell, 691 Hudson Ave. presented to the Board to discuss the plan to open a Bed & Breakfast at their home. Laurence Case indicated that he reviewed the request.

MOTION to approve a Bed & Breakfast business at 691 Hudson Ave. made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 4-0.

Jack Stell presented to the Board that he is a certified mental health professional who has had practices in several states. He has submitted a permit for a Home Occupation 1 in order to see patients both in-person and virtually at 691 Hudson Ave. Laurence Case has approved this permit.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Law #2 of 2023 – Idle Commercial Property Law – will be tabled to 2024

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 minutes from Regular Meeting dated 10/17/2023 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 7:08 PM for legal discussion of election results made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Basile.
Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Clerk excused at 7:08 P.M.

MOTION to exit executive session at for legal consult on election results issue made by Trustee Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

Two motions were approved during Executive Session as follows:

MOTION for Code Enforcement to require licensed electrical inspectors to inspect any installations or changes to electrical units within Village with a report to be provided to the Village Board made by Mayor Wood Shaw, seconded by Trustee Wood Zeno
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION made to accept certified County election results as follows: "Be it resolved that upon receipt to the village clerk of the certified election results of 11/7/23, that those persons receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be deemed duly elected by this body at the time of receipt made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Judy Wood Zeno
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ponzillo
Deputy Clerk