

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- NOVEMBER 19, 2024-6:15 P.M. – TOWN HALL
PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE
PATRICK NELSON , TRUSTEE SHEILA NETT, TRUSTEE JAMES DOYLE
CLERK TREASURER – SHERISTIN TEDESCO
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: MATT RIFENBURGH - Absent
BUILDING CODE OFFICER/ FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE - Absent
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO
FIRE CHIEF: JERI MEHAN
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ

Public Attendance - 1

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

New Trustee Jeffrey Stewart took his Oath of Office and was sworn in by the Village Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter read by Mayor Wood Zeno from Sheila Nett announcing her resignation effective 12/1/2024. Trustee Nett thanked the board and stated she enjoyed the time she served the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There were 2 alarms and 5 training drills and 4 events during the month.

DPW – (Report on file)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – (No report submitted)

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

MAYOR UPDATE:

MOTION to approve the purchase of signs from AJ Signs in the amount of \$18,650.00 made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion deferred

It was agreed that additional options would be researched

MOTION to defer consideration on commercial sign portion of the AJ Signs estimate made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the purchase of new signs for Village Hall, not to exceed \$875, from AJ Signs made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

A workshop will be planned for grant writing opportunities and to establish the Village's priorities.

Experience Stillwater will have a meeting on 12/12/24 and will start a subcommittee chat for businesses.

Stillwater Lofts should be completed by February.

MOTION to increase the DPW purchasing of boots to three pair per year, at \$225.00 per pair, made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Doyle
Motion carried 3-1

TRUSTEE UPDATES:

Trustee Nelson stated he had a meeting with Carrie Woerner to discuss the EV charging rates, to try to get them standardized. He is working on the rebate program for the EV chargers also. He is also working on the joint Climate Smart task force, with Jennifer Natyzak as director.

Voucher Totals by Account
11/19/2024

"A" General Fund	\$ 124,153.84
"F" Water Fund	\$ 4,524.38
"G" Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 10,343.17</u>

TOTAL

\$ 139,021.39

Treasurer's Report – copy provided to all board members

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

The unpaid village taxes have been relieved to Saratoga County in the amount of \$23,850.11 on 10/22/2024

MOTION to forgive 22,000 gallons, sewer portion only, of 04/1/2025 water bill for Jason Papa Customer #550005 – 5 Independence Row per email request dated 11/07/24 for filling of a pool because of liner replacement and a leak made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the budget adjustments as presented to the Board made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

Increase A.1620.402, Telephones by \$1,100.00 to cover the costs of the new phones and systems set up

Increase A.1620.404 Buildings, Equipment & Repair by \$10,000.00 to cover new Village Hall incidentals

Increase CHIPS Expense A.5112.200 and CHIPS Revenue A.3501 by \$83,412.55 to total our actual CHIPS 2024/2025 balance with cumulative rollover balances included to total \$107,412.55

Increase A.6510.400 Veterans Services Hometown Hero Banners by \$3,000.00 to cover the banners not previously budgeted

Increase A.1620.404 Buildings, Equipment & Repair by \$10,000.00 to cover cameras at the Water Plant, Splashpad, Major Dickinson Park and the new Village Hall, VB approved 10/15/2024

Increase A.9010.800 State Retirement by \$8,000.00 to adjust to match actual NYSLRS Invoice for 2024

Increase G.8130.402 Sewage Treat/Disposal Telephone by \$300.00 to cover the landline telephone at the sewer plant

Increase A.7110.400 Parks Contractual by \$5000.00 to cover the Pocket Park expenses (Railings and misc.)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF STILLWATER November 19, 2024

Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Motion By: Mayor Wood Zeno

Seconded By: Trustee Nelson

WHEREAS, until 2024, cities villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM Funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

WHEREAS, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and.

WHEREAS, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep the pace with inflation.

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

Voting:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Doyle	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nett	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Zeno	<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 19th of November, 2024.

MOTION to ratify the ZBA Secretary as Shannon Radliff to be paid a stipend of \$100 per ZBA meeting made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Doyle
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 11/5/24, that those persons receiving the highest number of votes for village trustee shall be deemed duly elected by this body at the time of receipt made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to accept the name for the pocket park from the online vote. A total of 328 votes were cast with 213 (65.1%) for Revolution Park, 86 votes for Still Water Park and 28 votes for The Park in the Village, made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION that the naming of the pocket park to Revolution Park is not intended, and shall not have the effect, by the Village Board to be interpreted as dedicating the land as official park lands under New York State law made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 10/15/2024 made by Trustee Nett, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0, Trustee Nelson abstained

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 7:09 PM for legal advice made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION to exit executive session at 7:52 PM for legal advice made by Mayor Wood Zeno,
seconded by Trustee Nett
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to authorize the Village Attorney to pursue legal action regarding a delinquent sewer
payment made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

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

Meeting adjourned 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer