

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JANUARY 21, 2025-6:15 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL- 662 HUDSON AVENUE**

**PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON, TRUSTEE JEFF STEWART, TRUSTEE SUE CUNNINGHAM  
DEPUTY CLERK- BARBARA PONZILLO  
BUILDING CODE OFFICER/ FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE  
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO  
FIRE CHIEF: TONY CONTI**

Public Attendance - 4

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC HEARING-** Local Law # 1 of 2025 Cold War Veteran Tax Exemption-

**MOTION** made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Wood-Zeno introduced the purpose and intent of Local Law # 1 of 2025 granting a tax exemption to all Veterans of the Cold War. There were no questions or comments from the public.

**MOTION** made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Stewart to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** made by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee DeMarco to introduce Resolution adopting Local Law No 1 of 2025. Village Board unanimously approved by vote Motion carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER  
January 21, 2025**

**Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2025, a Local Law Providing for Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption**

Motion By: Trustee Stewart  
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

**WHEREAS**, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees on January 21, 2025 to consider the adoption Local Law No. 1 of 2025, a Local Law Providing for Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption and all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has duly considered the proposed local law and public comment thereon;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby pass, approve and adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2025 in its entirety, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and perform such actions necessary to effectuate the filing of the new local law with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

The Village Board Members present were:

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Trustee Cunningham	<u>  x  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>  x  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>  x  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Stewart	<u>  x  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Zeno	<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 January 21, 2025.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Mayor Wood-Zeno received an invitation to all elected officials to the Stillwater United Church Community Breakfast on February 1, 2025, and was extended to all Board members.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:** (Report on file) There were 4 alarms and 1 training drill and 0 events during the month.

**DPW** – (Report on file)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER / BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES** – (Report on file)

**ENGINEERING** – (Report on file) Mr. Hernandez was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Wood-Zeno has questions regarding:

1-Issues with the Wastewater Treatment Plant which will need to be addressed.

2-The Park Avenue Bridge- a recommendation was made to place a 10,000-pound weight limit. Attorney Peluso will further investigate.

**SPECIAL GUEST-** Drew Aliberti from Flatley Reed, Inc. addressed the Board regarding their “Wish List” for projects that may have grant availability. Mayor Wood-Zeno listed several projects, including the Firehouse renovations, the Park Avenue bridge, sidewalks and a protected bike path.

The Board agreed that the Firehouse project should take priority, and the next step would be to obtain a survey of the Firehouse property.

**MOTION**-made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco to obtain a survey of the Firehouse property.

Motion carried 4-0

#### **MAYOR UPDATES**

Mayor Wood Zeno stated she would like to proceed with ordering the Bike Repair kit for Revolution Park.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco, to purchase a Bike Repair kit, not to exceed \$3000.

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Wood Zeno stated that she would like to purchase a Portable Voice Amplification System to be utilized at Board meetings and other Village events. Trustee Nelson expressed interest in this purchase and will research.

**MOTION** made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to purchase a Portable Voice Amplifier (Vendor Passport) not to exceed \$1500.00.

Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Wood-Zeno reported that she emailed Rob McCoy, president of the Stillwater Central School District Board of Education regarding sharing the cost of the new Welcome Sign at the south end of the Village which would list all State Champions from the District for the past decade. Mr. McCoy will discuss this with the Board of Education members and report back to Mayor Wood-Zeno.

Mayor Wood-Zeno introduced the idea of reaching out to Village residents and others for historical pictures, books, mementos, etc. of the Village to display in Village Hall on the empty bookshelves.

Mayor Wood-Zeno discussed the idea of the Christmas Village next December which would coincide with the Tree Lighting and Blockhouse Park Memorial trees. The Experience Stillwater committee is willing to assist with this event. Next step is for Mayor Wood-Zeno to reach out to all businesses.

**TRUSTEE UPDATES**-None at this time.

**CLERK TREASURERS REPORT**-copy provided to all Board members.

**Voucher Totals by Account  
JANUARY 2025**

"A" General Fund	\$ 28,621.33
"F" Water Fund	\$ 38,409.53
"G" Sewer Fund	\$ <u>8,410.55</u>
TOTAL	\$ 75,441.41

**OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**MOTION** made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart to open the meeting to public comment.

Motion carried 4-0

John Basile discussed the history of the Firehouse.

Pete Bardunias from the Capital Chamber of Commerce thanked the Village Board for their contributions to the Chamber and complimented the new Board Room.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee DeMarco to close the Open Floor.

Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**- None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**- None at this time.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUDITED CLAIMS** made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT** made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 12/14/24 REGULAR MEETING** made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** to adjourn at 7:23 PM made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara B. Ponzillo  
Deputy Clerk