

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JUNE 16, 2009-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES, KENNETH BAKER, JOHN BASILE, ELLEN VOMACKA ABSENT: TRUSTEE KEITH COLLINS**

**ALSO PRESENT: FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA**

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Jay Verro from Larkin Commercial Properties, Inc. explained the status of Riverwood I & II. The complex is for sale for \$2.2 million and must be offered to local not for profits for the first 60 days. From 61-180 days it can be offered to any not for profits. After 180 days it can be sold on the open market which could eliminate affordable housing. The asking price was set by Rural Development and not for profits would receive rental assistance, 1% interest for 40 years, and a grant to cover closing costs.

Mayor Martin adjourned the Public Hearing to the next meeting as no interested parties were in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Basile advised correspondence had been received from Mr. Grannis and there will be no funding for a sewer connection to the County. A second letter was received from Mr. Grannis regarding Order on Consent violations. The Mayor commented we've negotiated in good faith with DEC for 2 years to no avail.

A letter was sent by the Mayor to Town Supervisor Connelly notifying him of the Village's decision to install the water line along County Rt. 76 to SCWA and although it was requested, there is no support from the Town.

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman (absent)**

Mayor Martin read Mr. Goman's monthly report (copy on file)

**FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

The Chief reviewed his written report (copy on file) and updated the Board on the status of E59-3. All equipment has been returned to the firehouse and the truck will also be coming back for disposal. While researching alternatives for a replacement truck the Chief contacted the Terry Farrell Foundation who offered the department a truck at no cost other than transporting it from the Rhode Island border where it's currently located. Discussion took place on condition, mileage, and size.

The current painting quote from Bennington is for both bays, will be meeting with WW Patenaude to obtain a second quote. Family Day fire prevention booth was a success, hose testing nearly completed. The Steamer will be taken to the Lake George Convention and the department will be participating in the Hudson Mohawk Convention to be held in Mechanicville.

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia**

Supt. Gerasia reviewed his report for the month (copy on file)

The Town has been using an unusually large amount of water but Supt. Minick said there are no leaks. When EPA required other municipalities to switch to an alternate water source, Waterford provided the Village with chemicals they would no longer be using. Supt. Gerasia explained why the backwashing of the carbon filters caused problems with our water and spoke about the DOH pilot program at the WTP to test home filters for PCB removal. BPI has begun work on the connection to the frac tank; check valves will be required by DOH and have been ordered.

Chemical quote requests were sent to Slack, JEM, and Surpass. No response received from Surpass and Slack's prices were significantly lower than what we have been paying.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Kenneth Baker – Mr. Baker requested new grass be planted in front of the Clerk’s office and would like to see the wall outside the Board room fixed. Discussion was held on making building repairs.

Trustee John Basile – Delaware Engineering prepared an engineering report regarding our WWTP, it was submitted to DEC June 4 along with a new 5 year SPDES permit application increasing discharge levels. A SPDES permit application for the WTP backwash wastewater was also submitted. A meeting took place on June 15 with NYS AG & DEC and will be discussed in executive session.

An application was submitted to the EFC CWSRW Green Innovation Program to supplement the sidewalk grant to install drainage. The School Board will discuss formally supporting the project tonight; all lead agency letters have not been received.

Trustee Keith Collins – absent – report made by Trustee Basile  
Two submittals to USDA Rural Water have been made for funding. Three commitments made at the DEC Conference held May 1 as follows: Engineering report, SPDES Application and cease discharge without treatment. All are complete except the discharge but the frac tank is on the premises. Updated estimated costs for piping were discussed. A report is due July 1 according to the stipulation with DOH; TCC will prepare and send.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – no report

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Margo Partak

Supt. Gerasia’s report didn’t mention the windshield accident and the Clerk requested she be given a written statement by the employees involved.

**MOTION** authorizing payment for the repair/replacement of the broken windshield made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 3-0

Clerk advised there were two year end transfers as follows:

Transfer \$ 20.00 from 1620403A to 1620402A

Transfer \$ 50.00 from 34102A to 3410404A

Clerk/Treasurer advised the cash balance in sewer is low due to the fact that we have finally paid the entire amount due debt service.

**MOTION** to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 3-0

Martin Riccardi, 9 Palmer Street explained he has a problem with parking on the east side of Palmer Street. He is unable to get his vehicles out of his driveway. He is requesting the Board consider no parking across from driveways and limit other parking to 4 hours. This would allow residents to have visitors but the street would not be blocked constantly. He also expressed displeasure at the way the yellow lines next to fire hydrants are painted throughout the village, he feels it should be equal for all hydrants, not short for some and long for others as it is now. Mr. Riccardi reminded the Board that there is a vault of PCB contaminated blocks near the old mill and wondered if the Village could request having them removed during the current EPA/GE cleanup of the river.

James Champlin thanked Town & Village Clerks for adding village minutes to the Town website. Mr. Champlin questioned if it is necessary for a permitted use in the business district to notify the Village of the business and if a site plan review would be required. Mr. Champlin also questioned if it would be possible to have Building Code Officer require orange fencing around building hazards in the future.

**MOTION** to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker

Motion carried 3-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor explained he has been approached by a resident that he has been paying too much for water for the last 10 years as he was constantly estimated. He would like a \$1,500 refund for overpaid water and sewer. Trustee Basile feels he would need to come before the Board to plead his case.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to sign Chazen Project #PM09-019 change order #3 task 24 at a cost not to exceed \$23,000 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker. Discussion: Trustee Basile explained this would be required to run pipeline to SCWA as archaeological study uncovered evidence that requires extra shovel test pits.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to sign a proposal with Dreyer-Boyajian LLP for legal representation for the water line connection to SCWA at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker. Discussion: Trustee Basile explained this contract is necessary for the funding application through EFC. TCC estimates biggest costs would be for easements.

Motion carried 3-0

The Board authorized the Building Code Officer to purchase a badge to be used when conducting village business.

Trustee Vomacka will work with Paul O’Kosky II on the 911 numbering for the Village of Stillwater; the Mayor will let him know.

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 19 & June 9, 2009 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:

A - \$47,513.82

F - \$ 9,684.57

G - \$ 6,589.55

made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka.

Motion carried 3-0

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Basile.

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer