

**REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-NOVEMBER 18, 2008-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES – JOHN BASILE, KENNETH BAKER, RAYMOND WALKER, JOHN MURPHY**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JAMES PELUSO; FIRE CHIEF, SHANE MAHAR; SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROBERT GERASIA; BUILDING CODE OFFICER, LYNN GOMAN**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman**

No new permits or co's issued. Russell Drive building proceeding, drywall being installed, should be ready for co around January 1. 299 Hudson Ave is moving slowly, unable to reach anyone for a progress report. Stillwater Free Library steeple is up with new footings.

**FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar**

Chief Mahar distributed his monthly report (copy on file) and explained why Christopher Aldi was resigning

**MOTION** to accept resignation of Christopher Aldi made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 4-0

Steamer garage building on hold until spring, grant money is available through July 2009 Hope to have additional money from village in next budget.

A training session was held on Saturday with instructors from NYS Association of Fire Chiefs with 19 members attending.

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

The Supt. reviewed his report (copy on file) and spoke about a power surge at the WTP which burned out the alarm system. An insurance claim was approved with a deductible of \$1,000; a new alarm is to be installed with filters on the phone line and a battery backup so if a surge comes in, it will damage the battery not the alarm.

Trustee Murphy informed the Supt. there were two areas this morning with ice on the road caused by residents sump pump draining and at some point we will need to deal with it. One is located by on Major Dickinson Avenue near Mellon's, the other on the sidewalk along Hudson Avenue near Kinisky's.

Discussion was held regarding the size of the Village tree in the park and how it should be trimmed or replaced.

The Supt. distributed a proposal from Pump Services for the Barbolt Court pump which can be repaired for \$1,171. or replaced for \$1,900.00. Discussion was held on the best way to proceed and when asked, the Supt. said he recommended purchasing a new one.

**MOTION** authorizing the purchase of a new pump for Barbolt Court made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker

Motion carried 4-0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Basile – Reviewed his report (copy on file) and spoke about correspondence with DEC. Saratoga County has rejected our petition citing the

Town of Wilton as a precedent. We met with Saratoga County Sewer District Officials on November 17<sup>th</sup> regarding our petition & possible costs involved (report on file). Estimates have been calculated on what our costs might be to join the County and The Chazen Co. has been asked to submit a proposal to provide engineering work at the level required by the Saratoga County Sewer Commissioners.

Trustee John Murphy – requested an executive session for two contract matters

Trustee Raymond Walker – ZBA will not hold a meeting in December

**MOTION** to approve the cost of \$49 per person to attend Saratoga county Planning and Zoning Conference on January 28, 2009 made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile Discussion: Patti Ryan, Joe White, Tim Campbell, Wayne Simmons, Lynn Goman, and Trustee Walker will attend along with any other Board members who are interested.

Motion carried 4-0

Clarification is still needed regarding who sets fees – the ZBA or the Village Board. The Mayor will call the County tomorrow to ask and request a representative attend the January meeting.

Trustee Ken Baker – no report

**CLERK-TREASURER** - Margo L. Partak Absent

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

Mr. Frank Darwak from Independence Row in attendance to discuss the water and ice accumulating on Independence Row as a result of the homeowner removing his sump pumps from the Village sewer system. Discussion was held on who is responsible and how the situation may best be corrected. The Supt. stated the construction of the road was poor with storm drains not located in the proper areas. Trustee Walker feels it's the homeowner's problem and not the Village. It was decided additional discussion should take place in Executive Session.

The Board answered questions from Wayne and Terry Simmons about dredging, an alternate water source, and the County Sewer.

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

Motion carried 4-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF STILLWATER GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED AND THE TERMS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-104, Sub. 3.(a) of the Election Law of the State of New York provides that the Board of Trustees shall adopt a resolution, at least four (4) months prior to the general Village election, designating the offices to be filled and the terms thereof, such resolution to be published within (10) days of adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a General Village Election of the Village of Stillwater, New York will be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009, and the offices to be filled and the terms thereof are as follows:

Trustee – four years

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**RESOLUTION** moved by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Basile  
Resolution adopted 4-0

**MOTION** authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer to sign the necessary paperwork from Ballston Spa National Bank to begin the borrowing process related to the prior Bonding Resolution made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker  
Motion carried 4-0

The Mayor asked the Trustees to assist in filling the food pantry box located in the Village Clerk's office and Trustee Murphy asked if monetary donations were acceptable.

Trustee Walker continues to work on the V & T Law

The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held on Sunday, November 30 at 6pm.

**MOTION** to approve Treasurer Report made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from October 7 and 21, 2008 made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried 4 -0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims:  
A - \$13,390.22  
F - \$13,305.45  
G - \$ 3,705.41  
made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Walker  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker  
Motion carried 4-0

The Board agreed the Mayor should write a letter to the residents of 4 Independence Row regarding the water situation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Prepared from tape of meeting  
Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak  
Clerk-Treasurer