

REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF TRUSTEES-JANUARY 20, 2009-7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Historian Linda Sanders reviewed her annual report to the Board (copy on file) and spoke about the many activities the Historian's office participated in during the last year.

MOTION to open the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

Scott Ronda and Gary D'Amico requested direction from the Board regarding a change in plans for their project at 299 N Hudson Ave. The original intention was to rent however people want to purchase so Mr. Ronda and Mr. D'Amico would like permission to subdivide the property into four separate units with four separate tax identification numbers. The Board asked Mr. Ronda to provide them with his proposed plot plan and stated they would need time to discuss his request. Building Code Officer Lynn Goman commented his interpretation of Zoning would require two lots or the issuance of a special use permit or variance. Mr. Ronda replied the use wouldn't change.

Rod Colvin spoke about how difficult it's become to exit his driveway due to the increased number of apartments lacking adequate parking resulting in cars on sidewalks and in yards. He also expressed concern regarding snow on sidewalks making children unable to walk to their bus stops. Trustee Basile expressed concern regarding snow on the bridge over Schuyler Creek.

Trustee Walker will look into the issue of school bus parked in a S. Hudson Avenue resident's front yard, Mayor Martin will check into 18 wheel tractor parking on Champlain Road.

Jim Champlin questioned the difference between a 2 family residence and apartments.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read a letter from the Newland Wood Ladies Auxiliary requesting use of the Village Board room for their monthly meetings.

MOTION to allow the Newland Wood Ladies Auxiliary to use the Village Board room on the first Tuesday of each month made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

Letter received from David Anusesky outlining his complaints about his recent water line installation. Lengthy discussion was held including whether or not Mr. Anusesky was told how much the job would cost and if it was necessary for him to hire an outside contractor to make repairs.

BUILDING CODE OFFICER – Lynn Goman

One CO issued for #8 Russell Drive. A demo permit was issued for 46 Major Dickinson Avenue and the new owner is in the process of having his engineer design a building to fit the lot and comply with zoning. Mr. Goman also requested a new form be created detailing all work and associated costs for water/sewer taps so both he and the homeowner will know what they're dealing with.

FIRE CHIEF – Shane Mahar

Chief Mahar reviewed his written report (copy on file)

MOTION to remove firefighter Paul Spooner from the Department Roster made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

The Chief borrowed \$25,000 to cover equipment purchased pending receipt of the previously awarded Bruno grant which will be delayed.

The annual banquet will be held on February 21, 2009, the Mayor requested the Departments budget numbers as soon as possible.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS – Robert Gerasia

The Supt. reviewed his report (copy on file) and answered questions about water and sewer connections for the Russell Drive project. The Supt. advised the Board there will be no flower baskets this year due to the vandalism in the past. The Mayor requested the lights be disconnected from the tree in the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Basile – Reviewed his report (copy on file). A workshop will take place in the Board room on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7pm. Samples for temporary backwash filter required for temporary SPDES permit. The trailer park on Hallum Road will need a new sewer line and Trustee Basile will write the owners a letter. Supt. Gerasia said a new water line should also be installed. Clinton Court and Castle Cliff are both experiencing high inflow. The Supt. said five sump pumps connected to the Castle Cliff sewer have been discovered so far.

Trustee John Murphy – absent

Trustee Raymond Walker – County Planning and Zoning Conference will take place on January 28, 2009. Discussion was held on the proposed revisions to the V & T Law and a public hearing will take place in February.

Trustee Kenneth Baker – Commended the Fire Dept. and the DPW for their outstanding work during and after the storms.

CLERK-TREASURER - Margo L. Partak

The Board was asked to review changes to the Water Regulations and the Clerk requested a step by step process be created for new connections with everyone instructed to follow it. Trustee Basile agreed to draft.

MOTION to appoint Kay Poitras, Dorothy DeMarco, Kathy Wood, Carolyn Hayner, and Kathy Peacock (alternate) as election inspectors made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

A comparison of health insurance options for Village Employees was distributed to the Board and discussion was held on which plan to use. Adirondack Trust representative Phil Klein recommended BSNY Sky Plan but research by the Clerk's office indicates physician and prescription coverage will be limited. The Clerk asked Supt. Gerasia for input since he'd previously expressed dissatisfaction with CDPHP but he said after using it for a year, he's happy with the plan but agreed to speak to the DPW staff for their comments.

The Clerk met with Amanda Walsh regarding possible grant funding for records storage and requested the Board create and/or appoint a Building Committee since no one seems to have time to follow through on much needed repair and maintenance.

Discussion was held on creating a Village Website; Trustee Basile has a contact and will look into the possibility.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor asked if the snowplow/parked car accident had been resolved and was advised our insurance company confirmed we were not responsible.

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal for water services has been received from Chazen and a 90% design document has been received from EPA. Trustee Basile feels it's in the Village's best interest to have an independent review of the design and would like to EPA to pay for it.

Supt. Gerasia asked what the status of the sidewalk grant was and was told it would be discussed during budget negotiations.

MOTION to approve Treasurer Report made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from December 16 and 30, 2008 made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Walker Discussion: Trustee Basile requested page 3 of the December 30 minutes be amended to read "In our November 24 letter, we should have said we need an alternate water source in place before the Board can consider allowing this system to be installed...."
Motion carried 3 -0

MOTION to approve the audited claims:
A - \$28,051.73
F - \$14,596.20
G - \$11,560.09
made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 9:05 p.m. made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Basile
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay Supt. Gerasia five sick days with the remaining four to be either vacation or comp time made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Baker.
Motion carried 3-0

The Board instructed the Clerk to recalculate all staff vacation, sick, and personal time to reflect a calendar year as per our personnel policy

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo L. Partak
Clerk-Treasurer