

Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 2008

7:00p.m.

Present - Mayor Donna Kelley, Trustees Bonnie Howell, Phil Joe Smith
Philip Gillemot.

Absent -

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry, Harold Mattison
Mark Hassan

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 3, 2008 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 as presented, seconded by Trustee Smith. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

Jim Sinicropi of Finger Lakes 1 offered a slide presentation on website design for the Village. He emphasized that the site can promote businesses, tourism and serve the residents. His estimated cost to develop the website is \$4,716.95 and \$229.00 per month to maintain/update. Trustee Howell inquired if the website could be maintained by the village. Mr. Sinicropi felt that it could, however his experience indicates that sites tend to deteriorate when left to staff.

Board members received a copy of the Schuyler County Legislature's resolution offering an annual payment of \$500.00 as payment in lieu of tax on the former Office for Aging building at 336 West Main Street. Mayor Kelley indicated this payment was based on updated assessed valuation.

With reference to ongoing discussions with the Town of Montour and their Highway Superintendent, board members received a copy of an intermunicipal agreement between the City of Elmira and Chemung County Highway Department for review. Village Attorney has also drafted a Shared Service Agreement specifically for use with the Town of Montour that will require detailing of expected supervisory/administrative tasks. Concerns raised included supervision of union employees and compatibility with non-union employees of the town; payment to the Town over and above the amount to be paid to Superintendent; no supervision for water/sewer(that would be performed by operator); termination of agreement clause. Mayor Kelley indicated a time deadline must be set to allow the Village Board to consider other options for supervision. Mayor Kelley stated she would make contact with Town Highway Superintendent Dana Bailey.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing Larson Engineers who are currently preparing plans for installation of new waterline on Owego Street/Raymond Street to assist with necessary permits for an amount of \$3,800.00. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Carried.

Board approved closing West Main Street from Owego Street to Tracy Street for the Pride Ride on June 28th between the hours of 3:00-7:00p.m.; for the Bike Rally on July 4-5th between 1:00-6:00p.m.; for the Nascar celebration on August 7th between 3:00-9:00p.m. and from Henry Street to Genesee Street for the Fall Festival on October 11th between 8:00a.m.- 10:30p.m.

A second comparison quote was received from Mursock Construction for dock replacement.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to accept a proposal from Seneca Hardwoods to rebuild two docks at the marina using the existing piling and providing 4 boat slips for a total cost of \$2,000. and further resolved Bob Howell of Seneca Hardwoods would then rent two of the four slips making two available to rent. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board members agreed to meet for a budget workshop on Monday, March 24th at 7:00p.m.

Board agreed that three employees who participated in the BOCES Basic Electrical Training, Lance VanAlstine, Mike Hughey, Mike Thomas be credited with 48 hours time off to be used within one year of this date.

Board discussed scheduling Dumpster Day and will make contact with the Town of Montour to coordinate arrangements.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to authorize an agreement with SCOPED for 2008 services for an amount of \$3,608.00 and authorized Mayor Kelley to execute the agreement. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board agreed to renew contract for the 2008 season with Steve Brown for cleaning at the marina facility under the same terms and conditions. Clerk to advise Steve.

Board agreed to renew contract for the 2008 season with Bruce Reynolds for his boatlift operation at the marina facility under the same terms and conditions. Clerk to advise Bruce.

Mayor to speak with Attorney Halpin regarding the agreement between the Village and the Montour Falls Yacht Club. The Yacht Club, although annual fee was paid has failed to execute an agreement for the last two seasons.

Trustee Howell:

- reviewed Code Enforcement report for the month of February, 2008.
- made note the audit report cited deficiencies relating to segregation of duties and the need for assistance with completion of the audited financial statements including footnotes. Both deficiencies will remain without increasing number of staff.

Trustee Gillemot:

- inquired if the historic preservation consultant has been contacted to look at library building.
- indicated that the library is attempting to address fund raising.

Trustee Howell noted the Watkins Glen Library has a "Friends of the Library" group who has kicked off a fundraiser for long-term expenses.

Trustee Smith:

- advised the board the Environmental Management Council will be approaching the town with regard to the Catharine Family Park with an option for a third party "Trout Unlimited" to be involved.
- Landfill Commission accepted a proposal for on site treatment pilot study for \$16,000 using a lagoon.

Mayor Kelley indicated no design has been received from Frandsen Developers for the water or sewer system at the Family Housing Project.

Mayor Kelley advised the board a new engineer from the staff of MRB Group would be assigned to the marina project. Mayor also noted that there would be a county donated job trailer as a makeshift office for this season.

Board discussed the land spreading moratorium and the inclusion of this prohibition in the new zoning law. Mayor noted that the new zoning law includes an agriculture district and this must be reviewed.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing purchase of package from the International Code Council to promote Building Safety Week as requested by Code Enforcement Officer, Chip Segar for a cost of \$70.00. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley advised the board she has a meeting set up with Paul Mayo, Labor Negotiation Specialist and union officials for March 20, 2008 to begin union contract negotiations.

Mayor noted the RFP for the Montour House are due March 24th and will be reviewed by the committee on March 27th.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing payment of bills on Abstract #19 \$40,136.47 Water Abstract #19 \$5,739.38, Sewer Abstract #19 \$4,070.70. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p.m, seconded by Trustee Gillemot. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer

