

Regular Board Meeting

September 15, 2008

7:00p.m.

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

Absent - Trustee Linda Brown.

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry, John King, Jim Howell
David Austin, Review & Express

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

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September 4, 2008 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2008 regular board meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John King of the Montour Falls Improvement Association spoke to the board about comments made at the September 4th meeting relating to the Glorius T brochure. He clarified that contents of the brochure were verified with each property owners and he expressed his concerns that the Montour Falls Improvement Association actions were being labeled as "despicable". Mayor Kelley replied that the board had concerns for the Historic Preservation Committee and the draft law, not the brochure and added that the comments referred to were made by the public present not the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONCLUDED

Mayor Kelley advised the board the county water district meeting scheduled for October 1 would take place at the County Human Service Building.

Mayor Kelley reported Attorney Halpin is reviewing the present Code of Ethics policy for updates as recommended by NY Conference of Mayors.

A quote was received for replacement and installation of 400' of chain link fence at the carnival grounds for \$5,285.00. The labor cost is approximately \$2,285.00. Trustees suggested the fire department cover a portion of this cost from their member funds or from the fire department budget. Another alternative suggested was for the village to purchase the material and the fire department to donate the labor. Mayor to speak with department representatives.

As requested, the board members granted permission to the NYS Department of State, Division of Local Government to utilize the zoning map recently developed with funds from the Qualities Community Grant Program as a training module for their agency.

Board discussed the need to rent equipment to hang banners across Main Street for events. Trustee Smith offered to speak with the Village of Watkins Glen about the use of their bucket truck for this type of activity.

Board approved of the engagement letter for auditing services by Freed, Maxick & Battaglia PC, the certified public accountants performing the 2007-08 audit.

Mayor Kelley reported the Ride to Raise Flags would pass through Montour Falls on September 28th at approximately 1:00p.m. The ride will raise funds for flags for veterans in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mayor will speak with the fire department for the possibility of an escort through the village.

Code enforcement report was received for the month of August.

Mayor Kelley noted that details are still being worked through for the development of the Montour House. There are five funding agencies that each having separate requirements for compliance and final funding.

Clerk advised the board the Village Hall roofing repairs will not be as extensive and will require flashing only on the larger part of the roof. A credit should be issued for that portion of the bid. It was suggested that considering the lift would be rented for the dome painting, the white cupola be repainted at this time.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell that the white portion of the cupola should be painted providing the estimated cost does not exceed the original bid price for the entire project. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board discussed a change order for installation of backflow devices at the marina bathhouses and the need to insulate and heat the buildings to protect these devices. Trustee Smith felt that if properly winterized he does not understand the need to insulate and heat. Trustee Smith agreed to speak with the contractor about the plumbing.

Trustee Howell noted she believes there is a visibility problem with the new parking created for fire department bunkers at the intersection of Lee Street with South Street adding that cars do park across the sidewalk.

Trustee Gillemot noted the need to clarify times for street closing and waiver of the Open Container Law for the upcoming Falls Festival event, October 11. Mayor indicated it could be addressed at the October 6 meeting.

Trustee Smith reported the landfill commission still desires to meet with the NYSDEC regarding the retention pond and onsite treatment for the landfill.

Mayor Kelley reported Jim Kuttner advised her he is interested in speaking with the village engineer about designing a sanitary sewer line to his property on Mary Layton Drive and the estimated cost. Mayor contacted Greg at Larsen Engineering to schedule a meeting.

Mayor Kelley noted applications would be available for participation in the New York Main Street Grant Program. She indicated that SCOPED will assist the village with the application process.

Mayor Kelley shared with the board the concerns for emergency access to the Catharine Valley Trail. She noted that there are several events that take place on the trail within the Montour Falls fire/rescue district and in an emergency we have no fire/rescue equipment that can access the trail. The department is discussing the need for an ATV type vehicle. Trustee Smith suggested that for the present time the neighboring departments that have ATV vehicles could be put on notice during these events.

Mayor Kelley advised the board of a potential for vicious dog attacks in the village and the need to review the current dog law to address aggressive behaviors.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing the payment of bills on General Abstract # 7 \$34,529.56, Water Abstract #7 \$216.54, Sewer Abstract #7 \$5,079.46 Capital Projects Marine Improvements \$74,946.54. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m., Seconded by Trustee Gillemot. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer