

Regular Board Meeting

January 5, 2009

7:00p.m.

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

Absent - None.

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry, Mike & Christina
Hughey

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

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of December 1, 2008 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2008 regular board meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Fire Chief Jim Ryan acknowledged the hydrant work plan underway. Fire Chief noted new laws for firefighting procedures on building structures three stories or more. He will be required to perform an assessment of the structures within the covered area and purchase of "descent devices" for each interior fire fighter that may cost as little as \$75.00 per man to \$500.00 per man depending on the level of countywide uniformity and participation. He further noted that Watkins Glen Fire Department has a rope trailer that may be utilized for the required training with "descent devices" throughout the county. Chief Ryan also noted that new safety vests would also be required for fire police at a cost of \$18.00 per man. Chief Ryan explained to the board the plan for replacement of GR9 the most frequently used Suburban rescue vehicle. A Ford F350 cab & chassis may be acquired through state contract price for approximately \$25,000. The fire department membership has agreed to fund the body portion of the vehicle at approximately \$15,000. The components of the body to make it rescue emergency functional will need to be competitively bid at an approximate \$45,000. The estimated Village share of this vehicle will be \$70,000-\$72,000. The truck will take 90 days to build and an additional 7-8 months to finish the body with components. Fire Chief anticipates delivery August or September, 2009. Chief Ryan spoke of his concern that the equipment reserve does not become drained below \$60,000 adding that in about three years he will apply for funds to purchase a new pumper to replace GE17. That truck could cost up to \$800,000 and the village will need to provide the 10% match. Mayor thanked Chief Ryan for the information.

Mayor Kelley advised the board the cable franchise agreement expires February 1, 2009. The village has not received a renewal agreement as of this date.

Mayor Kelley reported the DPW winter hours would begin the week of January 12th.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing an agreement with Larson Design to provide engineering services to design, assist with installation and provide a final inspection report for modification of the water system to provide chlorine contact time prior to service to the first water customer as required by NYSDOH for a contract amount of \$2,300. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Carried unanimously.

Mike Hughey provided a hydrant inspection report. To date 71 hydrants have been examined and notations made. Flow tests and flushing of hydrants will not take place until April and will be color coded at that time.

Mayor Kelley reported on the estimated cost for repair to Skyline Tank altitude valve from Gehring Pump is \$5,031.00 or new equipment for \$11,500.00. Mayor will discuss this estimate with Greg Mathews.

Clerk spoke on the findings of the energy audit.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to proceed with pipe insulation, LED exits signs and lighting tube/ballast replacements in the Village Hall and apply for available reimbursement. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Clerk advised the board the Department of Labor PESH inspector has returned and reviewed training records for the WWTP. The confined space policy and procedures must be updated. Clerk will work with the WWTP Operator and a representative of NYS Department of Labor to achieve compliance.

Mayor Kelley reminded the board of the meeting scheduled with the Library Board for Monday, January 12th at the Village Hall.

Trustee Howell reported Watkins Glen Promotions has advised her a NASCA event will be taking place in both Montour Falls and Watkins Glen on the same evening. The Montour Falls NASCAR committee meeting will be held on January 13th to discuss plans to continue planning the event.

Trustee Howell reported having had complaints that Turner Park and College Ave were not plowed until late morning during the last snowstorm.

Mayor Kelley clarified that Mike Hughey is authorized to keep a village vehicle at his residence during winter months for checking street conditions during evening and early morning hours.

Trustee Wiedemer reported the Schuyler County Planning Commission has several new members from county villages and towns.

Board members examined the code enforcement report for the month of December and inquired about the active pool/shed permits.

Trustee Gillemot spoke on the SLAP5 organization that is dedicated to monitoring deteriorating quality of Seneca Lake water. He spoke that he would like to see the village maintain awareness of possible grants that would support efforts to protect the water in the lake and tributaries particularly for the village WWTP.

Trustee Gillemot inquired if any results of the Genesee Street traffic study are available. Mayor Kelley will contact Greg Mathews.

Mayor Kelley advised the board the Schuyler County Soil & Water District will hold their annual meeting on January 28th at the Elks Club between 11am-1pm.

Mayor Kelley reported the Restore NY agreement has been received and is being reviewed by Attorney Halpin. Trustee Howell commented the Montour House monthly open house seem to be successful.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell Authorizing the payment of bills on General Abstract \$121,315.65, Water Abstract \$5,446.25, Sewer Abstract \$3,891.80 AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m., seconded by Trustee Howell. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer

Special Meeting January 12, 2009 7:00p.m.

Present- Mayor Donna Kelley, Trustees Sharon Wiedemer, Philip Gillemot.
Village Attorney Robert Halpin, Montour Falls Library Board
Members.

Mayor Kelley called the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees and Montour Falls Memorial Library Board for the purpose of discussion and negotiation of an agreement between the Village and the Montour Falls Memorial Library Board for transfer of ownership of the library building.

No action was taken.

Regular Board Meeting

January 19, 2009

6:00p.m.

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

Absent - None.

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry, residents
Mike & Christina Hughey, Jim Howell, John King
David Austin of Watkins Review.

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 5, 2009 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Tim Steed and Dan Bower of Hunt Engineers, Tom Klaseus and John Kozack of the NYS Department of Health and Kelsey Jones of SCOPED were present to discuss with the board the proposed consolidated water district. Kelsey reviewed that SCOPED commissioned a study for future growth and Hunt Engineers was selected to prepare the study. Dan Bower explained that originally the study was a water/sewer study and had input from a law firm to assist with possible funding options. Since then, it became obvious there was probable chance of positive action for consolidation of water only. He noted the proposed consolidation would require necessary improvements to the existing system(s) and there would be costs associated with that however added that these improvements/shortcomings in each system that can be addressed as funding become available. Rates have been calculated based on these improvements. It was noted the Town of Reading and Town of Dix have adopted a formal resolutions to move forward with a consolidated water district. Kelsey Jones commented that it is likely there will be shared services grants available soon that can be applied for if there is interest in pursuing this project. Tim Steed reviewed a few of the improvements needed for each water system and stated the Steuben Street interconnection with Town of Dix, the fundamental piece of the consolidation will service the "upper level" and the existing wells will service the "lower level" as long as the wells are operational or until further funding is available to make another interconnection. Tom Klaseus encouraged a countywide water district to stay in compliance with state standards and noted that a better score for grants may be obtained with a joint project. It was noted that a hydraulic analysis should be performed that would assist to identify water loss. Trustee Gillemot inquired if consolidation could begin before any improvements are made. Dan Bower suggested it might be possible to begin consolidated with the billing process. Discussion took place over the proposed increase in rates. Jim Howell inquired if there had been any thought for the "upper level" to become part of the consolidated district rather than the entire village. He also suggested involving the public via a public meeting so that residents are aware of this project. John King suggested alternatives to making improvements without consolidation. Trustee Howell inquired if this action would require a permissive referendum. It was noted that SEQRA would apply and would require public hearings from an environmental aspect. Dan Bower indicated that this project must stand on it's own merits. Board spoke briefly about the wells, the concern for land spreading and for analysis of the raw water.

Discussion ended, and board agreed to delay any adoption of the resolution to proceed with further study of a consolidated water district until the resolution can be reviewed more thoroughly.

Mike Patel, owner of the Relax Inn for the past five years spoke to the board about the notice he received for snow removal from sidewalk along Rt 224(Clawson Blvd). He noted that NYSDOT plow trucks would fill in the sidewalk making it difficult to move without equipment. He stated he could not afford to hire it done. Trustee Smith noted that this is the case on both sides of Rt 224. Mayor Kelley will make contact with the NYSDOT about this concern.

Mayor Kelley reported the County Planning Commission has approved the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution seconded by Trustee Howell accepting the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement and based on the DGEIS determine there is no significant adverse impacts associated with the adoption of the draft Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance and further resolved to schedule a public hearing on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact and local law #1-2009 adopting the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls (the "Village") has been presented with a Grant Disbursement Agreement (the "Agreement") by New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation, pertaining to the Restore NY Grant (the "Grant") for the redevelopment of the property located at 401 West Main Street, Village of Montour Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Board Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls has reviewed the Agreement and desires to authorize its execution and delivery, and the execution and delivery of such other and further agreements and documentation as may be necessary in connection with the receipt, disbursement and administration of the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Village is authorized to enter into the Agreement, and such other and further agreements and documentation as may be necessary in connection with the receipt, disbursement and administration of the Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Agreement and any and all other documentation and agreements on behalf of the Village as may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing resolutions.

AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith designating that the polling place for the upcoming March 18, 2009 General Village Election shall be the Village Hall 408 W Main Street between the hours of 12:00noon and 9:00p.m. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Annual inspection report was received from the NYSDEC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and shared with the board. WWTP Operator was commended for the operation of the facility.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to authorize Trowbridge and Wolf to complete additional design as required by Army Corps of Engineers for the Falls Park improvement for a maximum amount of \$500.00. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the purchase of a Ford F350 cab & chassis on state contract pricing for the fire department rescue vehicle for an amount of \$25,000 and further resolved the funds should be expended from the machinery capital reserve funds subject to permissive referendum. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley noted the DPW winter hours began January 15th. Two employees will cover 7:00a.m.-3:30p.m. and second shift will be 3:30pm-11:30p.m.. Mayor Kelley also noted that the DPW department has suggested a four 10 hour day work week 6:00am-4:30pm for the summer hours. A full work force would work 10 hours on Tues, Wed, Thurs. Two would be off on Mondays and two on Fridays. This arrangement would not apply to seasonal employees. Board offered no objections. Mayor will contact appropriate labor union representatives.

Mayor Kelley and Trustee Gillemot indicated the library board continues to be receptive to the transfer of ownership of the library building providing a Main Street grant is awarded for the necessary improvements. It was noted that to safeguard the building, a revert clause will be incorporated into the transfer of ownership agreement.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to authorizing the agreement with the Montour Falls Memorial Library Board be extended for additional two months to March 31, 2009. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley reported she met with Danielle Hautaniemi, Ben Dickens, Watershed representative on the wellhead protection regulations. Tom Klaseus will be invited to the next meeting to be held on January 22.

Mayor Kelley reported a final inspection took place for the marina buildings. A few items will need to be addressed before closeout.

Mayor Kelley reported a number of sidewalk violations were sent last week. Donald Ayers owner of property on Montour Street complained that at the time the new sidewalk was installed for the Catharine Valley Trail(Main Street Connector Project) at his property he understood the walk would be maintained by the village as part of the trail. He did not request installation of a sidewalk. There are no agreements to support this arrangement.

Trustee Howell reported plans for the Nascar celebration continue to move forward for August 7th between the hours of 3:00-7:00p.m. The committee will prepare notifications to be sent to Main Street owners for closing of the street for the festivities.

Trustee Gillemot commented on the water draining issue at 203 S Genesee Street that has created icy sidewalks and is now widened into his driveway. Notification has been sent to the owner/realtor. Mike Hughey indicated they would attempt to open up the drainage into the catch basin with hopes the "pond" will drain properly.

Trustee Smith inquired if any further information has been received from Jimmy Jo Carl relative to accepting the landfill leachate for disposal at the village WWTP. He also noted the landfill commission will not permit any public trespassing on landfill property.

Mayor Kelley reported having attended a community meeting at the fire academy to learn of their upcoming improvement projects.

Mayor Kelley reported having received a call from hospital employees commending the snow removal efforts on Steuben Street so far this season.

Mayor Kelley reported concerns expressed for the Hug a Tree project with yarn design jackets on Main Street trees as approved this past fall. Trees may be harmed by retained moisture. Board agreed the yarn designs should be removed by February 1.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing Mayor and Clerk to attend the annual meeting of SCOPED on February 12th at \$40.00 per person. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Wiedemer Authorizing payment of bills on General Abstract \$23,049.69, Water Abstract \$2,603.95, Sewer Abstract \$2,861.35, Capital Projects Marina Improvement Project \$413.31. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m., seconded by Trustee Howell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer

