

Regular Board Meeting

November 17, 2008

7:00p.m.

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

Absent - Trustee Phil Joe Smith.

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry,
David Austin of the Watkins Review.

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

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were presented. Clarification was made to Jim Howell's comment to read "he does not see how one employee can serve both water system and wastewater treatment plant" and to Jim Frame's presentation " the OMCS District presented plans for \$10,375,000 in capital improvements at the schools in the district"

Trustee Howell offered a resolution seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 regular board meeting with clarifications. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board reviewed basic guidelines of the Main Street Grant Program.

Board discussed the countywide water district and if there was a need to meet with the engineer again. Mayor Kelley reported it was decided that each municipality should discuss the report and interest, individually before a combined meeting is scheduled. Trustee Gillemot made note of the concern for establishing a capital reserve. Village Clerk noted that the village has an established capital water reserve and provided reserves and balances with the board. Clerk also noted that water & sewer rates are calculated yearly based on the needs of the water fund budget making the water fund self-sufficient. However there has been little capital improvements included in recent budgets that would likely have caused rates to increase. Trustee Gillemot also commented that having a second source of water by means of interconnection is an important aspect considering the hospital's location. Trustee Wiedemer understood that there would still need to be improvements made regardless of the establishment of a water district. Mayor Kelley reported again that Rural Water Association would be assisting with water leak /loss detection and the board agreed to delay further discussion on the water district until after that report.

Mayor Kelley made note of the Energy Audit for the Village Hall. Trustee Gillemot reviewed the summary of savings by implementing the recommendations. A final review daytime meeting will be scheduled the first of December for any and all board members able to attend.

An appraisal has been completed for the Clinton Street property. The report makes note of the undersized lot. Mayor will discuss the next step with Attorney Halpin.

Board reviewed the draft Code of Ethics. A new section was added entitled Meetings of the Board of Trustees. Modification was made to this section that requires advance notification by phone to Mayor or Clerk that a Trustee is unable to attend a meeting.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to adopt the updated Code of Ethics to take effect immediately. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board authorized Clerk to make contact with Trowbridge & Wolf, Landscape Architects to obtain an estimate on cost to provide additional designs for submission to the Corp of Engineers.

Mayor Kelley reported the marina improvement project is not yet 100% completed.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing a letter from the Village committing to the 25% match on the Main Street Grant Program for the library building and also resolved to authorize a letter committing to the \$2500.00 program administration fee. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley reported to the board, Dennis Fagan of behalf of Joint Sanitary Landfill will be researching the possibilities of hauling to and disposal of leachate from the Irelandville landfill to the Village of Montour Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility. Presently the leachate is hauled to Ithaca for disposal. Mayor Kelley felt comfortable with accepting the liquid, as does WWTP Operator John Raplee. The NYSDEC and Yaw's Environmental Process Controls will be consulted.

Trustee Gillemot reported the Schuyler County Planning Commission approved the Zoning Law and Comprehensive Plan with minor clerical changes.

Trustee Gillemot spoke with the board about incorporating into the zoning law some restrictions on placement/location of new utility hookups away from the front facade of a building for aesthetic purposes. Board felt that the utility company is in control of these types of installations and any negotiation would be between the utility company and property owner.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to cancel the December 15, 2008 board meeting. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley advised the board she has received a copy of the communication from the Montour Falls Yacht Club to the County Attorney regarding the tax foreclosure proceedings begun by the County.

Mayor Kelley also advised the board, the attorney for William Frandsen has sent a letter to Attorney Halpin regarding the sewer design approval of the Raymond Street Family Housing.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing payment of bills on General Abstract \$21,099.66, Water Abstract \$663.08, Sewer Abstract \$2,202.88, Marina Improvement Capital Project \$20,845.70. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer