

Regular Board Meeting

February 2, 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, Jim Howell  
OMCS Student and village resident Connie Osatchuck,  
Village resident Charles Randall

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

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 20, 2009 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Wiedemer to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley explained to the board that after several meetings with representatives of Schuyler County's Soil & Water, Planning, Watershed and Southern Tier Central Planning, to develop a wellhead protection plan, it was felt that more expertise is required. NY Rural Water has offered to assist with the development and drafting of a local law for wellhead protection for a cost of \$3,475.00.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to approve of NY Rural Water's assistance with development of a wellhead protection local law for a cost of \$3,475.00. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley noted that she is awaiting information from Hunt Engineers with regard to scheduling a public informational meeting on the proposed consolidated water district. Trustee Wiedemer commented that considering the amount of improvements needed to the existing water system and the costs associated, a public information session would be helpful to the village residents regardless of a consolidated water district. Board members agreed. Trustee Gillemot suggested some information may be shared on the website or via water bill insert.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell approving the appointment of election inspectors, Sally Michel, Jean Parker, Shirley Callahan and Carole Cook. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to remove the village tax on the Clinton Street parcel owned by the Village, tax parcel # 76.19-2-31 for amount of \$350.28. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried

The listing of unpaid 2008 village tax totaling \$16,396.59 was reviewed and certified by the board.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell authorizing the property tax collection enforcement with the sale of tax sale certificates and scheduled the tax sale for March 5, 2009. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith

WHEREAS, the next general election for village offices will be held March 18, 2009

WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any village election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he claims to be entitled to vote,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the inspectors of election to prepare such register of qualified voters for the election district for which they are appointed,

WHEREAS, Section 15-118 of the Election Law of the State of New York allows a village hold a registration day for general village election,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Registration day for the village shall be held March 7, 2009.
2. Such registration shall be held at the Village Hall from 12:00 Noon until 5:00p.m.
3. Voting for the upcoming election shall be conducted at the Village Hall from 12:00 Noon until 9:00p.m.
4. At least ten days prior to the registration day set in this resolution, a copy of such shall be published in the official newspaper and a copy posted in a conspicuous place within the village.

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

Mayor Kelley advised the board the NYS Canal Corporation has tentatively scheduled to begin dredging the canal at the Montour Falls Marina the first of April. It was suggested if the village had equipment available it could work with the dredge to push the built up silt out from between the docks. Estimated cost to rent the machine is \$10,000. Board also expressed concern for the area of the canal south of the office and the material built up in the canal nearer to the treatment plant. Mayor will speak with Senator Winner's office about dredging of that portion.

Mayor Kelley spoke with the board about marina rules, regulations and rates for the upcoming season. Changes in the rules to include: no swimming or wading pools, no fireworks, screen rooms will be required to have a platform. Seasonal rates will remain the same. Rate increase to winter camper storage \$95.00; launch \$7.00, pavilion \$60.00 for large, \$35.00 for small; summer boat trailer storage \$175.00; Daily dock \$25.00, weekly \$75.00, monthly \$145.00 (1-29), \$205.00 (30-95).

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve the marina agreements, rates and regulations as recommended by Mayor Kelley. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley reported foreclosure proceedings have commenced by the County on the Montour Falls Yacht Club building.

Mayor Kelley suggested to the board that goals be set for the upcoming year. Board agreed plans would be dependent on the economy.

Trustee Gillemot reported information on the proposed consolidation of water systems was provided at the recent Montour Falls Improvement Association. He advised the group that rates would need to increase for the improvements to be made with or without consolidation.

Trustee Gillemot reported the trustee for building maintenance of the library continues to feel there should be a door on the handicap access of the library building. He also suggested installing insulated matting on the attic floors, opposed to the labor-intensive removal of floorboards and laying fiberglass insulation method.

Trustee Gillemot extended his appreciation to the village DPW for removal of ice on walk at 203 S. Genesee Street.

Trustee Howell noted the next Nascar celebration committee meeting would be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.

Board briefly spoke about the proposed federal economic stimulus program and the projects that may be funded. Mayor Kelley advised the board she shared with SCOPED the following projects for possible consideration: Owego Street waterline installation, Falls Park project, marina campground expansion, and library building improvements. Trustee Gillemot inquired if the program might consider funding a local preservation group to buy and restore St Paul's Episcopal Church.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve Trustee Smith's attendance at the Advocacy Day on March 10<sup>th</sup> in Albany in support of highway aid(CHIPS) and further resolved to authorize hotel accommodations for one night. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Smith, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley advised the board of:

- the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with Jimmy Jo Carl on the landfill leachate Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Meeting with Highway Supt. Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- Open tank with water inside Kelly's red barn; notification made
- Code enforcement officer has been off for past month

Trustee Howell and Trustee Smith both noted they have been approached about the delay in opening of the Raymond Street family housing. Mayor replied that the sewer design has not yet been approved.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to approve payment of bills on General Abstract \$12,402.33 Water Abstract \$2,883.71, Sewer Abstract \$1,539.67, Marina Improvement Capital Projects \$63,769.36 AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer

Regular Board Meeting

February 17, 2009

7:00p.m.

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

Absent - Mayor Donna Kelley.

Also present - Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Casselberry, Mike & Christina Hughey, OMCS Student and village resident Connie Osatchuck, village resident Charles Randall

In the absence of Mayor Kelley, Trustee & Deputy Mayor Bonnie Howell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Trustee Bonnie Howell called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 2, 2009 regular board meeting were presented.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Howell advised the board members the Village has been awarded a NY Main Street Grant in an amount of \$465,000. The Montour House will receive \$330,000 as anchor building for the project, \$80,000 for Main Street building renovations, \$25,000 for streetscape(falls park), \$30,000 for administration. Match for the grants will be required from participants.

Lake Country Players, a non-profit theater group inquired about the use of the carnival grounds for a car washing fundraiser. Trustee Howell noted they would be required to carry their own insurance. Trustee Gillemot stated he would support their use without a fee. Board will need date(s) they are anticipating.

Board members each received a copy of the audited financial statements for fiscal year ending 2008.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to authorize transfer of \$50,000 from the marina budget(A7180.411)to the marina capital projects fund. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing use of the online Auctions International for marketing of the declared surplus equipment. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Wiedemer reported the county planning is reviewing the WG lakefront renovations and the renovations for the Beaver Dams fire station.

Trustee Gillemot reported the library board has received communication from the Village Attorney relative to the transfer of building ownership and the NY Main Street grant.

Board members heard from Trustee Gillemot and Trustee Howell continued concerns for the scheduling of Nascar events in Montour Falls and Watkins Glen. Trustee Howell noted that there has been no formal event scheduled for Watkins Glen.

Code Enforcement Report was received for the month of January 2009.

Trustee Howell noted the fire department casino night fundraiser and the Montour House open house were both well attended.

7:30p.m. PUBLIC HEARING      Draft Generic Environment Impact Statement  
For Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law Update  
And Local Law #1 adopting Zoning Law

Trustee Howell opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the Draft Generic Environment Impact Statement prepared for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law Update.

Trustee Howell opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on Local Law #1-2009 Zoning Law.

No one present. No comments were received on either matter presented at the public hearing.

Trustee Howell closed the public hearings at 7:40p.m.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Gillemot authorizing payment of bills on General Abstract \$44,491.18, Water Abstract \$2,269.44, Sewer Abstract \$38,250.35. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Gillemot to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer