

Regular Board Meeting

May 4, 2009

7:00p.m.

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

Absent - None.

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

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order.

Mayor Kelley called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting were presented.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting as presented.

AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Wiedemer.

NOES: None. Resolution carried.

James Kurtz presented to the board a request to purchase 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre of village property to the west of his business on Marina Drive. He provided the board with a survey dated February 2009 outlining the pie shape land he is interested. In reply to Trustee Howell, Jim indicated this was a "stand alone" parcel. Jim Kurtz noted that by acquiring this parcel, he would be able to grant an easement to Charles Hayes for access to his farmland as required by his deed and also will allow for his future expansion on the west side. Trustee Howell commented that he would like to examine the lot. Mayor Kelley indicated that the parcel will have to be identified and the board will have to consult with the village attorney.

Jim Baker and Greg Cummings of Larson Design Group presented an overview of the services their consulting firm would like to offer the village, specifically for securing funding for water projects. Greg noted that stimulus funds through the State Revolving Fund for "green projects" is due May 29<sup>th</sup> and is a 90/10 grant program and may be used for water meters upgrade. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #2-2009 AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS CHAPTER 147-18 AND 147-24

Public present- Residents: John King, Joan Argetsinger, Fire Chief Tom Carson.

Mayor Kelley opened the public hearing for the purpose of providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the amendment to the Code of the Village of Montour Falls, for restricting parking on the west side of South Genesee Street to 15 minutes in front of the falls and no parking south of the falls.

Mayor noted that this street is narrow and the restrictions are meant to improve safety and allow for passage of emergency vehicles.

Joan Argetsinger commented that 15 minutes does not appear to be very hospitable to tourists visiting the falls, the Glorious T, or for weddings at the falls. She noted lack of parking creates a burden for the parish house and will contribute to a speedway.

Fire Chief Tom Carson explained his concern for getting a fire truck through that block of South Genesee Street and added that the length of the truck makes a turn onto North Genesee Street from Main Street difficult and suggested no parking restriction be extended clear to Steuben Street on the west side.

Trustee Gillemot noted having taken measurements of the width of the driving lanes on various streets in comparison to South Genesee Street. He also felt 15 minutes was not long enough and preferred the current two hour parking.

Trustee Howell commented that 15 minutes did not seem adequate and suggested it be bumped up to 30 minutes.

John King agreed 15 minutes is not long enough for weddings; for picnics at the village placed picnic table; for parish house meetings. Without signage a visitor would not know there was municipal parking available. He also took measurements and questioned how this will be enforced.

Board agreed whatever changes are made; there must be additional steps taken to make visitors to feel welcome by providing signage for parking and shopping.

Board discussed the idea of eliminating parking on the west side of Genesee Street from Steuben Street to Cook Street with exception of area in front of the falls at a 30 minute limit and as a safety precaution, placement of a STOP sign for south bound traffic on Genesee at its intersection with Main Street intersection. Board scheduled a public hearing on the revised parking restrictions and proposed STOP sign for June 1 at 7:15p.m.

Mayor Kelley advised the board there has been a request for a free- standing boatlift for a marina dock. Board was concerned for the uniform appearance and the need for regulations, monitoring and enforcement.

Trustee Wiedemer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to deny installation of any personally owned boat lifts at marina slips. AYES: Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Howell, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: Trustee Smith. Resolution carried.

Board members were presented with a prioritized list of street capital projects prepared by Greg Mathews. Trustee Howell noted this was the first opportunity he has had to see the list of projects planned. Board members agreed the Falls Park work should be separated from the street work as should the stamped asphalt crosswalks on Main Street with exception of the crosswalks in the Glorious T.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to accept the priority listing of the street capital projects as prepared by Greg Mathews. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board approved the purchase of a used 2006 Kubota tractor from the Village of Watkins Glen for \$14,000 to be housed at the DPW facility and used for general mowing.

Board received list of surplus equipment as prepared by Greg Mathews. Considering the value of the 1997 John Deere, the board agreed to retain the tractor for use at the wastewater treatment plant.

Trustee Howell offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to declare the 2004 Case International Tractor/mowing as surplus equipment and authorized the sale through Auctions International. AYES: Trustee Howell, Trustee Smith, Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

A complaint was received from Mike Barra, owner of property at 117 N. Mulberry Street who has not been satisfied with the attempt to make repair

to his asphalt driveway after a water main repair one year ago. Superintendent Greg Mathews indicated the area was not unsafe and he would see that it is on the work list for restoration to its original condition as soon as possible.

The following water and sewer rates were proposed based on the 2009-10 budget for each fund.

**WATER RATE**

ADMIN \$1.80 per bill

RATE \$3.77/th per thousand gallons

**SEWER RATE**

ADMIN \$1.88 per bill

RATE \$3.02/th per thousand gallons

SEWER UNIT CHARGE \$104.00/unit

One unit = 48,000/year

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Howell to accept the proposed rates and schedule a public hearing to amend the Code of the village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water and Sewer Charges for June 1, 2009 at 7:30p.m. AYES: Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Gillemot. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Kelley requested the board be prepared for next meeting to offer suggestions for improvements to the village website. Randy Deal, webmaster will be attending the meeting to discuss updating the site.

Mayor Kelley inquired how the board felt about seasonal employees working 4-10-hour day workweek on a trial basis. Board agreed to maintain the 5- 8-hour day workweek.

Mayor Kelley reported the sewer installation has been completed for the Raymond Street family housing and the system will be dedicated once the apartments are filled and verification can be made that the system works properly. A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by code enforcement.

Mayor Kelley reported rain garden painting would take place on Saturday, May 16 at 10am with assistance from a local 4-h club.

Trustee Howell reported having placed a call to the code enforcement officer to set up a meeting and has not received a response.

Trustee Gillemot inquired of the board what the strategy would be for applying for stimulus funds. Mayor indicated the board would need assistance from a consulting firm such as what Larson Design Group is proposing.

Trustee Gillemot noted there is graffiti on David Kelly's Main Street (blue) building and (red) shed that is inappropriate that should be swiftly addressed and covered over to discourage repeated action. Trustee Howell will discuss this with code enforcement.

Mayor Kelley noted that meetings with the library board representative continue to move forward.

Trustee Gillemot indicated he would submit a written report on the Main Street Conference he attended last week that dealt with abandoned properties.

Trustee Wiedemer advised the board Ric Davis who has a horse stable on South Genesee Street inquired about obtaining village water. Mr. Davis would have to request the Town of Montour create a water district in order for the village to provide water to the district.

Trustee Gillemot offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Wiedemer authorizing the payment of bills on General Abstract \$11,826.05, Water Abstract \$3,997.17, Sewer Abstract \$2,044.00. AYES: Trustee Gillemot, Trustee Wiedemer, Trustee Smith, Trustee Howell. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m., seconded by Trustee Wiedemer. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Casselberry, Clerk-Treasurer