

DATE OF MEETING: March 18, 2009

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Tracy Durkin
Trustee Wayne Osborn
Trustee Robert Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Murphy went over the draft tentative 2009-2010 budget (see attached).

There was discussion on raising Building Department fees. Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector, suggested raising certain building permit fees. The Board discussed Mr. Tomasso's recommendations and decided to raise the fees at a lower rate.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the building permit fees as follows:

Residential New Construction	\$0.75 per square foot of floor area
Commercial & Multifamily New Construction	\$1.50 per square foot of floor area
Residential Additions, Renovations Alterations, Demolition, Sheds & Fences	\$7.50 per thousand cost of work
Commercial Additions, Renovations, Alterations, Demolitions, Sheds & Fences	\$11.25 per thousand cost of work
Agricultural New Construction	\$0.75 per square foot of floor area
Agricultural Additions, Renovations, Alterations, Demolition, Sheds & Fences	\$7.50 per thousand cost of work
Permit Renewals	\$50 minimum or 10% of the original permit fee
Fees will be doubled for legalizations	

SECONDED by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Mayor stated he felt there was not enough public input or research on the dissolution of the office of the Village Justice and the Board should put it to the public at election time. Trustee Murphy said there should be more public input. Trustee Durkin said she was still researching the matter. There was discussion on the topic. No decisions were made.

The Board discussed the topic of moving the meetings from the 1st and 3rd Mondays to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. No decisions were made.

Trustee Durkin reported a proposal was received from Red Cedar to fertilize and maintain the Memorial Avenue trees in the amount of \$850.00.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the proposal received from Red Cedar for the fertilization of the Memorial Avenue oak trees in the amount of \$850.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Osborn went over quotes received for the purchase of a new mower. Mayor Liffland inquired if the State had bids on mowers. Trustee Osborn said he was unsure but

he would like to go local for future servicing needs. Mayor Liffland said he would like to see the State bid before making any decisions.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin that the Board authorize Trustee Osborn to see what the State bid on the mower is of a model comparable to his selection of the Exmark Viking Hydro Drive mower and if the State bid was either the same or higher than \$4,789.99 or if the State bid was going to take a substantial amount of time to deliver the Board would authorize Trustee Osborn to purchase the model Exmark Viking 48" Hydro Drive Mower from Empire Power Tools in the amount of \$4,789.99. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Osborn went over quotes received for the removal of a tree on South Street.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to hire Allen's Tree Service to remove a tree at 32 South Street in the amount of \$350.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for February. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Historian's Report

Mr. Drew Nicholson invited the Board to attend a conference honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Methodist Church on April 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin asked for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn announced that the Bulk Pick-up was scheduled for April 25th. Trustee Osborn raised the topic of summer hours for the Highway crew of Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. There was discussion on the topic.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy said he would schedule the Public Hearing on the budget for the first meeting in April.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland said he contacted the Attorney General's Office regarding the Baxter Green development Bond and their response was they could not help the village with the issue. Trustee Osborn said the only issue holding up the Grandview Avenue and Reservoir Road paving projects was to have a letter sent to the DOT saying the project would not disturb the bog turtle. There was discussion on the Library's Annual Book Sale. Mayor Liffland presented Drew Nicholson with a flag and pin marking the Quadricentennial Celebration.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy.
There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

(Typed from tape – no Executive Session notes.)

Village Clerk