

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2007

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

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

Mayor Liffland asked for a motion to close the Regular Meeting and go into the Public Hearing on Senior Citizen Housing.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to close the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing on the Senior Citizen Housing. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland said he was hoping that the County would have been at the meeting. The County is still working on the comments that were sent to them and as soon as they get them done they will let us know. Trustee Murphy asked if a letter had been sent to the County about help with the Master Plan. Mayor Liffland said that a letter had been sent to the County asking what they would charge to help us

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to keep the Public Hearing open and go into Regular Session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding sight lines at the intersection of Charles Colman Boulevard and Orchard Street. Mayor Liffland said that the engineers had looked at the intersection and wanted to try moving the Orchard Street stop line further out before anything was done about changing the retaining wall.

Mrs. Thompson, a resident of Orchard Street, said that she had to pull out to the middle of Colman now to get proper visibility and therefore moving the stop line would not help.

The Mayor suggested a meeting at the site with residents and engineers to look at the problem together so that all parties could express their opinions.

Darrel Haley, a resident of Orchard Street, said that the only way to solve the problem is to take off the top of the hill plus enforcing the speed limit on Charles Colman Boulevard.

Trustee Rundall wondered if it would make any sense to make the intersection a three-way stop. Mayor Liffland thought that the residents would not be too happy with that idea. Trustee Durkin wondered if the sight problem was this bad before the sidewalk and retaining wall were put in. The neighborhood residents in the audience felt that the visibility was acceptable before. Sharon Haley, Orchard Street, said it was the shape of the wall that obstructs the view. You always have look beyond the wall to get out. Trustee Osborn said that as the wall comes around to Orchard Street it rises and the highest point is at Orchard. The wall was designed that way so that the resident at the corner of Orchard and Colman could mow his lawn. Sharon said that the contour of the hill changed after the wall was put in and the hill may have been built up a little.

The Mayor offered to take names and telephone numbers of those who wanted to make a site visit.

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

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the Prepaid Bills. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2007 Regular and Reorganization Meetings. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin announced the upcoming Dutchess County Planning Federation Awards dinner. She talked about the Village attempting to become a "Tree City" including forming a volunteer committee work on this project. The committee could also work on getting tree grants that are available.

Trustee Durkin expressed her feelings about the way the appointments were made at the April 9, 2007 Reorganization Meeting and wished that they could have been presented to her before the meeting in written form since the whole Board has always worked well together. She also said that she wished she could have been able to give some input on the changes made to the Building Inspector and Village Engineer positions.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy said the Board could probably vote on the three bids for the Highway Department uniforms at the May 7 meeting; he had a street number that could be put up on the front door of the Village Hall; the two bulletin boards were ordered; he had contacted a sign painter for the front of the Village Hall; he had contacted the Chamber of Commerce who may come to the May 7 meeting to discuss what they want to do with signage at the entrances to the Village; he discussed reviewing the quotes for a new computer monitor for the Village Treasurer.

Trustee Murphy also discussed his feelings about the appointments made at the April 9 Reorganization Meeting. He felt that because nothing was discussed or passed out before the meeting everyone would be reappointed. He said that he would have opposed the removal of Phil DeRosa as Building Inspector and Stantec as Engineer. Phil brought a lot of knowledge and independence to the Building Department. Stantec has done a very good job for the Village including helping to recoup over \$1,000,000.00 in change order money for the Sewer Project and that Ron Gainer did a lot of pro bono work on the Village Green when money was in short supply. They have served the Village long and well, and always had the best interest of the Village at heart. Trustee Murphy wished that there could have been an open and free discussion on the appointments.

Trustee Murphy acknowledged the good work and professionalism of Linda, Rich and Seth during the recent heavy rains and flooding which made for additional work.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn observed that the Village made out all right in the recent heavy rain (April 16, 2007). Pine Drive had a few problems and a couple of streets were flooded, but not too much damage.

The bulk pickup will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 and the street sweeper will be around on Wednesday, April 25 for at least two days to do the entire Village.

Trustee Osborn said that on Thursday, April 26 Doug Warren and Jay Maxwell were going to test drive the garbage truck the Village was considering buying. The truck has been fixed up with a new seat, tires and accelerator and will be painted before we get it.

Allen Rundall

Trustee Rundall announced that he had gotten NYSEG to install a temporary line to light six street lights on Charles Colman Boulevard that have been out for over a month.

The Water Department has started repairing water meters. Many of the repairs were necessitated because the company that installed the meters did not do a proper job and meters shorted out.

Allen's Tree service has begun work on taking down the trees scheduled for removal.

Trustee Rundall reported on the well development. The attorney has sent a proposed leasing agreement to the developer for access to the site so we can begin testing but we has not heard back.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland addressed Trustee Durkin and Trustee Murphy's comments regarding the appointments. He said they were well-taken but that he had never given out a list of appointments in the past before the Reorganization Meeting. Also, it was Sewer Commission Attorney Tony Quartararo who got the change order money and not Stantec. He offered to talk to both of them about their issues.

Mayor Liffland had a meeting with the Undersheriff and brought up matters that the Board would like to see the Sheriff's Department do in the Village including enforcing of parking regulations, more foot patrols and stopping in to visit the merchants and how we could maximize the service that we get and still stay within our budget. On May 21, 2007 the Sheriff's Department will make a presentation to the Board.

Interviews will be scheduled for candidates for the vacant Building Inspector position.

The Mayor mentioned that County Executive William Steinhaus announced that the U.S. Department of Health had released the final 2007 grant amounts. Dutchess County has been awarded \$1,633,531.00. Of that, the Village of Pawling had been awarded \$150,000.00 for East Main Street improvements.

Also, State Assemblyman Greg Ball sent a letter to the Village acknowledging that the community grant for \$2,500.00 for the relocation and improvement costs associated with the veteran's monuments and the Village Green has been approved.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.