

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 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 Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland said 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.

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

Peter Cris from the Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on beautification and signage. He spoke about redoing the McKeever Triangle using a similar notice board in Katonah as a model. The work would involve raising the height of the center of the plot of land in order to highlight the sign, making all organizational signs of uniform size, lighting the sign and removal of some trees. This would make the plaque placed by the Historical Society in remembrance of the Great Barbeque of 1778 more noticeable. Peter requested funds from the Village to do this work

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to use Beautification Funds to improve the signage at the McKeever Triangle. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MS4 Presentation

Bart Clark of Oakwood Environmental Associates gave a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System update. The draft MS4 report must be received by the DEC no later than June 1, 2007. The date of the public informational meeting was set for Monday, May 21, 2007. Bart reported that the Village made very little progress in fulfilling the goals it established in its Year 3 report. The three main goals (1. Enact a stormwater management law; 2. Enact an illicit discharge law; and 3. Begin drainage system inspections) all were not accomplished. The stormwater management law is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board and the Village Attorney.

The Year 3 report also indicated that the Village was going to do a lot of things to satisfy what is called the "heightened requirements." These were a series of tasks that the Village had to do in addition to the regular tasks. These heightened requirements are

because the Village is in the East Branch of the Croton Watershed. While nothing has been done on these requirements it is not a bad thing for the Village because the DEC has not finalized these requirements.

During Year 5 the following must be accomplished:

1. The Stormwater Management Law must be passed and enforced. It will probably be a couple of months before the Planning Board and Village Attorney have finished reviewing this. There also needs to be Stormwater Management Officer appointed.
2. The Illicit Discharge and Protection Law must be passed and enforced. This law is to make sure that only stormwater is going down the storm drains and there are no cross connections in the system. The DEC says that the Village has made only minimal effort in public education and outreach in this area. More specifically, the Village should contact homeowners in the Village who are outside the sewer district and encourage them to take proper care of their septic system. Once ordinance is in effect the public needs to be educated about the new rules through a public informational meeting. A phosphorus educational pamphlet is also needed. As part of a stewardship program the DEC would like to see a volunteer group or not-for profit group paint the catch basins to alert people to keep them clean.

Because the Village has not done enough to date one or more things have to be done from the list.

3. Drainage System Inspections must begin in the next month or so.

Also, the draft MS4 report must be approved, the public hearing must be set and held and the minutes from that hearing must be filed with the report.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to set the public hearing on the draft MS4 report for May 21, 2007. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Murphy discussed the proposals for Highway Department uniforms.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to select Capital Uniforms to supply uniforms for the Highway Department. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland requested a motion to pay back the "A" fund in the amount of \$16,068.74 left over from the work done on the Charles Colman Boulevard pedestrian bridge.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve paying back the "A" fund in the amount of \$16,068.74. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland discussed the Dog Warden matter and the requirements that the Village has regarding dogs. He stated that the Village does have a "leash law" is a law requiring licensing of dogs and requiring them to have the proper vaccinations. Also Section 7 of the Agricultural Law of the Town of Pawling covers calling the Town to respond to unlicensed or threatening dogs. However, there is no requirement that the Town Dog Warden respond to a dog nuisance complaint and the Board might want to hire the Town Dog Warden or hire its own.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the Town of Pawling and Town Dog Warden on the use of the Dog Warden on and to report back to the Village Board at the May 21, 2007 meeting. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion about granting relief of the penalty to water bill accounts 054 and 158 because of illness.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to waive the penalty for water bill accounts 054 and 158. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the April 2007 Bills in the amount of \$67,759.90. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin discussed her effort in establishing a tree committee for the Village. She will try to speak at the Chamber of Commerce and the Garden Club. Trustee Durkin spoke on having an Arbor Day celebration in late September or early October that would tie into the MS4 Stewardship theme including painting of the catch basins, demonstrations, and handing out of pamphlets, possibly holding it on the same day as another event such as the Arts and Crafts Festival in order to attract more people. School teachers and Scouts could also be involved. She believed an event such as this would do much more to satisfy the DEC and just sending out a brochure by mail.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy announced that the two new bulletin boards have been put up and that the sign painter will be sending over a proposal for the front of the Village Hall. He also spoke to Scott Volkmann, Village Bond Counsel, regarding the BAN for the MS4 funding. Mr. Volkmann got a price of about \$500.00 to bring in a second bond counsel to help with this BAN. Trustee Murphy will also contact Mr. Volkmann early in June regarding final bonding for Allison Drive and the Charles Colman Boulevard bridge.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn announced that the bulk pickup was a success. The crew made 93 pickups and completed about 4:45 P.M. The street sweeper will return on May 20 to do the Metro North parking lot and Dykeman Street. Most of the repairs from the heavy rains on April 14 have been completed.

Allen Rundall

Trustee Rundall said there will be power available for the Memorial Day ceremonies. Electrical Maintenance will donate their time to provide temporary power. He is also looking into getting power back to the clock once the bases get in for the new street lights. The water meter repairs are going very well with over 50% completed. Meter reading will begin about May 15th and should take about one week. Trustee Rundall left a message for Tom Stannard of NYSEG to inquire about status of the engineering for the Baxter Green street lights.

There is a possible water leak on Memorial Avenue that is being investigated.

There was a brief discussion about the installation of the trees and planters in the median. The Garden Club wants to do their planting on May 24. Trustee Rundall said that the contract pulled all of their men and equipment off the job today and they did not know when they were returning. The engineer would be contacted to find out what is happening.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that everyone was invited to a remembrance ceremony for Sheriff's Department members who either gave their lives in the line of duty or are no longer living to be held on May 25. Mayor Liffland inquired how the Village got so far behind with the MS4 work during Year 4 and was told by Trustee Osborn that it was due to Stantec.

MOTION by Trustee Osborn to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.