

DATE OF MEETING: October 15, 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

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

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to schedule a Public Hearing for the Minimum Stormwater Management Requirement Local Law for November 5, 2007. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion on the creation of the position of Stormwater Management Officer. The Board talked about entering into an intermunicipal agreement with other East of Hudson municipalities to share personnel services. The Board discussed having Doug Warren and Larry Tomasso handle the job until the Board could see how much time and effort it would entail and if at a later date another employee needed to be hired it could be discussed then.

MOTION by Trustee Osborn to let Doug Warren and Larry Tomasso handle the Stormwater Management Officer job duties. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 for the Memorial Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Murphy said the Board should talk about more work that could be done to use up the remainder of the Community Development Block Grant money. The Board discussed possible projects.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to appoint Bob Marvin to the position of alternate Planning Board and ZBA attorney if any conflict of interest arises. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. Trustee Murphy asked why the appointment came about. Mayor Liffland said there were two applications that the village attorneys have conflicts with. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to appoint Berger Engineering to the position of alternate engineer if any conflict of interest arises. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Durkin said she felt uncomfortable voting on something she did not have a chance to review. Trustee Murphy asked the Mayor if he spoke with any other engineering firms. Mayor Liffland said he did not – he said he asked the County for a recommendation. Mayor Liffland said Berger Engineering would be used only in cases where the village engineer had a conflict. There was discussion on the powers of the Planning Board in appointing personnel. Trustee Murphy said he would abstain from the vote until he had a chance to review the matter. Trustee Durkin asked to wait until the next meeting to vote on the issue. Trustee Rundall withdrew his motion.

Mayor Liffland stated a proposal for \$3,000.00 was received to do a traffic study on the Charles Colman Boulevard and Willets Avenue intersection. The Board discussed the Stop sign. Trustee Murphy asked if any of the Board member's decisions would be determined by the traffic study or if everyone's mind was made up. Trustee Osborn said he felt it should stay and that the results of the traffic study would not change his mind. Trustee Durkin said she favored keeping the Stop sign. Trustee Murphy said he would have a tendency to vote to take it down and the only way to convince him to leave it would be if the traffic study said to. Trustee Rundall said he would vote to keep the stop sign without the study. Mayor Liffland said he would vote to keep the Stop sign because without the traffic study he did not feel comfortable taking it down. Trustee Durkin asked if the traffic study would change his mind. He responded it would if it proved it was unnecessary. It was decided to solicit more quotes before the Board made any decisions.

Two quotes were received for the electrical work at the rear of the Village Hall:

Electrical Maintenance Inc.	\$300.00
Elite Electrical Enterprises Inc.	\$700.00.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to award the contract to Electrical Maintenance Inc. for the electrical work at the rear of the Village Hall. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Durkin said the highway department was very busy and could not do the trench work immediately. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to authorize Mayor Liffland to sign the contract with Daniels & Porco, LLP for legal services. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Murphy said he wanted the Board to be aware he budgeted \$25,000 for legal services. Mayor Liffland said he thought \$30,000 was budgeted. Trustee Murphy said \$25,000 was for Daniels and Porco and \$5,000 was for bonding. Trustee Murphy explained it would make the budget a little bit tighter and he just wanted the Board to be aware. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to award the proposal to David Hayner for the survey of the Memorial Avenue trees. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to renew the contract with Network Support. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion about giving the Baxter Green residents the option of forming a Homeowner's Association and taking over the green or letting the village take it over. However, the residents would need to be made aware that it would be municipal property and any village resident could use it. Mayor Liffland said he would contact the residents to give them the options.

Trustee Murphy went over the Garbage Budget for 2008 (see attached). It was decided to hold the apportionment hearing and Public Hearing at the first meeting in December.

MOTION by trustee Murphy to approve the budget modifications as follows:
From Principal A0.9730.6 the amount of \$58,666.00 into Capital Debt Service A0.9950.9

From Interest A0.9730.7 the amount of \$31,645.00 into Capital Debt Service A0.9950.9 Total of \$90,311.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion about the Village Historian looking into retrieving items from the old railroad station. Mr. Nicholson said he would follow up on the issue.

MOTION by Trustee Osborn to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve the Metro North Treasurers' Report for September 2007. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Historian's Report

Mr. Nicholson said he interviewed George Coulter and needed someone to transcribe the interview. Mayor Liffland suggested calling the schools to see if a student would be able to do it. There was discussion about the display cases in the meeting room.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin said she and Trustee Murphy attended a very interesting seminar on Urban Trees. She reported there were grants available for tree surveys. It was decided that Trustee Durkin would submit a nomination for the Village Hall for the Dutchess County Planning Federation Awards.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn stated he would like to purchase 4 garbage cans at a cost of \$1,100 each.

MOTION by Mayor Liffland to approve the Highway Department purchasing 4 garbage cans. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Osborn said the crew started leaf pick up. Trustee Rundall asked what was happening with the truck bid. Trustee Osborn said it was advertised and the bid opening was on Friday. It was decided to pay for the truck from the fund balance.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to authorize Trustee Osborn to approve the low bid for the purchase of the truck if found to be in agreement with the specifications presented. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Osborn reported that all of Taber Knolls and part of Corbin Road was paved. He said Metro North was supposed to come out and fix the crossings.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy stated the awning was up at the back of the Village Hall. He said the annual report was completed and the fund balances were:

A fund (General)	\$137,842.00
CL fund (Garbage)	\$71,834.00
MN fund (Metro North)	\$20,423.00
F fund (Water)	\$324,000.00.

Allen Rundall

Trustee Rundall said a meeting was held to discuss putting in a filtration system. There was discussion on the topic. He said the CDBG application for the development of a new well was submitted. Trustee Rundall said the lights were in at the Baxter Green development.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland stated Key Bank donated \$30,000 to the Village Green project. He said he met with Metro North representatives regarding the Village Green. He said sight distance issues and the bump out going south were discussed. Mayor Liffland said he had a meeting with DOT representatives regarding the SAFETEA-LU money. He said the DOT was looking for a design report and the project would probably be okayed in the springtime. Mayor Liffland said he and Trustee Osborn would be working on the Garbage contract.

Public Comment

Mr. Earl Slocum, a resident of East Main Street, thanked the Board for their consideration of the traffic study. He asked the Board to try and find some money to do a section of sidewalk in front of Key Bank. He suggested calling Scott Tepper about the Memorial Avenue trees. Mr. Slocum said if the village took the Baxter Green green that it would be under the village's liability. He thanked Trustee Murphy and the Board for the great job on the Garbage budget. He asked Trustee Rundall if anything would ever be done about the parking enforcement. Trustee Rundall said the Mayor met with the Sheriff's Department about parking within the village. Mr. Slocum asked when the old street lights would come down. Mayor Liffland said it would be soon. Mr. Slocum said the paving on Tabor Knolls was great. He said the Ziff tour raised about \$50,000 for the Pawling Community Foundation.

Ms. Helen Grasso said she liked the Stop sign.

Mr. Drew Nicholson, a resident of Valley Drive, said he was in favor of the Stop sign. He asked if the new water meters were having any problems because in the past year his water consumption rose a lot. He said he recommended David Hayner highly as an arborist.

Ms. Faith Phillips, a resident of West Street, asked what happened to the crosswalk sign. Mayor Liffland said someone hit it and they were going to try a smaller version. She said she was against the Stop sign in the beginning but she got used to it. She thanked Trustee Murphy for the Garbage budget.

Mayor Liffland said he was aware of the parking issues and the speeding within the village and spoke with the Undersheriff regarding the issue.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to return to regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to close Executive Session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no decisions made in Executive Session.

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

Village Clerk