

DATE OF MEETING: June 16, 2008  
PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland  
Trustee Tracy Durkin  
Trustee Wayne Osborn  
Trustee Robert Murphy  
Trustee Colette Zito

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

There was discussion on what local government could do in regards to the state of the economy. Trustee Zito suggested contacting the County. Trustee Murphy said the Board would have to control spending as much as possible and should be aware of where there are foreclosures so they could ask the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department to patrol the areas more. Trustee Durkin agreed with Trustee Murphy and said the Board should provide the best services at the lowest cost. Mayor Liffland suggested setting up installment payments for the village taxes and going to four ten-hour days. The Board discussed the topic and decided to research it further.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to endorse the American Travel Morrice and encourage them to contact the Chamber of Commerce. **SECONDED** by Trustee Zito. Mayor Liffland said it needed to be stressed that the program is done on a Sunday afternoon. There was discussion on what day the program should take place. The Board decided they should go through the Chamber and let them figure out what day would be good. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve the revised settlement agreement relating to the MTBE litigation per the attorney's recommendation. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Zito said she would have to abstain due to the lateness of her coming into it and the lack of time to speak with the attorney to answer questions. The vote was:

Mayor Liffland	Aye
Trustee Durkin	Aye
Trustee Murphy	Aye
Trustee Osborn	Aye
Trustee Zito	Abstain.

The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Extension to Lease Agreement regarding the DMV located at 9 Memorial Avenue. The Board decided to have Mayor Liffland speak with Dutchess County Clerk Bradford Kendall about possibly increasing the monthly rent due to fuel and electric costs. Trustee Murphy suggested attaching the CPI to it.

The Board discussed Pay Request No. 4 from 58A JVD Industries LTD for the Village Green – Phase One Project in the amount of \$8,502.50. Trustee Osborn said he did not think the Board should authorize payment until all the outstanding issues were fixed. Trustee Murphy agreed with Trustee Osborn.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve the credit to Water Account # 006-32 in the amount of \$218.20 due to high reads caused by meter. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to authorize advertising for bids for the acceptance and disposal of municipal solid waste to be delivered by the village. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve the June 5, 2008 pre-pays in the amount of \$9,975.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

### **Historian's Report**

Mr. Drew Nicholson gave the Board a rendering of what the Hudson Walkway would look like once completed. Mr. Nicholson said he was working on the Preserve America designation with the PCF.

### **Trustees' Reports**

#### **Tracy Durkin**

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to purchase the license for the AVG anti-virus SBS edition. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Wayne Osborn**

Trustee Osborn said the John Deere tractor was in rehab. He stated the GMC truck was in for a new transmission which was covered under warranty. Trustee Osborn said he received two requests for vacation:

Jim Greges	Aug. 25 – Aug. 29
Francis Lansing	Aug. 8 – Aug. 15.

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

Trustee Osborn said he was getting quotes for an automatic garage door. There was discussion on the CHIPs money. Trustee Osborn said he was going to use it to blacktop Lakeside Drive. Trustee Murphy asked what the status of the SAFETEA-LU money was. Mayor Liffland said it was still waiting on the state. Trustee Osborn said Savarese was set to jet out the pipes on Oak Shadow to alleviate some of the drainage problems. There was discussion on the topic.

#### **Robert Murphy**

Trustee Murphy said he had the Treasurer look into rates and she found a promotional rate at M&T of 3.44% and he instructed her to move all the accounts there. He reported a notice was received from the County that the village's first mortgage tax payment would be \$11,900.00 which was a little less than half the budget estimate. He said if the second payment was equal the budget line would be short by \$3,500.00. Trustee Murphy asked the Board to look in their mailboxes for the Castagna Tenancy Agreement that was before the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission.

#### **Colette Zito**

Trustee Zito said she wanted to set up a meeting between the Village Board and Town Board to discuss the town taking over the maintenance of the Village Hall through their A Fund. There was discussion among the Board members. The Board suggested inviting Councilman

David Watson and Councilman Mike Mayer to a Village Board meeting to go over the topic. Trustee Zito said she was working on the Baxter Green light installation. There was discussion on solar lighting and getting quotes for the light installation. Trustee Zito said she had several residents approach her about the park bench by the railroad tracks at the corner of East Main Street and Charles Colman Boulevard. She said she placed a call to Metro North to meet with someone regarding any safety issues. There was discussion on possible locations for the bench if it needed to be moved. Mayor Liffland asked Trustee Zito about street light outages. Trustee Zito said she was emailing the lists to NYSEG and keeping track of the dates.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Liffland said Governor Paterson stated in a speech he was all for shared services from the state level down. Mayor Liffland said the village was doing that with the town and school regarding the shared facility. He asked the Board if they still wanted to change the date of the election and turn it over to the county. The Board was in agreement to change the date due to budgeting reasons. Mayor Liffland said the Governor also spoke about abolishing or reforming the Wick's Law and raising procurement policy limits. He said the balloon test was done for the communication tower and everything went well.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Janet Couch, a resident of Lakeside Drive, was happy about the Board changing the election date.

Mr. Doug Warren, Working Highway Foreman, said the Highway Department was extremely busy working on projects. He said he attended the Highway School in Ithaca and found that all municipalities are struggling with the rise in fuel prices.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to close the meeting at 8:40 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to open the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 8:50 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to accept the Comcast franchise renewal with a 3% franchise fee for 15 years and to schedule the Public Hearing for July 7, 2008. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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Village Clerk