

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland  
Trustee Tracy Durkin  
Trustee Robert Murphy  
Trustee Colette Zito

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on the Cable Franchise. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Zito said she had a friend who would be able to install the equipment necessary to tape and broadcast the meetings. She said she understood that someone would have to monitor the taping of the meeting and she asked how that would be done. Trustee Durkin said those topics were more of discussion items and separate from the agreement. Trustee Murphy agreed with Trustee Durkin. Mayor Liffland said it would be approximately \$50,000 for the equipment and maintenance of the equipment.

Mr. Sy Capalbo, a resident of Walnut Drive, asked how much it would cost because people were going to have to pay higher fuel costs. Trustee Durkin said it would not cost the village anything but in the future the Board would have to look into how much it would cost to tape and run the Board meetings on the access channel.

Ms. Susan Raymond, a resident of Sunset Avenue, said the Board should look into sharing equipment and access with other boards and committees.

Londell, a resident of the village, said he and friends had put signs up around the village to raise money for a friend's funeral and they were taken down. Mayor Liffland said the topic of the Public Hearing was the draft Cable Franchise Agreement however there was a Public Comment period at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Tom Rose, a resident of Sunset Avenue, asked what the term was. Trustee Durkin responded it was 15 years, which was an FCC standard, with a 5 year option to extend. Mr. Rose asked if this was the only chance the village had to make changes. Trustee Durkin responded in extreme issues the Board could break things up. Mr. Rose said it was the first time he saw it and asked what the changes were between the draft agreement and the agreement that was in force. Mayor Liffland said the largest change was giving the public an access channel with no cost to the village, schools and library. He said the rest of the agreement was standard with a 3% franchise fee.

Mr. Ralph Stein, a resident of Knollview Drive, asked Trustee Durkin to clarify what she said about the public access channel because it sounded like the cable company would charge the village for it. Trustee Durkin said there would be no charge and the Board was negotiating the agreement.

Mr. Drew Nicholson, a resident of Valley Drive, said that everyone in the village should have the opportunity to see the Board meetings.

Mr. Louis Ianucelli, a resident of Tyrell Road, volunteered to operate the equipment for the public access channel.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to close the Public Hearing and go back into regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to adopt the Cable Franchise Agreement as presented. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was further discussion about the public access channel.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve Change Order #1 – West Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Project in the amount of \$23,500.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy said the money to be used was left over from a County grant for Sidewalk work. He said the Chamber of Commerce purchased a new entrance sign and the change order money would go towards landscaping and backfill at that entranceway. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund in the amount of \$100,371.67. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Doug Warren went over the quotes received for replacing the backhoe tires. Trustee Murphy said the quotes were:

Van Kleeck's Tire	\$1,526.80
Corsi Tire	\$1,654.00 and
A. Montano	\$3,160.00.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy that based upon Mr. Warren's recommendation and the fact that it was low bid that the Board approves the quote from Van Kleeck's Tire in the amount of \$1,526.80. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. Trustee Zito asked what fund it would come from. Trustee Murphy said it would come from the Street Maintenance account. Trustee Zito asked if it was budgeted for. Trustee Murphy said there was money budgeted for ongoing maintenance. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin that the Board approves the low bid from Bill Reynolds for repairs to the garage doors in the amount of \$1,345.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. Mr. Warren said the quote included getting rid of the chain pull, realigning the door and having a bottom panel replaced. Mr. Warren said the other quote was to replace the door. Mayor Liffland stated the quotes ran from \$1,300 to \$3,200. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to accept the bid from Seneca Pavement in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the road paving. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. Trustee Durkin asked Mr. Warren if he would recommend Seneca over M&S since the quotes were the same. Mr. Warren said he would because the applications were the same. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve the Pawling Fire Department's annual parade route (Pawling Elementary School – west on East Main Street to Dutcher Avenue to the

Fire House on South Street). **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Durkin said she was disappointed they would not be able to distribute candy along the parade route. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes from May 19, 2008, June 2, 2008 and June 16, 2008. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to approve the May vouchers in the amount of \$48,047.69. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to approve the June vouchers in the amount of \$32,668.40. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to approve the June 26, 2008 pre-pays in the amount of \$12,179.91. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Durkin to approve the Metro North vouchers in the amount of \$1,462.97. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Historian's Report**

Mr. Drew Nicholson reported he attended a meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> about the Quadricentennial and learned that a lot of things were up in the air. He said the opening of the Hudson River Event would take place on June 6 and 7 of 2009 and it might be a regatta. Mr. Nicholson talked about discovering a pass for the railroad in order to allow students to attend school in different municipalities.

### **Trustees' Reports**

#### **Tracy Durkin**

Trustee Durkin stated she would have a Preserve America resolution for the next meeting. She said she attended a Dutchess County Planning Federation meeting where one speaker went over the Fiscal Impact of Development and the Mayor of Wappingers Falls discussed the water problems in his municipality.

#### **Robert Murphy**

Trustee Murphy reported the village has the right to negotiate for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. He said he received complaints about speeding on Corbin Road and Lakeside Drive. Trustee Murphy said there were changes to the Open Meetings Law that he wanted the Board to be aware of.

#### **Colette Zito**

Trustee Zito said she received approval from Metro North to move the bench located by the tracks on East Main Street. The Board decided to move the bench to West Main Street. Trustee Zito presented a letter for the Mayor to sign for a resident explaining to his

employer that he cannot get out of his driveway during snowstorms because the roads were not village owned and were not plowed. The Board suggested she speak to the attorney regarding the letter. Trustee Zito asked that a street light outage reporting form be posted on the website. She stated she was in contact with representatives from Innovative Sunsets regarding solar lights and asked that the topic be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Liffland said he received calls stating that the majority of Baxter Green residents want to keep the lights the same as the others rather than going to solar. Trustee Zito said she had received positive responses about the solar lighting from Baxter Green residents. Mayor Liffland suggested she poll the community at the development. He said he would like to have solar lighting throughout the village starting with the sewer pump stations, the sewer treatment plant and water houses. Trustee Zito stated she looked into having a Hazardous Waste Day with the Town of Pawling and she asked to have a representative from Advanced Recovery Inc put on the agenda for the next meeting. The Board was in favor of inviting the representatives. Trustee Zito said she wanted to invite Dave Watson, a Town Councilman, to the next meeting to discuss sharing maintenance services for the Village Hall. There was discussion on the protocol of answering emergencies within the Village Hall. Mayor Liffland asked Trustee Zito to follow up on violations found during a risk management review of the Village Hall. Trustee Zito asked questions about business cards and nameplates.

### **Mayor's Comments**

**MOTION** by Trustee Murphy to have the attorney draft a resolution changing the Village Election from March to November and having the County run it. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland stated he had a Community Development Advisory Committee meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> to go over the CDBG application for the upcoming year. He asked the Board to think about projects for the CDBG. Mayor Liffland said he would also be discussing the high cost of fuel and finding programs to assist residents. Mayor Liffland said he would be attending an MS4 meeting with the engineer. He said he would be attending a meeting on July 8 on the Shared Municipal Services Grant and touring the facilities associated with the grant.

### **Public Comment**

Many young residents expressed dismay that signs they put up around the village to raise funds for a friend's funeral were being taken down by village resident. Trustee Murphy said there were rules and regulations regarding the placement of signs within the village and he would talk to the resident about taking down the signs. The young adults said a person in a red village truck gave them permission to put the signs up on the telephone poles and they asked shopkeepers to place the signs in their stores. Mayor Liffland said he would deal with it. There was discussion on the topic.

Mr. Earl Slocum said he suggested that the young residents come to the meeting. He said he took down 15 signs and 2 more were on West Main Street. Mr. Slocum said there was a sign law that required a sign permit however it was entirely up to the Village Board if they wanted to allow the signs. He said if the Board did allow them he apologized.

Mr. John Wagner said that the most beautiful thing that happened during the tragedy was the sense of community.

Ms. Beryl Mertz, a resident of Dutcher Avenue, said she thought all the young adults needed to be applauded.

Mr. Rosanna Phillips, a resident of Dutcher Avenue, supported the placement of the signs.

Ms. Beryl Mertz complained about a situation with her neighbor Lorraine Penney keeping too many cats on her property. She said the cats ruin her quality of life and she wanted the Village Board to address the problem. There was discussion on the topic. Mayor Liffland said he would look further into the issue.

Ms. Christine Walters, a resident of the Baxter Green development, raised some issues about the street lights in her neighborhood. She said she would like to see the project finished as planned.

Ms. Nicole Agopian, a resident of the Baxter Green development, asked what happened to the last light. Mayor Liffland said it was a stock light and NYSEG probably had it available in their yard. Ms. Agopian said the installation of the light had become a safety issue and it needed to be done. Mayor Liffland said he would give Trustee Zito the names of four contractors to get prices for the installation.

Ms. Janet Couch, a resident of Orchard Street, asked when the Stop sign at Willets and Charles Colman Blvd. would be removed. The Board said it would cost \$3,000 to complete the survey necessary to remove it and that amount was not budgeted.

Ms. Judy Pisano said she would be present at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to bring up the issue of an old sign located at 19 West Main Street.

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

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Village Clerk