

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MAY 8, 2007 AT DEPOSIT THEATER at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: President Smith, Trustees Sollecito, Bullis, O'Connor and Nolan, CT Decker, DCT Leonard, PWA Hubbard, Fire Chief Mauro, Assist. Fire Chief Rynearson, Economic Director Kenyon, Village engineer, Bruce Munn, CEO Barry Conklin, Joan Hartz, Donna Hartz, Carole Gifford, Dale VanPelt, Ann Schambach, Mary O'Connell, Mary and Frank Fineout, Randy and Jennifer Hartz Jr., Debbie Stever, Tony and Joyce Smith, Lisa Smith, Larry Schaeffer, Chris Zacharias, Amanda Gifford, Bertha Jenson, Wilber Dennis, Eddie Joe Pavlov, Gerogianna Carson, Jim Conklin, Jim Weiss, and Lucy Lantz

President Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with Stearns & Wheler, the Village's engineers. Mr. Munn informed the board that a \$600,000 error had been made on the final design. This error was a calculation on the electrical work to be done. This brings the WWTP project from 7.45 mil to 8 million dollars. He explained that additional cost would be FEMA funded. Ms. Kenyon asked why the current building structure repairs are listed at \$380,000 when FEMA had them listed at \$40,000. Mr. Munn stated they would have to take a closer look at the costs associated with the current building. Ms. Kenyon also stated that FEMA/SEMO will require bookkeeping relating only to their costs and asked Mr. Munn how that all could be kept separate. Munn informed the board that Dr. Stallard of FEMA assured them that using a schedule of values would work for them.

At 7:00 p.m. President Smith turned the meeting over to Mrs. Bonnie Hauber, Superintendent of DCS for a school budget proposal. The school budget increase to taxpayers was 3.75%. She encouraged all to come out and vote on May 15th.

President Smith then opened the Fire Dept pumper bids as follows:

Absolute:	new engine	\$225,288	Demo	\$249,975
	Tanker	\$241,429	Demo	\$263,944
	Brush	\$ 43,008		

With a \$5,000 discount.

Pierce Manufacturing:	Demo:	\$249,777
	Tanker:	\$148,709
	Brush:	\$ 40,987

President Smith stated that when the Fire Dept. and the Village Attorney had a chance to review the bids they would come back to the board with a recommendation.

Ms. Kenyon stated that the FEMA buyout program had announced their grants. There is at least one property in the Village that participated. From here the state will negotiate with the owner, there is nothing for the Village to do at this time.

CEO Conklin informed the board that there is a river project with Schaefer Enterprises ongoing that requires a permit application to be filled out. Conklin is working with the Village Attorney to provide that application to Schaefer's.

MOTION#707/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Nolan to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report for filing. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#708/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Sollecito to waive the reading of the April 10th, April 23rd, April 24th and April 25th minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#709/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Sollecito to accept for filing the April 10th, April 23rd, April 24th and April 25th minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#710/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Nolan to accept for filing the monthly EMS report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#711/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee Sollecito to accept for filing the monthly EMS training report. The motion carried unanimously

MOTION#712/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee Sollecito to accept for filing the monthly Fire Dept. report. The motion carried unanimously

MOTION#713/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee Bullis to accept for filing the monthly Police Dept. report. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

PWA Hubbard informed the board that the crew had completed 61 work orders in the Village and 38 at OLWWTP. Some work completed was picking up debris, cleaning out catch basins, dumping barrels in the wet wells, removed the old gas pumps, topsoil and seed dug up areas, replaced frost plates on meters and doing maintenance in garage. He further stated that the new street sweeper would be here by the third week in May. In talking with the vendor they assured us they would reimburse the \$550 fee to move the loaner sweeper that broke down.

The Rip Rap project on Oquaga Creek has gone to the DEC in Cortland; we are awaiting an engineer report then advertise on the internet for 30 days. USDA will take care of the whole procedure.

He stated all the water leaks had been repaired. He further stated that that he had met with Assistant Fire Chief Rynearson who wanted to move a fan switch at the fire hall.

SEWER:

PWA Hubbard informed the board of a Lease with ALrick Co. for the belt filter press at \$5,000 a month. JR Wilkins is finished now so ALrick will be billing the Village directly. Hubbard felt that the Village would need to rent the press for at least another year. C/T Decker would like board permission to take the \$50,000 (lease for one year) from fund balance. It was decided to ask FEMA if those continued costs could be covered.

MOTION#714/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee Sollecito to pay Alrick Co. one month lease while awaiting the answer from FEMA in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Dept.

Trustee Nolan informed the board that all of the Police Dept. had attended firearms training. He also stated that our police vehicle would be at the mall this coming weekend for the end of POLICE WEEK.

Trustees:

Trustee Nolan stated that there are several items that need repair on the Village hall such as; bricks need pointing or replaced, roof needs to be repaired or replaced, window sills and frames, the inside back wall has rotted from a leak, and emergency exit door is all rotted. In the process of doing this work he would also like to look at the cost of redoing the front of the building because the windows and doors and not energy efficient. He would like to see the windows and doors to reflect the 1899-1900 eras when the building was built. We should also reconsider relocating the fire siren to the fire barn. There was some discussion about placing the building on the historic register. Ms. Kenyon could apply for grants once on the register.

NEW BUSINESS:

Buildings:

Trustee Nolan asked the status of well house #5. PWA Hubbard informed the board that the well is exercised twenty minutes a week and will be used for emergencies only.

Nolan asked Brad to invite Shumaker Engineers back to the work session and go over the alternatives.

Buildings:

MOTION#715/07-08

A motion was made by Nolan seconded by Trustee Sollecito to hire Endwell Rug install rug in the halls and Hubbard's office and put rubber stair treads on the stairs at a total cost of \$6,958.62. The motion carried unanimously.

President Smith offered a resolution supporting designation of the Upper Susquehanna River and tributaries as a national heritage river. Trustees Nolan and O'Connor asked to table this resolution as we wouldn't want to vote to put neighboring towns in jeopardy.

FINANCE:

MOTION#716/07-08

A motion was made by Bullis seconded by Trustee O'Connor to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as follows:

General Fund	\$ 43,127.12
Water Fund	\$ 10,689.17
Sewer Fund	\$157,375.14
T&A Fund	\$ 3188.21

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#717/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee O'Connor to authorize C/T Decker to advertise for two fulltime and two part time locker room supervisors for the summer pool program at \$7.15 per hour for approximately 63 hours per week. The motion carried unanimously.

Guests:

Fred Hathaway of the Library Association presented the proposal of the annual library budget being placed on the school ballot. They provided a handout for the board on the proposition that will be on this year's school ballot. They highlighted the many advantages of our library to the community. The cost would be .14 cents per \$1,000 of assessment.

Lucy Lantz informed the board of the Project Recovery meetings some village residents have been attending. She stated that the Recovery people invited Village representatives to a meeting on how better to prepare ourselves for another flood. Some suggestions was the Village board designate one spot as a place to go in case of evacuations, different warning mechanisms; sirens, bells etc. Trustee Nolan and President Smith suggested an "after actions" discussion to do just what Lucy suggested.

One of the main topics was the debris in Butler Brook all along Elm St. crossing over Wheeler, Pine and Marvin Sts. Randy Hartz Jr. stated that he visited 33 homes and got 49 signatures on a petition for the Village to clean up Butler Brook of flood debris. He stated everyone along Elm St. is committed to getting this done and will do whatever it takes. There was much discussion on who would do the work what equipment was needed and the Broome Cty responsibility at the end of Elm St. by the flood drain, who was liable and who was not. President Smith informed the group that each individual homeowner owns their portion of Butler Brook and further that the Village did not own the proper equipment to clean the Brook. He assured the group the Village would do what it could by law to help but the equipment and manpower would have to come from the residents. If the debris can be removed the Village will haul it away.

Joan Hartz stated that on March 28th her son had received a call from the Mayor asking for his resignation. She felt this was not business like at all. She went on to say that she had called two trustees that didn't know anything about the phone call. She went on to say that the Village had hired two people from PA and the board asked a PA volunteer to resign? President Smith answered that the Village hiring polices was

Village Law and the EMS Fire Dept. was NYS Law and that it was a previous fire chief that brought it to the Village's attention. He further stated that he did nothing without board approval or knowledge and that maybe she should come and talk with him. Next Donna Hartz stated that she had been very hurt by the Boards actions and is still ready to serve – you may have taken my title but not my willingness to serve the community.

Next Wilber Dennis asked why after giving the Police Chief the PD vehicle and a gas allotment why he wasn't at the meetings. President Smith stated that he has been given the option of attending one of the meetings.

Bertha Jenson said she had made a mistake in a comment at a previous meeting - that over \$300 in parking ticket fines have been collected. She also inquired as to why a pedophile could live within distance of a licensed day care provider? She had asked at the PD and there was no information available. Trustee Nolan said she would check into that.

MOTION#718/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Bullis seconded by Trustee O'Connor to enter into and out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#719/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee O'Connor to hire Kaitlyn VanLuvender as a lifeguard at \$7.15 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTON#720/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Bullis to deny the request of 349.17-2-1.2 to extend building, fire, plumbing and electrical violations to a 24 month period to allow ample time to make all proper repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#721/07-08

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Bullis to authorize Amy Kenyon to develop a website for the Village of Deposit at approximately \$100.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted