

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON  
JULY 11, 2006, 7:00 P.M. AT MEADOWPARK COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: President Smith, Trustees Nolan, Axtell-Whiting, Weiss, and O'Connor, CT Decker, DCT Leonard, PWA Hubbard, Wilber Dennis, Kathy Mills, Brian and Rae Turner, Sharon Wright, Terry Whiting, John Morajda, Tony & Joyce Smith, Father Nick, Mary Cable, Mr. & Mrs. Gage,

President Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and invocation offered by Father Nick.

President Smith stated that he would like to thank everyone that was involved in the flood aftermath. The Fire Dept. the EMS, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Village Officials, the Village DPW, the two towns, there are too many to name, and he hoped he had forgotten no one. He stated he was proud to lead the Village; he was proud and glad to be a part of such an outstanding community. He stated we had done an outstanding job with little outside help for over a week. Again he wanted to thank all.

MOTION#450-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Axtell-Whiting seconded by Trustee O'Connor to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#451-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Axtell-Whiting to waive the reading of the minutes from June 13 and June 27, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#452-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Axtell-Whiting seconded by Trustee O'Connor to accept for filing the June 13 and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#453-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee O'Connor to accept for filing the June Police Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#454-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Axtell-Whiting seconded by Trustee Weiss to accept the monthly EMS report. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Fire Dept.

President Smith informed the board that engine 22-8, the ladder truck and the new ambulance was out of commission for repairs.

Police Dept.

Trustee Nolan stated that the Durango was deemed a total loss by the insurance company.

Trustees

Trustee O'Connor stated that he wanted it made public that the trustees would not be entertaining any third party complaints. If someone has a complaint or question for the board they should address the board directly either through a letter or at a meeting.

New Business:

Sewer:

MOTION#456-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee O'Connor to allow payment to Green Mountain Pipeline in the amount of \$31,477.30. The motion carried unanimously.

President Smith informed the board that the Village had lost its sewer treatment plant in the recent June flood. Our engineers, Stearns & Wheeler, had provided the board with a very preliminary report on the condition of the plant and suggested short and long term fixes. There is a meeting scheduled with the DEC and the engineers on Wed. July 12, 2006 for a better assessment. President Smith then read the letter from the Village to the DEC indicating that the Village taxpayers cannot withstand any more costs involved with the treatment plant and expressed a desire for a long-term solution to either relocate the plant or construct a floodwall. President Smith assured the public he was doing everything possible with the taxpayers in mind.

Buildings

Trustee Nolan stated that the Village hall building had water in its basement to the top of the basement stairs and would need some attention. It would need to be dried out and disinfected.

President:

MOTION#457-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the following resolution:

Village of Deposit, New York

Board of Trustees Resolution

**Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Gruver, Zweifel and Scott, LLP, for Auditing Services Associated with the Village of Deposit Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project**

**July 11, 2006**

Whereas the Village of Deposit has obtained grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NYS Governor's Office for Small Cities for its wastewater treatment facility upgrade Project; and

Whereas said funding sources require compliance with all Federal and State audit requirements including compliance with OMB Circular A-133; and

Whereas the Village of Deposit solicited proposals from qualified accounting firms to undertake such work following completion of its current fiscal year and the following fiscal year; and

Whereas the Village of Deposit received three (3) proposals from area accounting firms and has reviewed all proposals for completeness, qualifications and cost; and

Whereas the Village of Deposit has identified Gruver, Zweifel and Scott, LLP, CPA, located at 4 Associate Drive, Oneonta, New York, 13820, as the firm that best meets its needs for the proposed professional services;

Therefore, the Village of Deposit Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Deposit to enter into an agreement with Gruver, Zweifel and Scott, LLP for services as follows:

Audit Services for fiscal year ending February 28, 2007 - \$9,000 as needed\*

Audit Services for fiscal year ending February 28, 2008 - \$9,000 as needed\*

Further, the Village Board authorizes Mayor Willis Smith to sign all appropriate agreement documents.

Trustee Nolan Aye  
Trustee O'Connor Aye  
Trustee Weiss Aye  
Trustee Axtell Whiting Aye  
Mayor Smith Aye

#### Finance

#### MOTION#458-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee O'Connor to authorize the Presidents signature on the abstract for audited vouchers as follows:

GENERAL FUND:	\$25,600.48
GENERAL FUND ALSO:	\$66,840.58
WATER FUND:	\$25,584.26
WATER FUND ALSO:	\$13,638.25
SEWER FUND:	\$ 2,655.20
SEWER FUND ALSO:	\$16,894.26
T&A	\$ 2,609.45
CONSENT ORDER	\$ 958.83

#### MOTION#459-05/06

A motion was made by Trustee Axtell-Whiting seconded by Trustee O'Connor to hire Karcher Computers to perform the computer upgrade at the Village hall. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Old Business:

##### Streets

PWA Hubbard stated that he had contacted KEK and Shumaker Engineers about the assembly hall. He felt that more should have been done by now with the siding. The flood had prevented KEK from work for a few days but now should be completed.

#### New Business

PWA Hubbard informed the board that Town of Deposit Supervisor Stanley Woodford had stated that the staging area that had been set up at the new Town of Deposit offices is being closed as of today. Hubbard stated that we may have to truck our debris ourselves to the landfill and that there will continue to be construction debris as people clean out their homes. The board suggested using the WWTP location as a drop off spot. The TOS highway dept is willing to help us haul to the landfill. President Smith suggested DCT Leonard call Rich Hann again. President Smith informed the board that cleanup costs will be covered up to six months after the flood and strongly urged residents to get their debris to the curb from back yards.

PWA Hubbard informed the board that there was a meeting with DEC on Wednesday to assess the damage to the plant. Trustee Nolan asked that the insurance company sit in the meeting. C/T Decker was instructed to call DAB insurance company in the morning.

PWA Hubbard asked that the employees of the DPW take four hours off on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> to attend the annual Broome County Superintendents clambake. The board approved.

#### GUESTS:

Rae and Brian Turner of Main St. addressed the board on the issue of releasing water from the reservoir or possibly some sort of warning system to the residents when it forecast days of rain. President Smith explained that Tuesday night of the flood they watched the reservoir until dark; they then called the DEP and asked to keep us updated on the flow. The assured us there was no problem. Trustee O'Connor explained that there was a four state commission plus NYC that controls the damn (NY, NJ, Delaware and PA, and the city of NY). President

Smith suggested that the taxpayers should write to Senator Bonicec. He also explained that the flood was not all river water. It was the side streams as well.

Nick Barone from the Town of Deposit stated that he would like the Village to consider consolidating the two highway department garages. Trustee Nolan stated that the Village had no money to entertain the idea of consolidation at this time. He also had concerns about an early warning system as well. He stated that something should be done – we should learn from this disaster.

Sharon Wright asked what were landlords to do in the aftermath of the flood. She had been to FEMA & SEMO and there was no assistance for landlords. Trustee Weiss explained that there were small business loans available. She was advised to go back and talk to the agencies again.

Donna Hartz thanked Willis Smith, Brad Hubbard and the PD for all their cooperation and hard work during and after the flood. She stated that we proved to both counties that we could do it all ourselves with no outside help and with no deaths and she thanked ALL who worked so hard.

Cathy Mills asked the board if they could use firemen's park during the Octoberfest for a six mile walk for Autism. President Smith stated that the Fire Department owned Firemen's Park and they would have to be contacted.

PWA Hubbard asked the board if Volunteer Fire Police Carol Daily and Dick Cordner could be reimbursed for their gas. They have faithfully followed the cleanup crew from street to street to control traffic everyday. The board agreed they should be reimbursed through the voucher system. They also stated any vendors related to flood assistance or aftermath should be paid in advance of the monthly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: