

Members Present: Mayor John Monson, Trustees Sharon White, Kenneth Van Fleet Jr., Daniel Ferrente and Colleen Penta

Others Present: Larry Hogan, Police Chief David Smith, Fire Chief Clyde Smith, Jerry Laird, Jacob Hall, Geoff Hall, Casey Gilbert, Bob Raeman, Eric Wies and Brett Norsworthy

Mayor Monson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Department

- Fire Chief Smith spoke about his findings regarding the recent request to discontinue or alter the use of the fire siren. After speaking to the International Organization for Standardization (known as ISO), it was determined that the Village ISO rating would drop considerably and would affect all residents of the Village in regards to fire insurance rates. It was brought up for vote by the fire department membership whether to discontinue using the fire siren. The Fire Department voted unanimously to keep the fire siren as is.
- Jacob Hall spoke to the board regarding his upcoming Eagle Scout project. Jacob would like to erect a sign for the Fire Department near the bell in front of the fire house. The sign would be similar to the one at the High School, one sided with brick columns and it will be lit from the front. Jacob made a presentation to the Fire Department body and has full backing of the members. Trustee Penta made a motion to allow Jacob to proceed with his project as presented. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- All fire department response data from 2010 has been submitted to the state as required.
- On February 8th Mayor Monson and Chief Smith will be meeting to go over past, present and future budgets.
- Chief Smith extended a thank you to John Monson for organizing the recent Fire Fighter appreciation dinner. Everyone had a great time. Thank you also to everyone who donated to the dinner.

Water/Sewer Department

- Mayor Monson reported that effective 01/19/2011 Jacob Keymel's employment status will be changed to part-time. This is being done to accommodate guidelines set forth by the Department of Civil Service. Jacob will be taking the Water-Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee Civil Service test on March 5th. Trustee White made a motion to change the employment status of Jacob Keymel to part-time. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Water/Sewer Department (cont'd)

- Mayor Monson read a letter from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation concerning effluent discharge. There is a concern about using the secondary clarifiers before using the pond. Mayor Monson researched this practice and found that we have been doing this since 1972 with yearly inspections from the NYSDEC and there has never been a problem cited by them during any of these inspections with this practice.

Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project

- Bob Raeman and Eric Wies from Clark Patterson Lee presented the board with a proposal and timeline for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project.
- The SEQRA process is the first big step that we need to accomplish.
- CPL provided the board with a quote of 3 tasks to move forward with the project.
- Trustee VanFleet made a motion to move forward with Task One – Environmental Review from the quote at a cost of \$4,500, with Task Two and Three to be discussed after completion of Task One. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Highway Department

Mayor Monson made note that the Highway Department has been very busy with snow removal duties the last few weeks. He commended them on a great job.

Park Use Requests

- Trustee Ferrente made the motion to approve a request from Mary Lou Lockwood to use Northrup Park on April 22, 2011 for the purpose of holding Good Friday services. Permit application and insurance waiver were complete. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor
- Trustee Penta made the motion to approve a request from Mary Lou Lockwood to use Northrup Park on April 24, 2011 for the purpose of holding Sunrise Services for Easter. Permit application and insurance waiver were complete. Trustee VanFleet seconded the motion and all voted in favor

Casey Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert brought a concern regarding misinformation about the Fire Department reserve fund and a cut in the budget for the fire department. Mayor Monson and Chief Smith will be reviewing past present and future budgets on February 8th and will report to the fire department on their findings.

Legislative Forum

A legislative forum will be held in Phelps on January 20, 2011. The purpose of this forum is to meet with regional representatives from Albany to discuss the implications of a tax cap and the mandate relief that will be necessary for local governments to survive. Police Chief David Smith has offered to be our representative at this forum. Mayor Monson will work with other Village officials to prepare a list of non-funded mandates for Chief Smith to bring up for discussion. Chief Smith will report back to the board at the next meeting on his observations.

Emerald Ash Borer Presentation

Mark Whitmore from the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell University will be putting on a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer. This will be held on January 6, 2011 at the Newark branch of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Mayor Monson asked Planning Board member Larry Hogan if he would be interested in attending the presentation on behalf of the Village. Mr Hogan accepted and will return to the following board meeting with a report on the presentation.

Minutes of January 4, 2011

Trustee VanFleet made the motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011. Trustee Ferrente seconded the motion. Trustees White, VanFleet, Penta and Ferrente voted in favor and the motion was carried.

Abstract #010

Trustee White made the motion to approve abstract #010 in the amount of \$53,468.37 with vouchers numbers 0610–0647 and checks numbered 23332-23369. Claims from the General Fund total \$36,820.65. Claims from the Water Fund total \$6,460.43. Claims from the Sewer Fund total \$8,463.82 Claims from the Trust and Agency Fund total \$1,723.47. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Planning Board

Mayor Monson informed the board that Daphne Dudas has resigned from the planning board. The board will need to appoint a new chairperson and member to the board. Mayor Monson asked Vice-Chairperson Larry Hogan to consider taking the Chairperson position. He will let the board know by the next meeting so they can take him into consideration for appointment.

Executive session

Mayor Monson requested to move the meeting into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues. Trustee Ferrente made the motion to go into executive session at 8:15 pm. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Penta made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:11 pm. Trustee White seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Next Meeting

Mayor Monson made note that he and Trustee VanFleet will be absent from the next Board meeting on February 1, 2011. Deputy Mayor White will chair the meeting and both remaining board members would need to be present in order to proceed with the meeting

Adjourned

Trustee Van Fleet made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. Trustee Penta seconded the motion and all voted in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Norsworthy
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer