

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees: Joseph Carr, Deborah Kite, and Joseph Domachowske, Fire Chief Joni Hinds, John Hinds, Cathy Kline, David Bardoun, Mal Davis, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Elwood Engelbrekt.

ABSENT: Trustee Lauren Tackman

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made motion to approve the minutes from Nov 9, 2010 Board Meeting, second Trustee Carr, Trustee Domachowske abstained, all others in favor, motion carried. Mayor Youmans made motion to approve the minutes from Nov 30, 2010 Work Meeting, second Trustee Carr, Trustee Kite abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: All reports were approved at the previous meeting.

PAY BILLS: Trustee Carr made motion to pay bills on Abstract # 7 vouchers #289-339, appropriations not complete on vouchers # 311,312,313,317,321 and 323 will be edited for re-approval at next meeting, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried. Bills discussed: Siewert-\$4067.51 new grinder pumps were purchased to have on hand. Old ones need to be replaced. Some of the 200 Series pumps are failing and parts are no longer available. North Country Contractors- \$1200. live tap for Bridge Street project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Mayor read monthly report for 11/1/10-11/30/10: Addition-1, Garage -1, Certificate of Occupancy- 1, Fees Collected \$376.80, Field Inspections-28, Complaints- 3. A memo from CEO John Illingworth dated 12/10/2010 was reviewed. The Board feels Local Laws need to be enforced regarding cleanup of properties. Trustee Domachowske stated there is no use having a law if it is not going to be enforced. Trustee Domachowske is currently revising the Property Maintenance and Junk Car Laws.

Per the Board's request, Clerk Sweeten gave a brief overview of the current building permit applications and Cert. of Occupancy recently received.

FIRE DEPT: 1. Fire Chief Joni Hinds read the Fire Alarm report for November. The large bills on the abstract this month are for the annual vehicle service and pump tests.

2. Chief Hinds asked to speak at a future work meeting to present information regarding replacement of a fire vehicle.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Joni Hinds gave update: "Light up the Park" was held on November 27th and was well attended. Refreshments were served and Mr. & Mrs. Santa handed out stuffed toys and candy canes. The Holiday Spirit Award will be given once again this year to the home that shows the most holiday spirit. Applications are available to all that would like to participate. The next committee meeting will be held on January 4th at 7:00pm at the Village Hall to discuss 2011 events.

DPW Report: Mayor Youmans reported that over the past weekend a house in the Village was receiving a fuel oil delivery. After approximately 100 gallons were pumped into the tank they realized that the lines to the tank were disconnected allowing the fuel oil to spill onto the basement floor of the home. The fuel oil then made its way to the Village Treatment Plant by way of a sump pump illegally hooked into the Village Sewer System. The fuel oil contaminated the wastewater tank, killing the bacteria necessary for the proper treatment of the incoming sewerage. The DEC has been assisting the village with proper cleanup procedures at the Wastewater Plant. It was necessary to switch the system over to the backup tank allowing the 130,000 gallons or more of contaminated product to be isolated and removed by tanker to another location. All this had to be done very quickly and thanks to DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs and long hard stressful hours of work, the treatment plant resumed operation. When the contaminated tank has been emptied it will be steam washed and cleaned of contaminants before normal operation may resume. Mal Davis stated that the new sewer law was written with enough teeth to recoup a loss. The Mayor said that the homeowner's insurance is involved and the DEC has assured the Village that there should be no cost to the Village. When things settle down, the Village Board agreed to get serious regarding sump pumps illegally hooked into the Village Sewer System and plan to do home inspections. Fines could be issued.

MCLURE SUBDIVISION: Mr. Bardoun a land surveyor, representing the McClures, ask the Board if they would consider amending a previously approved subdivision for property at 131 State Route 49. The McClures are not satisfied with the subdivision that was approved by the Village Board on 7/30/09 and never filed it with the County. They would like the property lines to change with 11' side setback from doublewide and 8' from apartment building. They do not want to pay for a new survey if the Board gives a negative response. The Board feels a new survey is needed and asked Mr. Bardoun to return when he is more prepared. Trustee Carr feels that if a revision is approved two properties would then be nonconforming to the Land Use Law. A new subdivision application will need to be submitted, appeals board will need to review and a subdivision public hearing and board vote will need to be conducted.

TRASH COLLECTION: Mayor Youmans would like to gather more concrete facts before entertaining a municipal trash pickup within the Village. Public informational meetings will be held to inform the residents before any decisions are made. The average cost for trash collection within municipalities in Oswego County ranges from \$92. to \$160. per year which would be a considerable cost savings from private individual pickup. Billing could be done yearly with the Village tax statement or quarterly with the water/sewer billing.

CROSSWALK: The Dept of Transportation has agreed to conduct a formal investigation regarding the Village's request for a pedestrian crosswalk on State Rte 49 in the area of Vella's Store and the Post Office.

CEMETERY SIGN: Mayor Youmans has a sign company preparing the emblem for the Cemetery sign and materials have been purchased.

CLEANING VILLAGE HALL: One application was received to clean the Village Hall. Mayor Youmans made a motion to contract with Elizabeth Swank for her services to clean the Village Hall for approx 2-3 hours per week but not to exceed 5 hours per week at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor.

PROPERTY MAINT. LAW: The Mayor met with the Code Enforcement Officer of Sylvan Beach to review their procedure for property maintenance violations and brought back copies of their property violation notice, planning board and hearing checklists and minutes of these hearings. Mayor Youmans likes their procedures and would like to implement some into ours. If after the CEO sends out a violation letter and the property owner fails to clean up his property, the violator would then meet before the Village Board to explain why they have not cleaned up their property. The Board also needs to review the NYS Property Maintenance Law. More will be discussed during a work meeting that will be held in January. (no date was planned).

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Elwood Engelbrekt asked about a sign out in front of the Village Hall. Mayor said he was working on it. He does not want to spend money on a sign that isn't what they really want. He is considering a lighted sign with Village name and emblem on top and the ability to change wording for announcements. Elwood would also like Board meeting dates put in the paper. The regular Board meetings are not put in the paper because they are scheduled the second Tuesday of every month. Cathy Kline thinks more people will come if it's in the paper. They both think a sign out front will remind people of the upcoming meetings.

Mal Davis asked if the architect for the Village Hall has ever given a proposal for new steps and sidewalk from the road to the building. It was something the architect said he would throw in. Mal will check on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor made motion to enter into Executive Session, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried. Employee matters were discussed.

Mayor made motion to close Executive Session and reopen regular Board Meeting, second by Trustee Kite all in favor, motion carried.

No further business was discussed, no decisions were made.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next regular Board Meeting: Jan 11, 2011 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

Work Meeting: Date was not determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn at 8:25pm, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by: Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 12/22/10