

**REGULAR MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Green, Trustees Marc Angelillo, Kathryn Carlson, Sue Jones, and Tim Lynn, Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) Jorge Battle, Director of Municipal Operations (DMO) Bob Lotkowitz, Police Chief Lloyd Perkins, Village Attorney Byrne

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| OTHERS | Jessica Soule | Skaneateles JOURNAL (Auburn CITIZEN) |
| PRESENT: | Miranda Pennock | Skaneateles PRESS |
| | Richard Clayton | Severn Trent, Operator for Wastewater Treatment Plant |
| | Desiree Murphy | Community Bank |
| | Cliff Abrams | 37 State Street |
| | Lee Albring | 40 Lakeview Circle |
| | Ethan LaPorte | Skaneateles Participant in Government Student |

Compliments to DPW

Mayor Green asked DMO Lotkowitz to pass along thanks to the DPW for having the parks and Lake View Cemetery looking so nice for Memorial Day.

Minutes

On the motion of Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2009, as presented. Voting in favor: Mayor Green, Trustees Carlson, Jones and Lynn. Abstaining: Trustee Angelillo (who was absent from the May 11th meeting). Motion carried 4-0 in favor with one abstention.

Bills & Adjust Accounts

Trustee Jones noted that tonight's vouchers include payments to three vendors for paper towels and she asked VC/T Sheehan to confirm that we're securing the best price. On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Carlson, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #24 be audited and paid as follows:

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| General Fund | Vouchers 1142 - 1186 | Checks 10964 - 11008 | \$60,492.42 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers 255 - 263 | Checks 3296 - 3304 | 6,109.80 |
| Water Fund | Vouchers 210 - 217 | Checks 2800 - 2807 | 103,929.02 |
| Electric Utility Fund | Vouchers 351 - 364 | Checks 3802 - 3815 | 75,646.50 |

It was further resolved to approve payment of \$340.00 from the Parking Trust (CM24) to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe for legal services on the B.A.N. renewal (T&A #48560) and to adjust overdrawn General Fund accounts as listed and Water and Sewer Fund accounts as follows:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>From Account</u> | <u>To Account</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 275.00 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8310.12 Legal Services |
| 34.45 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8310.461 Mail Water Quality Stmt |
| 229.59 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8320.1 Laborer |
| 397.15 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8340.41 Repair Parts/Supplies |
| 176.40 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8340.415 Telephone Lease Lines |
| 18.54 | F1990.4 Contingency | F8340.426 Water Testing |
| 1,152.00 | G1990.4 Contingency | G8130.12 Seasonal Laborer |
| 674.72 | G1990.4 Contingency | G8130.13 Accrued Vacation |
| 443.56 | G1990.4 Contingency | G8130.413 Laboratory Supplies |
| 88.14 | G1990.4 Contingency | G9030.8 Social Security |

(Insert List of General Fund Account Adjustments)

Countywide Interoperable Radio System

Mayor Green referenced the County's letter which explains that Governor Paterson's veto of the Senate and Assembly bill authorizing an increase in the surcharge on landline phones leaves an 18 million dollar deficit in the radio system project. Passing the bonded equipment cost on to the municipalities would mean \$60,500 for the Skaneateles Police Department and \$87,690 for the Fire Department. SAVES President Jorge Batlle reported that they received a letter as well for 44 pieces of equipment. Chief Perkins said he didn't understand the number of pieces of equipment, but acknowledged that the cost seemed accurate given the expense of portable radios. Mayor Green said he will write the Governor supporting the newly introduced legislation. Chief Perkins commented that with the death of the statewide wireless program, it's more likely that the Governor will sign approval.

House Checks

Mayor Green referenced thank you notes from Linda and Warren Bonnell and Larry and Marie Mulcahy for house checks performed by the Police Department.

Tree Donation

Mayor Green reported that Jack Haggerty, representing Heritage Woods residents, has approached the Village about planting a tree in memory of Lou Everding. The Tree Advisory Board has been contacted to identify a location and Trustee Jones commented that the rec center would be appropriate.

Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Project Update

DMO Lotkowitz reported that there is no change in the number of meters installed (299 electric and 104 water). The next batch of electric meters are due in mid-June. Installation of the software interface was delayed at the request of the Village Office until tax bills were produced, but is scheduled for next week.

Status of UV Project

Mayor Green said now that we have Stearns & Wheeler's final Basis of Design report, he will schedule a meeting with Kevin Castro, DMO Lotkowitz, Trustee Angelillo, Commissioner Moffa, and Village Attorney Byrne.

School's Tennis Courts at Austin Park

CEO Batlle confirmed that based on the Planning Board's recommendations, the Watertown architects revised their plans, but he hasn't heard whether Planning Board Member Steve Krause has okayed the revised plans. Mayor Green noted that today's letter from PARCS indicates that they prefer the original plan. CEO Batlle said the Planning Board is charged with site plan review for projects on public lands, so it would be the plan they endorse which would come to the Village Board for final approval. Trustee Jones said if the plan is different from what PARCS recommends, we need to communicate with them.

Town Water Contract

Trustee Angelillo reported that representatives of the Village and Town met on May 14th. The Village answered the Town's questions regarding the formula utilized to calculate the rate, but he hasn't heard anything since the meeting.

Albring Letter on Athenaeum

Mayor Green stated that after receiving Lee Albring's letter of May 11th, he asked the Trustees to visit the property. A second letter, May 19th, included photographs of cars parked on the Athenaeum property which could only be accessed from the driveway which the Athenaeum has posted for cars not to proceed. Village Attorney Byrne said the "shared driveway" is privately owned and as he informed Mr. Albring and the Village Board last December, the Village has no authority to enforce easement rights in the driveway. Mayor Green referenced the complaint about the noise of the exhaust fan and Trustee Jones said it wasn't running when the Board visited the property. CEO Batlle said he did observe the fan

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running and it was no louder than any residential air conditioning unit. Trustee Jones said she does feel the pad-mounted transformer should be screened on the Albring's side. Village Attorney Byrne agreed to check with Special Counsel Galbato as to whether screening of the transformer was a condition of approval. It was also noted that the transformer doors open to Albring's side and access will need to be maintained. Mayor Green indicated that he'll set up a meeting with Special Counsel Galbato, Mr. Albring and representatives of the Athenaeum.

Leitch Avenue Sidewalks

DMO Lotkowitz reported that he will be meeting with John McGlynn and Mary Ellen Hennigan this week to discuss their sidewalks (at 7 and 13 Leitch Avenue respectively).

Schedule Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2009 to Amend Parking Space Variance

Trustee Carlson, ZBA Member Larry Pardee, and the original author of the parking variance Alan Dolmatch met in committee and then with Village Attorney Byrne and Mayor Green to develop the amendments. The Board agreed that they would now like to meet with the Planning Board, ZBA, Special Counsel, Village Attorney, Codes Enforcement Officer, original parking author Alan Dolmatch, and architects Eggleston and Ramsgard before the next Village Board meeting on June 8th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed local law. On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize advertising for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd, to consider Local Law No. 1 of 2009, to amend the parking space variance. Trustee Carlson said it is proposed that every building be treated as though it had all the parking spaces required. A fee would only be imposed when a change created a deficit between the grandfathered spaces and the new required spaces.

Authorize Extension of SRCT Agreement of 1999

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Green to sign the extension of the SRCT agreement to June 30, 2009. Village Attorney Byrne noted that there have been some positive developments: the SRCT has engaged Attorney Tom Blair to prepare various title documents; a meeting of the Town, Village, SRCT and PARCS has been scheduled for June 3rd to discuss the transfer of ownership; and the Seth Williams' case is scheduled to go to trial in June but there is some indication it may settle first.

Handicapped Parking Space Near 1 East Genesee Street

Desiree Murphy, Branch Manager of Community Bank, asked that the Board provide a handicapped parking space in the vicinity of the bank, either on Jordan Street or East Genesee. Having spoken with Police Chief Perkins, she knows that the Village is in compliance with the current number of spaces, but feels there is a need for customers of the bank and other businesses in the Jordan/Genesee area. Chief Perkins noted that handicapped individuals can utilize any parking spot and if they are the sole occupant of the vehicle, they can park for free. He wouldn't recommend designating additional spaces because there is one on Jordan, three on Genesee, M&T has their own space, there is one at the Masonic Temple and are additional handicapped spaces in the Central Municipal lot. He noted that parking space is at a premium and the handicapped spaces often sit empty. The Board agreed to review the parking and discuss the request again at their June 8th meeting.

Radio Link From Water Tower to Fire Station

Police Chief Perkins explained that there is a communication problem between the line-of-sight dishes at the water tower fire station due to foliage and aggravated by high winds. Fingerlakes Communication has suggested a 40' tower at the fire station, a different location on the roof of the fire station, or eliminating the foliage which may be difficult as the trees are on private property. DMO Lotkowitz suggested a fiber optic link and said he'll get a quote for Syracuse Utilities. Chief Perkins and DMO Lotkowitz agreed to meet and bring a recommendation to the June 8th Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Sally L. Sheehan
Village Clerk