

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
January 8, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Bennett
Trustee Thomas P. Ryan
Trustee Brian G. Cleary
Treasurer: Michele H. Weakley
Codes Enforcement Officer: Michael L. Edwards

ABSENT: Harold Cook, Water Clerk
Scot Burritt, Water Superintendent

PUBLIC PRESENT: No One

The Monthly Board of Trustee’s meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bennett directly followed by The Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag.

Public Comment Time: None

Minutes of December 2007 Meeting

MOTION by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Cleary to accept the December 11, 2007 minutes. All Ayes. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Michele Weakley
Gave out her report for review.

Have to do a **Budgetary Transfer from A2705, Gifts to A7140.4, Parks \$350.00**

This was due to paying for Christmas Decorations purchased by Trustee Cleary at discounted prices. He received donations which covered the cost of the purchase.

MOTION by Trustee Cleary, seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Weakley said that it is “**Budget**” preparation time. It was decided to wait until we get the final assessment roll around the middle to end of February. Then they can tell if their figures will work out or not. They will wait until the final assessment is received. The tentative budget has to be turned over to the Clerk by March 20th, 2008. Mrs. Weakley told them, that in the meantime, to write down their ideas and they’ll work with them at a date to be set at the February meeting.

Usherwood Office Technology Invoice for 01/21/08 to 1/21/09

Maintenance contract includes parts/labor/drums/toner = \$582.00
Contracted # of copies = 20,000.
We was charged for 6080 Excess copies at . 02910 = \$176.93
Total due \$758.93

Vouchers:

The following vouchers are to be signed by the Board before the close of this meeting.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Abstracts</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Water	8	45 – 51	\$15,832.77
General	8	97 – 106	\$ 3,549.38
Payroll	8	72 – 82	\$ 3,900.05

Water Clerk: Harold Cook (Absent) Left report for Clerk

Total changed from last month to \$14,149.75
Paid to date \$10,429.95
Outstanding due \$ 3,719.80

Reason for difference in total billing from last report is a check from last quarter returned for insufficient funds so he had to readjust the totals.

Code Enforcement Officer: Michael Edwards

- * One building permit issued
- * Salm property (32 Cold Brook St. – Brownfield Project – Pending Septic Bids/release)
**Mayor Bennett told him that it was an oversight that he had not been notified that it was already done except for clean-up.
- * Ozog Property: Pending legal action
- * He has submitted for review a copy of a Local Law the State put out for Local governments to go by. His recommendation is to review it, make changes as deemed and adopt at the February or March meeting.
- He is currently redoing the building permit handout packet and will give each of the board members one for review prior to implementation.
- In January and February he will be doing an annual fire inspection of all “assembly” properties in the village. This is a requirement by New York State Codes. (Inspection for the Businesses etc. are not up to date)

- He has submitted a copy of the 2007 State Report which is nearly complete. Once completed he will submit to the State and place a copy on file.
- He is putting together a packet specifically for swimming pools. He would like to send this to all homes with swimming pools in the village.
- He is working with Stefano Napolitano regarding the completion of outstanding permits. In speaking with other local codes officials they do not issue Certificate of Occupancy of Compliance until they receive notice from the contractor or homeowner that the project is completed.

Water Superintendent: Scot Burritt (Absent) Written report read by the Mayor
 For the Month of December 1,602,300 gallons of water were treated for a daily average of 57,225 gallons.

- No emergencies this past month.
- Repaired compressors at water tower earlier in month that needed new pressure relief valves.

Les Crosset filled in for him from December 26th, 2007 to December 31st, 2007.
 End of Report

Town of Deerfield Water District: No update

Fire Company: No Report available

Septic System at State Police quarters: Pending for more information.

Clerk:

The Independent Nominating petitions will not be ready for distribution until January 21st due to being lost when the “hard drive” crashed. The date for filing petitions is February 7th through February 12th.

Revitalization Committee Report: Trustee Cleary

Nothing much to report. The Banners were taken down December 24th, 2007 by Trustee Ryan and his son. They’ll be put back, come Spring. Trustee Cleary took down the Christmas decorations January 7th, 2008.

Animal Control Officer: Mayor Bennett said there’s nothing new.. The Town of Russia still doesn’t have one full time.

NEW BUSINESS

Village Election 2008

February 5th, 2008 is the first day to file and independent nomination petition, Election Law 15-108 (8)(a), February 12th, 2008 is the last day to file. Election Law 15-108(8)(a). The only office to be filled for 2008 – 2010 is a 2 year term for Trustee. (Nov. 13, 2007-Pg.477-#7.

MOTION by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Cleary that the Village Election be held March 18th, 2008, the third Tuesday of March from 12 Noon to 9:00 PM at the Village Office Building, 9 Case Street in the Village of Poland.

Voting: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Cleary to appoint Joan Evans and Mary Steere election inspectors to serve at the Village of Poland Election, March 18th, 2008 from 12 Noon to 9:00 PM Joan Evans will also serve as Chairperson. Wilma Beaudin be appointed Alternate Election Inspector. Compensation for the acting inspectors duties will be \$100.00 each.

Voting: Mayor Bennett Aye
 Trustee Ryan Aye
 Trustee Cleary Aye

Motion passed.

The alternate inspector of election shall assume the office of inspector upon the inability or refusal of an inspector to assume or perform the duties or take the Oath of Office.

Snow Removal

Trustee Cleary feels it’s time to have a “back up” for Mr. Beaudin in case of illness or emergencies. Bill Young, Jr. who does Cold Brook Streets is interested in being “back-up”.

* Mayor Bennett said they’ll have him walk the route with Lester to see just where to go, then they’ll talk compensation with him.

OLD BUSINESS

Herkimer County Self Insurance Plan

Letter from Attorney Hughes in regards to the Village of Ilion v. County of Herkimer

The Village of Poland was not added to the original but later because they were thought to be what are called “necessary parties”. It was assumed that the adjudication of the underlying dispute would affect the rights of the non-plaintiff municipal participants in the plan. Since that time. a number of the added parties, including us have entered into settlement agreements with the county of Herkimer effectively mooting any potential claims against them. The order to show cause requests that the court remove the Village of Poland and other settling municipalities as parties to the action. He assumes the board will have no objection to granting such relief and for that reason he does not believe that his presence at the hearing of the motion is required. If the Board feels otherwise, let him know.

* The Board sees no reason for him to go because we would have to pay him. Mayor Bennett will give him a call just to talk about it

Reservoir (Dec. 11, 2007 –pg.483-Executive Session)

They will get in touch with the person that was interested in buying the property (Name not disclosed at this time) Trustee Cleary knows where the persons wife works and will get the phone number which is not listed in the phone directory.

Old Chlorine Plant

Through research we find that we do not and never did legally own that piece of property. Mayor Bennett will talk to our Attorney as to what we need to do with the building.

Haver Lane – Old Elm Property (Dec. 1,2007 –Pg.480)

Waiting to hear that Mr. Haver had it professional staked out.

Ozog Building:

Mayor Bennett will sign the affidavit to start action against Mr. Ozog. Then, give it back to our attorney, Mr. Hughes to take to the Judge for his signature. That'll give Mr. Ozog thirty days to make the building safe which is the Board's main concern. If he boards it up within the thirty days, then it can just sit there. It's up to the Board to see that it's enforced.

The young women (Jay Starr, Heather Perretta, Jenn Earl) interested in the building for a recreation center sent Mr. Ozog a letter about the possible use but he did not respond. (12/11/07-Meeting-Pg. 483)

Brownfield Project 32 Cold Brook St. (Dec.22,2007-Pg.483)

The septic system is done. Victor's bill for the job is to be turned over to the Town of Russia for payment.

Census 2010 (Previous meetings)

Mayor Bennett received the material and has 120 days to take care of it. He thinks it's from the first of the year. It is confidential material.

New Town of Russia Building

In response to a question as to the location of the new Town of Russia Garage and Offices the following location was given:

It will be located on Route 28, on the right, just over the Bridge, off Route 8,past the Nice N'Easy, in the lot to the left of Hanson Aggregates driveway.

CORRESPONDENCE None of Importance

Vouchers listed in the Treasurer's report were approved and signed by the Board Members

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Bennett at 7:36 PM.

Minutes of this meeting recorded and prepared by _____
M. Jane Byrnes, Village Clerk