

A Regular Board Meeting was held on January 17, 2002 at the Village Hall in Tannersville at 8:00 p.m.

Present were: Glenn Weyant, Mayor
Paul Morra, Trustee
Jill Dodds, Clerk

Also present were: Tim Cornelisan of Severn Trent, Bob Monteleone of the Catskill Fish & Game and Guido Tocci of Sun View Motel.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mayor Weyant seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mayor Weyant seconded. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor went over the correspondence that went out from the Village and the meetings. We had a meeting with New York City on the sewer plant. We met with Helen Budrock of the Catskill Center and Carolyn Bennett of the Hunter Foundation on doing some grant work. We got the disc on the Web site from the school which is being sent to Scott Meyers who is going to host it. We had a Business Council meeting on the 8th. We met with the Department of Health and Fraser Engineering to kick off our Small Cities Grant which is going to help us expand our water facility and capacity. We attended a ribbon cutting event for Dr. Schneider.

We sent out letters to all the people outside the Village who are serviced with Village water who have not paid their bills informing them that they will be cut off if they do not pay by January 31st. I received a letter from a young man from the school who has a government class asking questions about the ice skating rink. I responded appropriately and have been invited to attend the class to talk to them. We sent two letters out, one to Senator Bonacic and another to Assemblyman Faso, regarding the illegal borrowing through Rans and Bans by the prior administration. We have to clean them up and then float a ten year bond. We sent a thank you letter to Scott Meyers for helping us get back onto the Internet in the office and also he donated, free of charge, a much larger monitor for the office. We sent a letter to the Governor's office requesting an extension on the execution of the contract for the Small Cities Grant. A letter went out to Maggie Landis requesting the removal of a portable sign that was on the sidewalk. We also sent a letter to Bob Smith, our bond council, to take a look at the fire truck bond to make sure that it was done legally. I also talked to a Mr. Simpson from FEMA. Based on all the paperwork that we have here in the office from the 1996 flood, none of it was closed out so he is going to direct us on how it should be closed out and if there is any money coming to the Village how we can get it. He seemed to think that all the money was paid by FEMA and that when they borrowed money for the flood and the reservoir repairs that it was due to overrun conditions.

Regarding the finances, we have \$23,000 in the Water Money Market, \$2,200 in the General Money Market and \$2,100 in General Checking, amounting to \$27,300. We did a projection on expenses and we have enough for one month's expenses although next month we are due approximately \$35,000 for fire protection money which will keep us going another couple of months by which time we will have another water billing and will receive back taxes from the County.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Since Trustee Powell was not able to attend, the Mayor gave the highway department report. They have been maintaining the equipment, removed all the Christmas decorations and right now they are cleaning up the Garage, reorganizing, repainting and cleaning up and getting ready to pour a little more cement. They are moving the benches out of the Boat House in preparation for the Snowmobile Association and some others who are going to utilize that facility. The Snowmobile Association is going to be using it for their meetings and according to Kathy Legg she has now found people who are donating a hot water heater to the facility and an oil tank and possibly a wood burning stove. There will be no broom ball at the Lake due to lack of support. From what I understand there were only four teams who signed up. When the Lake gets frozen enough we are preparing to clean it and smooth it out for people who want to skate and for ice hockey.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MORRA:

We had a meeting with Fraser Engineers and the Department of Health to try to determine what the safe water yield would be for the Village. We now have figures that were taken way back that we want to bring up to date and we have three people giving us bids for taking tests for new wells. We have not decided where they will go but we are looking into it. We discussed Dibbles Dam and the expansion of the reservoirs. Bob Monteleone asked if we were intending to expand the big reservoir. The Mayor responded that we are looking to dig additional wells for volume instead of expanding the reservoirs. Our biggest problem is capacity and if we can get some additional 80 gallon a minute wells within the Village it will not only help us with economic development and growth but it will give us added protection on the East side of the Village. Guido said that they had tested by the gate up by the tower. The Mayor said that the closer to the tower the better, since the water needs to sit a while after chlorination. In fact, two wells side by side would be even better and maybe a third at Dibbles Dam. The Mayor inquired if Tim knew of any aqua diagram in that area and he believed that C.T. Male had done a study in the early '90s. We determined in conversations with the engineers and the Department of Health that this side of the Village is not protected. If we had to shut the system off at the West end of the Village for any reason, we do not have sufficient storage to protect the rest of the Village. We want to get this study prepared to put in for a Small Cities Grant come April.

The Mayor attended the Hunter Town Board Meeting at which they formed a commission to figure out the Town of Hunter police requirements and Paul Morra will be serving as the Village representative on that committee. The taxi ordinance was also brought up and I made the comment that I would appreciate that the two Villages that have the majority of the taxi cabs be invited to that meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS:

We need to appoint two inspectors for the forthcoming election and we recommend asking Mary Palividas and Patricia Byrne. Trustee Morra made the motion. Mayor Weyant seconded. Motion carried.

BOB MONTELEONE:

Bob officially requested the use of the Boat House for the Fishing Derby which is scheduled for February 16th. The Village Highway Department and John Farrell and his crew always help him but we need to get the advertising going. He will contact the Radio stations, he has contacted the other municipalities, we will put something on cablevision and it will be advertised in the schools. It was also addressed at the last Business Council meeting. The Mayor thought we might bring it up again at the next meeting and see if we could get some banners through the soda distributors. The Village will put it on the web site. It runs from around 10 o'clock to 1 o'clock. They give prizes in several categories. All the fish go back. John Farrell has some room up at the Town and we are moving the benches out of the Boat House up there and we have found another storage location for the rest of them. The Mayor suggested that Bob get together with Kathy Legg since she is the person who is coordinating the improvements to the facility.

The Mayor wanted to go on record that he had received a call from Berna Showers about a ramp that was put on South Main on the synagogue's property so that the snowmobiles can come over without having to go down a dip. Jerry Bechhofer of the synagogue was called and the Association sent him a letter together with a copy of their insurance binder and he said he didn't see any problem. The synagogue owns that property and they signed the waiver.

The Mayor granted privilege of the floor.

Mr. Tocci was concerned that the Catholic Marian Center was now being billed for water after 55 years of not having been billed. Did we just pass a law? Trustee Morra stated that they should have been billed all along and they were lucky they got away with it all those years. Everyone is being billed including the synagogue and the Methodist Church. Mr. Tocci questioned whether that applied also to the Fire/Rescue Squad building at the back of the parking lot. Trustee Morra said he would investigate. Mr. Tocci was also confused over the billing for his property which was explained to him. He wanted to see how much the ski houses pay.

Trustee Morra made a motion to close the meeting. Mayor Weyant seconded. Motion carried.