

A Regular Board Meeting was held on February 21, 2002, in the Village Hall in Tannersville at 8:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Scott Myers, Kathy Caggianelli of the Daily Mail, Charlene Holdridge of Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corp., Stephen Tuomey, Jr. of Tannersville Fire & Rescue, Bill Kimble of the Daily Freeman, Vern Hartman of the Tannersville Fire Department and Ann Rothman.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weyant made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, seconded by Trustee Morra. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of February 5, seconded by Mayor Weyant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Weyant made a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 12, seconded by Trustee Morra. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the vouchers seconded by Mayor Weyant. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor went through the correspondence and meetings since the last meeting.
1/22 Meeting with Cablevision and FCC on the franchise agreement. We are awaiting a firm agreement to come back for signature. The Village has elected to collect a 5% fee which used to be 2-1/2%.

1/24 Senator Bonacic Local Government Day. We obtained a list of grants that are available, some of which are for infrastructure repair, predominantly for roads, and I have given that information to Dan Powell and Ed VanValkenburg. So hopefully we will be putting in for grants for those roads that are not in too good a shape at the moment.

1/25 Bought lunch for the students who did such a terrific job on the Web Site. Our address is tannersvilleny.com and we are looking to get tannersvillegov.com.

1/28 Meeting on Local Law 406 of the Real Property Tax Law and talked to other Village Mayors in reference to approaching Greene County to try to relieve us of taxes on reservoir/sewer properties located outside the Village limits. Met with Renee Van Schaak on the Bike Path – trying to push ahead and get that issue resolved.

Attended the Mountain Top Supervisors' meeting where I had suggested that NYMIR and MVP attend and make a presentation. The purpose was to try to obtain cost reductions for the various participating municipalities on their expenses. It appears that the Town of Hunter might save something in the region of five figures by switching to MVP for their employees' health coverage, and hopefully the other municipalities might be able to reap some benefits.

1/29 Met with Fraser Engineering going over the Small Cities Grant and the right approach to that. Met again with Tom Isabella of Time Warner on the franchise agreement.

2/5 Public Hearing on a new Property Maintenance Law and revised Sign Law. At the same time we had Fraser make a presentation on an infrastructure and revitalization plan. Attended the Firemen's meeting and asked Vern to submit a budget for next year.

2/12 A Business Council meeting was held on the Car Show which is going to be held on June 9 and the Black Bear Festival and Carnival is slated for August 2 and 3.

2/13 Went to Albany for discussions on the Small Cities Grants. It was decided to put in for a single grant, concentrating on our water infrastructure first. It was felt that if we went for too much we would be defeating our purpose.

2/19 Met with Jim Riley in the hopes that we can get some of these vacant buildings on Main Street occupied. Some of the buildings I showed him were the Marian Center, the old Mountain Eagle building and on Main Street, Alfies and the old theatre. The idea is to possibly get a satellite of a community college up here for education. I also went down to the Financial Meeting of the Greene County Legislature to push for relief of property taxes on the water facilities. The Legislature went into special session and it was approved that the five Villages which have \$55,000 of Greene County taxes will now be exempt. (The Village of Tannersville will be saving \$10,055.60) This was a team effort by the Village Attorney, the Board and the Village Clerk and they are all to be commended.

Correspondence with Senator Bonacic's office and Assemblyman Faso's office and we now have a Resolution with Bill numbers in the Senate and the Assembly to free up our illegal borrowing of money so that we can go ahead and get a ten year bond to ease our financial tension.

We resubmitted grants to the DEC for \$15,000 a-piece for our Park Lane and Sump Pump projects and we signed a contract with the Department of State.

We sent letters to the Town and Village of Hunter to join us in our clean up day and junk car pick up, as well as the Black Bear Festival and the Car Show.

The Village Clerk did an excellent job in submitting a grant to SARA record retention in the amount of around \$22,000 and I suggested to Supervisor Rem that he might also wish to so and I believe that he has.

Conversations and correspondence with FEMA/SEMO on the reservoir repairs that were not done following the '96 flood. We are having a meeting to see if there is a possibility of getting some funding in for this.

Four new residents in the area to whom we sent out welcome letters so that they get to know the Village.

Credit goes to the Fire Department who obtained a \$9,100 grant.

Scott Myers has been helping tremendously with our infrastructure in regard to our networking, bringing us up to state of the art. He donated a color printer and a larger monitor for the Village Clerk, a package of software to the school for the excellent job they did on our Web Site and he has now obtained Microsoft Office to bring us right up to date with our software and we appreciate his help so much.

We will be sending out thank you letters to the Senator and Assemblyman and their staff for all the assistance they have been giving us.

We will be switching our phone system to BridgeCom and this will probably save us approximately 20-25% over our current system. I will be bringing this up to the Mountain Top Supervisors on Monday in the hope that some of them can share in the savings as well.

The Village is probably going to adopt a credit card system, hopefully by June, for the water bills and taxes. We have consulted with the State Comptroller's Office and municipalities can do that now and we will be looking into it.

The children had a great Fishing Derby this weekend – the most children ever attended. Not many fish were caught but there were two 21" fish tied for first prize. Bob Monteleone is to be applauded for a very good event.

The Mayor then went through the current financial position of the Village. There is a total of \$31,815 in the accounts at the moment; we are owed \$17,758 in outstanding water rents which is probably the lowest in a long time; outstanding property taxes due in April amount to \$31,169; Fire protection money is coming in of \$21,470 in a few days; Central Hudson franchise is due in the amount of approximately \$9,000; \$10,000 from the Fire Department; anticipated water rents at April 1 are approximately \$100,000; and the franchise fee from Cable which can vary from \$2,500 to \$10,000. So it seems as though we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, other than the long-term debt of approximately \$1.4M. We are working with bond counsel to renegotiate that and to save approximately \$200,000.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MORRA

The Road crew are working preparing the benches for the Spring. All the road equipment is being repaired and cleaned and the truck that had water damage has been repaired and should be back on the road this week some time. The interior of the garage is being cleaned and painted; we bought a new compressor, new tools and a vacuum – everything the shop should have. On the garbage pick up, since we started in August we have collected \$1,500 from bag sales. We laid out approximately \$3,113 initially for the bags and have about 90% of them left so we will pay off that investment and soon we will be running even or perhaps even make a profit. We are already looking for a director for the Tannersville Summer Camp.

The Mayor then read Resolution # 4 of the Year 2002: "WHEREAS the Village of Tannersville had previously requested the enactment of legislation which would ratify, validate and confirm certain actions of the Village and authorize the issuance of obligations of the Village: and WHEREAS Senate Bill #S.6201 and Assembly Bill #A.9873 have been introduced to accomplish said purpose. NOW, THEREFORE, Village officials and counsel have reviewed such pieces of legislation; NOW, THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Village of Tannersville, acting by and through its Village Board, does hereby request the enactment of Senate Bill #S.6201 and Assembly Bill #A.9873, introduced as part of the 2002 session of the New York State Legislature." Mayor Weyant and Trustee Morra approved the resolution and it was signed and sealed by the Village Clerk.

The Mayor called on Stephen Tuomey and Vern Hartman to discuss the grant and how it was going to be spent. They have been trying to put together for the last four years a complete rescue team because our calls have increased so much for off-road and on State land, requiring special equipment. Thanked the current administration for their help in obtaining this grant. A list had been submitted with competitive bids; purchase orders had been obtained from the Village Clerk and the equipment, once purchased, would be put into the Village inventory and this would be checked every other month. The equipment will be put into the heavy rescue vehicle that is the one that is first called out. The Mayor wanted to run that by the Village attorney but he didn't have a problem with it and the way the grant was structured, it had to be through the Fire Department. This equipment would be replacing old equipment purchased by the Rescue Squad.

The Mayor mentioned to Vern that NYCOM were running a conference on Village Fire Departments and thought he might want to attend. The Village Clerk will give him the paperwork. Steve would like to have an open house one day to show off the new equipment. They will be having people to come down and train with the new equipment and this now brings us right up to par. The Mayor requested that if there is any other equipment necessary to ensure absolute safety that the Fire Department should let us know. On another subject, the Mayor asked Vern if the Fire Department would consider donating a first place trophy for the best Fire Engine at our upcoming Car Show. They would bring it up at their next meeting. On the charging system for the new Fire Truck, Garrisons had said that the one from the Hahn was not usable. They had given us a quote

of \$850 for a new charger. Trustee Morra made a motion to accept the bid, Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor then went through the schedule of upcoming events.

May 9 – Volunteer Clean up Day. That was tremendously successful last year so we decided to have it again this year. We will be meeting down by the Lake; the Lion's Club usually supply hot dogs and Dolph supplied hamburgers and everyone has a good time.

I spoke with Eric Thorpe and Rory France who have volunteered their trucks for a volunteer junk car pick up week. We will be going round the Village soliciting people to have their junk cars removed at no cost. They will be taken over to Rory's place and they will get four cars at a time off the mountain. That will run May 17 and continue May 20 through May 24.

June 24 through June 28 we will be having our Village trash clean up week and since we will probably be passing the new Property Maintenance Law within the next week or so, this will give people an opportunity to clean up their properties.

July 2 & 3 is Summer Camp Registration, with the camp running from July 8th through August 23rd.

August 3 & 4 is the Black Bear Festival and Carnival.

The Mayor granted privilege of the floor.

Charlene Holdridge was anxious to know if the Board felt that all their questions on the senior housing development had been answered. The Mayor thanked her for her attention to their concerns and for ensuring that at least 9 residents of the Town of Hunter will have preference. Charlene commented that they had requested that but it had not actually been approved yet. The Mayor had approached Steve Tuomey Senior who is currently making up a list of possible applicants. She also mentioned that the architect is currently working on the full set of plans. The Board needs to check if we require a public hearing on this.

Scott Myers spoke about the Web site – getting all the calendar of events on. The Mayor will speak with other municipalities to see how they control their site.

There being no further business, Trustee Morra made a motion to close the Meeting. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.