An Open Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday, May 23rd 2002, at 7:00 p.m followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Ted Kolankowski and Mike Brown from Fraser Engineering.

The Mayor opened the Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fraser presented their proposals for the development of the Rip Van Winkle Lake and the application for a grant through the Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Program based on the Resolution passed by the Board at the last meeting.

Following the presentation, the following items were noted for action:

Need a written estimate of the value of the land that the Village owns around the Lake.

They will provide us with a sample "support letter" for local businesses and residents.

Mike Brown will send the Board a draft narrative of the grant.

The Board should follow up with Crawford & Associates on the progress or otherwise of the grant through the Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

The presentation being completed, Ted Kolankowski and Mike Brown left.

The next item for the Open Meeting was the proposal that the Village revert to being their own assessing unit. The Board was investigating what steps were necessary to achieve this. Mr. & Mrs. Norarevian had joined the meeting and had some questions which the Board addressed. There being no further comments or questions, Trustee Morra made a motion to close the Open Meeting on the assessment issue. Glenn Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

On the Cablevision Agreement, the Mayor commented that he would be questioning the fact that Roadrunner was excluded from the franchise fees. The new Agreement shows an increase in the franchise fee to the Village from 2-1/2% to 5%. There being no comments or questions, Trustee Morra made a motion to close the Open Meeting on the Cablevision Agreement, Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting then adjourned for a few minutes before starting the Regular Board Meeting. Bill Kimble from the Daily Freeman jointed the meeting.

The Mayor opened the Regular Monthly Board Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the May 2nd Special Budget & Reorganization Meeting. Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes, Mayor Weyant seconded. Trustee Powell voted Nay. He believed that the reorganization meeting should be held at the end of May and not at the beginning and questioned the omission of the minutes of the previous Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the vouchers - #332-363 for the General Fund and #151-164 for the Water Fund. Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE MORRA: On the subject of the summer camp, the ad has been running for three weeks with no response at all to date. In view of the time factor, he felt a cut-off date should be set, at which time an announcement could be made as to whether or not the Village of Tannersville will be having a summer camp so that people can make their arrangements. We also need to contact the Lifeguard who worked for us last year. Trustee Morra made a motion that if we did not have a camp director by the end of the first week of June, we should notify the public that there would be no summer camp this year. Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

On the garbage pick-up, all the money loaned to the garbage account has been paid back. The income now accruing from the sale of the bags will go towards tipping fee expenses. We are also rehabilitating the old garbage truck.

On the subject of the Clerk's Office, this was renovated and the staff cut from two to one. The Village employees' handbook has also been reviewed and a few revisions made. For new employees the probation period was 60 days and this will be changed to 90 days. In order to qualify for medical insurance on retirement, employees must be 60 years of age and have 20 years of service and the coverage, which is for the employee only, will only continue until medicare takes over. Current employees will pay 10% of the cost of their insurance and anyone hired after June 1, 2002, will be required to pay 25% of the cost of their insurance. The holidays were reduced by the Village Election Day and instead of Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, they will only have President's Day. Trustee Morra made a motion that the Board adopt these new regulations, Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE POWELL: Trustee Powell had no report to make other than to resign as Chairman of the Highway Committee. When asked the reason for his decision, Trustee Powell said that he did not feel he had any control over the work force and we are at severe conflict right now over the direction of the men and the Mayor should take over the duties of that office and have one person in charge ... it will work out better that way. The Mayor agreed that he would accept that responsibility as he had before Trustee Powell came on board.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Events in the Village.

April 23-25 Flushing of the Village water hydrants.
April 23rd we hosted a very successful Annual Meeting of the CWC.
On May 2nd we had our Budget and Reorganization Meeting.

On May 7th a Business Council meeting discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, the Car Show and the Black Bear Festival.
May 17th – 24th is the junk car pick up week and we have seven cars identified for Haines Falls Auto to pick up, to crush and take off the mountain. This is on a volunteer basis on their part and if we have any more that need picking up, Philip Thorpe volunteered one of his tow trucks The Town of Hunter also asked if we would pick up any cars they had.
There was a question on the sump pump situation and the Mayor confirmed that this was ongoing and that they would be meeting with the engineers to go over the status of both the sump pump project and the Park Lane drainage project.
The Mayor presented the financial status of the Village as of May 23rd.

The Board then left the meeting to go into Executive Session.

Upon their return to the meeting, the Mayor brought up an item that was not on the agenda concerning the sidewalks on South Main Street and the position of the Board is that we would like new sidewalks throughout the Village but in our current financial situation it is not possible right now. Park Lane and Spring Street residents have also been asking for new sidewalks and if some money comes through on these grants that would cover sidewalks then we will put them in.

RESOLUTION # 14:
Dan Tait wishes to develop 8 single family homes on Spruce Street and in order for them to apply for sewer connections, the Village must adopt a Resolution requesting the City of New York to extend sewage service to said building lots. As drafted, the Board were concerned that the language was not specific regarding the actual construction, so it was agreed to adopt the Resolution with the inclusion in the language limiting the construction to eight single family homes. Trustee Morra made a motion to adopt the Resolution with the change in language. Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 15:
This is a Resolution that the Village adopt the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Trustee Morra made a motion to adopt Resolution #15, Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CPA Agreement:
This is a yearly contract with Donna Bates who has been working with the Village for a few years Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the contract. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Weyant made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
The discussion centered on violations of Village Rules and Regulations by a Village employee and it was agreed that in view of existing violations, any further infractions may result in dismissal.