

A Regular Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 15, 2002, in the Village Hall at 8 00 p.m.

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

Also present: Joe Prout, Daily Mail, Jeff Prince, Dr. Hella Bauer & friend.

The Mayor opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, Regular Board Meeting
Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, Public Hearing Mayor
Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, Special Meeting. Mayor
Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers: General # 60 – 80
Water # 22 – 29

Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 7/19 Public hearing on N.Y.S. & Local Retirement Incentive program
- 7/22 Meeting with Mountain Top Supervisors.
- 7/23 Business Council Meeting.
- 7/24 Attended grant workshop hosted by Senator Bonacic on Main Street N Y grant application.
- 7/30 Bellayre Revitalization Meeting.
- 7/30 Business Council Meeting.
- 7/31 Meeting with representative from FEMO on the reservoir repairs.
- 8/1 Meeting with Fraser Engineering and CWC on storm water retrofit grant.
- 8/5 Meeting with Delaware Engineering on water matters.
- 8/6 Meeting with Sandy Mathes.
- 8/13 Business Council Meeting.
- 8/14 Representative Sweeney – re: Orpheum restoration.
- 8/15 Meeting with Sandy Mathes & Richard Rem.

Jet Industries tapped the water line and installed extra safety hydrants at the sewer plant. The City started sewer repairs throughout the Village. The final signed franchise agreement with Time Warner was mailed out. Berna Showers' fence at the bottom up Upper Lake Road was moved over. The completed Main Street New York grant application was mailed out. The

awards should be made some time in mid October. All the paperwork to effect the refinancing of the water bonds was completed and mailed out to the bond counsel. The Golden Agers donated two new task chairs for the Clerk's Office and an electric kettle. James Palmieri stopped by to thank the Board and the Building Inspector for their help in permitting the construction of a handicapped ramp in the front of his house. He says he has never felt so free and is able to get out much more. Our request for Chips money was mailed out enabling us to do some road repairs in September.

The Mayor then gave an updated financial status.

The Highway Department, together with the Town of Hunter, has been preparing the site for the Black Bear Festival, removing a lot of garbage. Moved water blow off down by the well house instead of having at the bottom of the street. Work has commenced on refurbishing the recently purchased bucket truck. Repaired a water leak on Van Drive and removed a curb box from one of our outside water customers.

TRUSTEE MORRA'S REPORT:

Today we issued a mandatory water conservation notice. Number 1 reservoir is off line and we are using number 2. Trustee Powell was concerned about the use of reservoir number 2. He thought it had been off-line for 20 years and felt we should check into this. Trustee Morra stated that our water consultant had informed us of this action and he deals with the Board of Health all the time. The consultant also recommended that, without significant rainfall, we should go onto reservoir #3. The well is now on full time.

The water line was tapped for the Black Bear Festival.

We had four Outside Village water users who had not paid their bills and we made the necessary notifications to all of them that we would shut off the water and remove the curb boxes. Three of them paid, the fourth did not and the curb box has been removed and we will not reconnect service.

Trustee Morra issued instructions to the treasurer to pay \$600 out of the garbage fund towards this month's tipping fees incurred from the Village clean-up. We continue to sell good quantities of bags and this is helping out with the tipping fees and should continue to do so. The garbage truck is up and running and he feels that in the near future the garbage account will be able to pay its own expense plus make a profit. He had nothing further to report.

Trustee Powell then again expressed his concern over the viability of reservoir #2. He stated that it had been off line for 20 years and was not supposed to be used because of the turbidity. It was his understanding that it was not a safe reservoir. Trustee Morra felt that our consultants would certainly have made us aware of such a situation since they deal with the Department of Health on a daily basis. He took exception to Trustee Powell's assertions particularly since his input was confined to a few minutes once a month. Further discussion ensued between them during which Trustee Powell complained that he was being excluded from every other meeting. Mayor Weyant pointed out that new chemicals were being used which specifically dealt with the turbidity problem. He asked Trustee Powell if it was his opinion that our consultants were leading us into potential trouble with the Department of Health and Trustee Powell said that he felt that this was quite possible. Mayor Weyant suggested that we contact the Department of Health in the morning and Trustee Powell said that he had no problem in contacting them himself. He did not want the Village to be in the position where we might be fined. It was agreed to contact the Department of Health the next day and to speak with our consultants. For the record the Mayor said that no-one has been excluded from any official Village meetings.

Moving on to Item 6 of the agenda – establishing the work day for part-time employees for N.Y.S. & Local Retirement reporting purposes. We are required to do this by resolution which we will do at the next Board Meeting since the personnel concerned are completing their sample monthly work sheet. Based on this work sheet, the Board may establish either a 6 hour or 8 hour day

The Mayor asked that a resolution be prepared for the next Board Meeting stating that any private road that has a water blow-off at the end of it will be maintained for snow removal purposes only. This was based on the recommendation of an attorney representing a prospective property owner. Trustee Powell made the motion that we adopt such a resolution as stated Mayor Weyant seconded. Trustee Morra abstained since his property is on a road with a water blow off. Motion carried.

The last item concerned one of our highway employees who had just filed for retirement at the end of September, 2002. Trustee Morra explained that this employee owed the N.Y.S. & Local Retirement System approximately \$1,500 in arrears which need to be paid off prior to his retirement date. Since the Village will owe the employee for unused sick time and vacation time, he asked that we pay this amount for him at this time and deduct it from his final pay out upon retirement. In essence, we will be using the employee's money to make this payment – just doing it approximately 30 days prior to his retirement. Trustee Morra made a motion that the Village pay the arrears amount for him. Mayor Weyant seconded All in favor. Motion carried

The Mayor presented the renderings of the architect for the grant we had just submitted for renovation of the municipal building.

He then granted privilege of the floor.

Dr. Baer was again appealing her water charges since she uses her home in Tannersville so infrequently. After much discussion, Mayor Weyant asked the Water Commissioner to investigate the rules and regulations as set down by New York State and see if any variances exist for this type of condition and contact Dr. Baer in writing.

Dr. Baer was informed of the garbage collection that now exists in the Village of which she was not aware

There being no further business, Trustee Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. The Meeting was adjourned.