

A Regular Board Meeting was held on Thursday, October 17th, 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: Fred Johnson of the Daily Freeman, Joe Prout of the Daily Mail, James Wiltse and Guido Tocci.

The Mayor opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers:

General 115 to 148
Water 52 to 69

Trustee Morra seconded All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- 09/20 Exit meeting with Warren Dietz from the Comptroller's Office.
- 09/23 Had a meeting of the Mountain Top Supervisors.
We will be hosting the next meeting which will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall on Monday, October 28th. We are extending an invitation to Senator Seward, Larry Gardner, James Hitchcock, Guenther Ohm and the Mayor also invited Trustee Powell and Trustee Morra so that they might be familiar with the issues on the mountaintop.
- 09/24 Meeting with Counsel from DEP and Malcolm Pirnie on the Sewer Treatment facility.
- 09/25 Another meeting with Linda Geary on the Bike Path.
- 09/27 Walter Seifert who worked on the Highway Department retired.
- 10/01 October water bills were sent out.
- 10/3 & 4 Trustee Morra and I attended a two day seminar put on by the Department of State and CWC. They go over funding opportunities and laws and regulations of the Department of State.
- 10/07 Attended the announcement ceremony at the Red Barn on the signage grant that came through the Governor's Small Cities grant program.
- 10/09 Met with Joe Myers of Severn Trent to go over some matters in regard to the billings.
- 10/10 Received notification that the law suit against the Village for a slip and fall case was dismissed... hats off to the insurance attorney.

- 10/16 Wire transferred funds for the newly refinanced water bonds ... \$60,000 against the principal and \$4,989 interest.
- 10/16 Met with the City on the Bike Path again and I will explain later the outcome of these discussions.
- 10/16 Fire Department submitted another grant application through the Governor's Office for \$50,000 of fire safety equipment.
- 10/17 Meeting with Bruce Whitaker of the Bank of Greene County with reference to the RAN and BAN that we still have outstanding and to negotiate on the new fire truck. Mr. Whitaker was very helpful and willing to work with us. If things go to plan we will have another opportunity to refinance, straighten out the RAN and BAN and save another \$50,000 of interest for the taxpayers. We are looking to get this accomplished early 2003. The first year's savings would be approx. \$11,000.

I met with Senator Seward at my place of business together with Trustee Morra. Trustee Powell works during the week otherwise he would have been there. I gave him a list of accomplishments over the past year and a half, together with a list of major challenges that we have and I have been in touch with him since and I feel that he is going to be very helpful to the Village.

Fire hydrants are going to be flushed on October 28th, 29th and 30th commencing at 10:00 p.m

I received a call today that we have possibly found a Christmas tree for our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled for December 8th this year.

At this time I would like to explain the outcome of my meeting with the DEP and CWC. We are moving ahead on the reconstruction of the bike path. CWC is paying Fraser Engineering to complete the SWPP which has not been completed as of yet and CWC has \$80,000 set aside awaiting completion of the plan, at which time those funds will go straight into the Village's general fund. They will also be funding a maintenance plan for the Village to take care of the bike path for the next five years and putting together construction estimates on the other three stations that they are concerned about. When the SWPP is completed we will go into the construction of the actual major landslide and probably by the Spring there will be an emergency plan or we will go out to bid on both jobs, depending on how the Winter effects the bike path

Financial Status:	General Checking	\$ 16,118
	General Money Market	\$143,421
	Water Checking	\$ 18,341
	Water Money Market	\$ 10,254
	Publicity & Events	\$ 5,106
	Garbage	\$ 891

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The Mayor indicated that he and the Trustees were continuing to do everything within their power to improve the financial condition of the Village and, compared to last year, the current status is a lot less stressed.

The Highway Department have completed culvert work on Penrose, Lakeview and Renwick which was required prior to motor paving these roads, which we have now done. We also put aprons in on every driveway. We are preparing for Winter, getting the snow plow and snow trucks ready to go and a delivery of salt is already at the Town of Hunter's snow shed which we share with them. The bucket truck is almost complete. We have also been assisting the City contractors in locating water and sewer lines.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – NEW APPOINTMENTS:

The Mayor made a motion to approve the appointment of the new Fire Department officials. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vern Hartman, Chief
 Pat Byrne, 1st Assistant
 Mark Hommel, 2nd Assistant
 Robert Hoagland, 3rd Assistant
 Frank Kerr, Captain
 Ray McGinis, 1st Lieutenant
 Robert Parslow, 2nd Lieutenant

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then asked for a few minutes to go into executive session with the Trustees regarding an employee issue.

HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

The Mayor made a motion to keep the curfew for Halloween which the Village has had for the last few years of 8:00 p.m. Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

MONTHLY MEETING TIME:

Trustee Powell made a motion to change the time of the regular monthly board meetings to 7:00 p.m. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE MORRA:

As the Mayor had mentioned, the October water bills had been sent out and revenue is coming in. The reservoirs are full and we have lifted water restrictions and will be doing the flushing on October 28, 29 & 30 after 10:00 p.m. I am looking for equipment for the playground and garbage containers for along the Main Street corridor.

I also want to bring to everyone's attention the Clerk got the bills out in good time with a lot of difficulty because the computer is giving trouble and I think it is time to look at buying new computers for the office. Trustee Powell made a motion to give the Mayor permission to go out and look into that, within the bid guidelines, and purchase a computer for the office. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

I also want to mention that the Clerk administered the SARA grant getting the records retention room constructed and functioning well within the funds allocated. She did a terrific job.

The Mayor then granted privilege of the floor.

JIM WILTSE:

Mr. Wiltse wishes to put a couple of storage units behind his property on 23A on an existing foundation. He presented pictures of the units. The property comprises one acre and he was considering sub-dividing it into two half acre lots. At the moment the one acre is commercial. The Board had no problem providing he complies with the Village's Land Use Ordinance and referred him to the Building Inspector. Mr. Wiltse should provide the Building Inspector with the necessary plans. The Board made the point that, whilst they have no problem with the concept, that does not necessarily grant him a permit. It will be up to the Building Inspector to assess the legalities and advise the Board.

GUIDO TOCCI:

Mr. Tocci had a problem with the water bill for the apartment house behind his residence. He is questioning the \$200 water charge (the house actually comprises three apartments). He wants to see the rates for all commercial properties in the Village. After some discussion it was decided that the apartment house should be rated a commercial property and billed \$175 every six months, not \$200. He saves \$25 on each billing but loses 50,000 gallons. He objects to paying late fees since he leaves the area at the time of the April billing. The Board suggested that he leaves a check.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion regarding an employee who was out, supposedly sick, and seen to be playing golf. He had not called into the office and his time sheet showed "Dr's appt."