

A Regular Board Meeting was held on January 16th, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

Also present: Dan Breck, Joe Prout, Carlene Holdridge, Bob and Donna Kennedy, Vincent Pelusio and Joe Myers.

The Mayor opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the vouchers:

General # 213 - #234 Water # 98 -#121

Glenn Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Meetings with: Captain Louis Barberia, Mountaintop Supervisors, Richard Rem on the Façade Grant, Sheriff Hussey. Attended Senator Seward's swearing in. Meeting in Albany with NYCOM. Meeting with Joe and Vince from Severn Trent on the Plant failure. Met with Mr. & Mrs. Maurer who are property owners adjacent to the Bike Path.

Financial Status: General \$64,252, Water \$37,636

Contacted our bond counsel to refinance the fire truck. \$160,000 for 8 years @ 3% which would produce a savings in interest over the term of the loan of \$21,206.95.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

We are very proud of the way our Highway Department handled the two huge snowstorms; they did a great job. We needed to do some maintenance in view of the heavy workload imposed upon both men and vehicles with all the snow plowing. Today we experienced a water main break. It has been taken care of and only a few properties were affected.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE MORRA

We have a current cash balance of \$37,636. Reminders went out to all delinquent customers at the beginning of January which resulted in \$6,000 coming in but we still have \$20,000 outstanding. 5 outside the Village users are still delinquent and final notices went out to them this week.

We have \$950 in the Garbage account and receipts from the sale of bags are now paying all the Village's tipping fees. The average monthly income from these sales has been

steadily increasing to between \$400-\$500. Following the closure of Garrison's Sporting Goods, Steve Yager at Warms Restaurant is now selling the garbage bags for us. We are currently in negotiation to lease a new copy machine, over a 5 year period at \$1,303 per year which includes a full service contract covering parts, labor and toner. The lease agreement is subject to a satisfactory trial demonstration. A technical representative sets everything up for us and trains staff for a one-time fee of \$100. The machine incorporates a fax and printer. Anticipated delivery date is next Thursday, January 23rd.

RESOLUTION 1 OF THE YEAR 2003

Trustee Powell felt that we needed to investigate whether we are obligated to bring these roads up to a certain standard (i.e. oil & stoned) before they could be brought into the Village Road System. This item was tabled pending resolution of this query.

RESOLUTION 2 OF THE YEAR 2003

Trustee Powell requested that we table this for 30 days in view of the fact that we had applied for an extension from the NYS & Local Retirement System.

RESOLUTION 3 OF THE YEAR 2003

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to instruct Fraser Engineering to apply for a \$10,000 grant through the "Bikes Belong Coalition" at a fee of not to exceed \$900. Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The Mayor thanked Charlene Holdridge for bringing this grant to our attention.

RESOLUTION 4 OF THE YEAR 2003

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to instruct Fraser Engineering to apply for a \$15,000 grant (or 75% of the total cost, whichever is lower) through the NYS Department of State Division of Local Government Services at a fee not to exceed \$1,800. Trustee Powell made a motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 5 OF THE YEAR 2003

This resolution is for the refinancing of the fire truck. The Mayor explained that the new loan is for the same number of years, at the same \$20,000 principal but at a much lower interest rate. Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Powell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Charlene Holdridge was applying for a variance on behalf of the Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corp.'s proposed senior citizen residence. Charlene produced revised drawings that were reviewed by the Building Inspector and the Board. They were satisfied that drainage had been dealt with satisfactorily.

After some discussion on whether a public hearing was necessary because of a possible impact on adjoining properties, it was decided to call attorney Simon and ask him. If there is no need for a public hearing then all Catskill Mountain Housing need do is to

move the line forward 5' towards the municipal parking lot. Since the only entity thus impacted would be the Village, the Board saw no reason why they would not be able to give them the necessary variance.

YOUTH CENTER

Trustee Powell had asked for this to be included on the agenda since he had been receiving telephone calls regarding the status of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Youth Center. He asked if a temporary C of O for the ground floor was possible so that the center could at least get open and apply for grants. The Building Inspector reported on the current situation....

A set of plans was sent back for revisions. These were stamped by a "civil engineer" and we need to look into that.

A certificate from the New York Board of Fire Underwriters is on file for the wiring on the first floor.

A letter from their architect/engineer stating that he has thoroughly reviewed the "as built plans" is forthcoming.

We need an inspection and certification on a weld on the steel "I" beam that supports the second floor. A laminated beam alongside the steel one is an alternative, but that would also need certification.

A further inspection from Randy Rivera and Mark Anderson from the State may be necessary.

An inspection from the Board of Health is still needed as some sort of food service is to be provided.

Plans for blocking a second floor access need to be finalized.

A fire alarm inspection is also still needed.

The Building Inspector commented that all during his training it was stressed that "temporary C of O's" should be avoided at all costs, a feeling shared by the Village Attorney.

The bottom line is that no sort of C of O can be forthcoming until the outstanding items are taken care of and that is squarely in their ball court. The Inspector's greatest concern is the state of the weld on the "I" beam. He needs to have an engineer certify the safety of this beam.

The Mayor granted privilege of the floor:

DAN BRECK, VILLAGE LAUNDROMAT:

Mr. Breck suffered some financial loss as a result of the water plant going down on January 6th, including service to his machines and claims from customers with spoiled laundry. He produced samples of the material found in one of the external filters on the machines and photographs of the soiled clothing. It took five or six flushes of all the washers, the hot water heaters had to be drained. He had a bill for \$613.44 for the servicing of his five heavy duty machines. He was very concerned at the water used to

clean out the system and although he and his staff washed the soiled laundry many times and much of it did come clean, he offered his customers a replacement article for those that were really ruined. The Board assured Mr. Breck that we would file an insurance claim with our insurance carrier and asked him to provide his receipts. On the usage, he would look at the specifications of the machines and calculate the number of gallons used to flush the system and the Board would make a suitable adjustment at his next billing.

THE KENNEDY HOUSE WATER BILL:

Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy were disputing the amount of usage on their October 2002 water bill. They had only rented the house out for 60 days this summer and they think the meter must be broken since their plumber had been right through the house and could detect no leak. This has been an ongoing problem and Joe Myers undertook to exchange the meter and test the existing one.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

Donna Kennedy wanted to set the date for the parade for March 15th and since it appeared she was in charge she wanted to get an early start.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR:

Dan Josik had submitted a wish list which would equip four interior firefighters. Since there was sufficient money left in the budget, Trustee Powell made a motion that he should go ahead and purchase it. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BLACK BEAR FESTIVAL 2003:

Mike Sandlofer had drawn up a contract for this year's Black Bear Festival and Mayor Weyant made a motion to pay him the first deposit of \$1,250.00 out of the Publicity & Events Fund. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Powell informed the Board that he would not be available for the next Board Meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Weyant made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.