

A Regular Board Meeting was held on February 20th, 2003, in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Daniel Powell, Trustee

Also present: Jim Planke, Pete Manfredi & James Farley.

The Mayor opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Weyant made a motion to approve the vouchers.

General #235 - #256 Water #122 - #139

Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

1/20 Meeting with Jeff Prince & an organization that is looking to annex 17 acres into the Village. Also had a meeting with Kaaterskill engineering on some grants we have for sump pumps and drainage

1/27 Mountaintop Supervisor's meeting in Jewett

2/4 Workshop with Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation which is looking to put a 12 unit senior housing complex in the Village.

2/6 We hosted Greene County Soil & Water who were presenting DEP rules and regulations.

2/14 I had an interview with the Daily Mail publisher, editor and writer.

2/15 Fishing derby.

2/18 We conducted a public hearing on the proposed senior housing development.

We have applied through Greene County Department of Emergency Services for FEMA funds for the two big snow storms and, more recently, to SEMO for the President's Day snowstorm.

St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for March 15th and Donna Kennedy is the contact.

Finances: around \$14,000 cash in hand in Water, with \$20,000 still outstanding and around \$44,000 in General. This is about the best financial shape the Village has been in for the last 6 years. We have another water billing on April 1 which nets us around \$125,000 and then we have some revenue coming in this month from the fire district of approximately \$22,000 from the Town and \$10,000 from the fire department which will boost our General account.

With all the major snow storms that we have had and all the overtime our crew have been working, I hear a lot of other municipalities are running short of money but we are in good shape and will not have to borrow money to pay for this overtime.

I have been working with Senator Seward to try to get \$175,000 to get our water tower back into operation and dig another well to increase our safe yield. The Senator wrote to Mr. Bruno, Majority Leader, requesting the funds.

I have been working on the budget and I have a tentative number out there that I will be presenting to the Board on March 20th and it looks like it will represent a 6%-7% decrease in Village taxes, with appropriations down from \$310,000 to \$290,000 which is an average decrease to homeowners of \$40. This is a confident prediction; the minimum will be 50c per \$1,000. This is due to the refinancing of our debt, increase in revenue and decrease in expenses.

Trustee Morra added that the tax reduction was not tentative, but positive – guaranteed.

The Mayor announced that the Village of Colonie fire company has donated 3 sets of turnout gear to the Village and they and two other fire companies are going to name the Village of Tannersville Fire Company as their sister fire department and continue to donate equipment until we are up to standard.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MORRA

I have been working on the budget with the water tower a high priority. There is a machine that I have been checking out that will measure the water every hour, checking turbidity and feeding the chemicals automatically. If we purchase this machine, we will in the long run save money on the chemicals and improve the taste of the water.

REPORT ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Obviously the majority of their time has been spent on snow plowing and clearing the streets and sidewalks which are in pretty good shape now. They have been working on a lot of freeze-ups – apparently when the temperature increases after an extended cold period and with a lot of snow on the ground, it drives the frost into the ground deeper. Tim Legg has been working along with us to free up the service lines and get water back to the houses. This has been the majority of our work this month, along with the constant servicing and repair of the equipment.

RESOLUTION #6 OF THE YEAR 2003**Waiving of water rents and fees for not for profit community organizations**

This is a resolution that we are proposing in view of the more stable financial situation of the Village at this time. Historically, we were unable to find any resolutions allowing anyone to receive free water and consequently every property was billed. Now, however, we are putting this resolution forward for those people who are working for the community to exempt them from water charges. Specifically, community groups and organizations that are not for profit, for civic, charitable, religious, educational or other community minded purposes.

Trustee Morra had one correction to make to the Resolution as presented. He requested that the exemption apply only to owners of properties and not to renters. This was agreed and the Clerk was requested to make the appropriate change to the wording.

With this proviso, the Resolution was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #7 OF THE YEAR 2003**Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the DEC**

As everyone is aware we have been working extensively to get our Bike Path back to where it should be and I believe that before the next Meeting I will be signing an agreement with the NY City DEP to remediate the Path and get all the necessary funds. This resolution is authorizing me to sign an agreement so that we will be able to get the necessary permits to work in the stream.

The Resolution was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #8 OF THE YEAR 2003

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 20th, 2003, RESCINDING THE REFUNDING BOND
RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 16th, 2003 AND AUTHORIZING THE
RESTATEMENT OF THE INTEREST RATE APPLICABLE TO A CERTAIN
STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF SAID VILLAGE.**

WHEREAS, on December 8th, 2000, the Village of Tannersville, in the County of Greene, New York (herein called the "Village"), has heretofore issued its \$200,000 Statutory Installment Bond 2000 (the "Bond") and,

WHEREAS, the Bond is now outstanding in the principal amount of \$160,000, and matures on December 8 in the principal amounts of \$20,000 in each of the years 2003 to 2010, inclusive, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding Bond bears interest payable on June 8 and December 8 in each year to maturity at the rate of 5.833% per annum, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tannersville, in the County of Greene, New York, hereby resolves (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board) as follows:

Section 1. The refunding bond resolution heretofore duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tannersville, New York (referred to herein as the "Board of Trustees") on January 16th, 2003, is hereby rescinded and shall be of no further effect.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees hereby determines that, pursuant to an agreement with The Bank of Greene County, as holder of the Bond, the annual interest rate applicable to the Bond shall be reduced from 5.833% to 3.00% per annum as of March 8th, 2003 and thereafter until maturity.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer, as chief fiscal officer of the Village, to restate the interest rate as three per centum (3.00%) per annum, in conformity with Section 2 hereof, by manual notation on the Bond of the restated interest rate, to be initialed by the Village Treasurer and by an authorized officer of The Bank of Greene County.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

INTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**Agreements between Town of Hunter & Village of Tannersville**

The Town of Hunter has received a grant for Façade Improvement projects for the Town and the Village. We have insisted on both an inter municipal agreement and an agreement with each individual property owner since the Village will be depositing the sum of \$3,250 with the Town of Hunter upon the execution of the Agreement. The owner is obligated, by his Agreement, to repay all of the monies made available to him from the Town and the Village towards the costs of drawings, materials and estimates. Failure to do so will result in a lien on the property.

Trustee Morra made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the inter municipal agreement. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2 OF THE YEAR 2003**Establishing a standard workday for the NYS & Local Retirement System**

This Resolution had been tabled since the last meeting but the New York State Comptroller's office has been pressuring us. There has never been a resolution on the books setting this standard. We have requested sample monthly work schedules from the individuals affected and have received some back but not all. Setting the standard work day for these individuals allows them to be credited for that time with the Retirement System.

The Resolution was duly adopted.

JEFF PRINCE

Mr. Prince wished to address two possible sub-divisions. One on the LaPlaca property on South Main Street which has two houses on it. Mr. LaPlaca passed away and the properties have passed on to his estate. The estate wish to sell one property and keep the other. Mr. LaPlaca had taken the two houses and put them on one deed but each house has its own separate description. The estate wishes to separate the two parcels and put them back on two deeds. Each parcel is approximately ¼ acre.

If the Village attorney has no problem with this, then neither would the Board.

The Grays Lane sub-division is on the Petschauer property. Mr. Prince was instructed to get drawings and maps to our Building Inspector who would do the preliminary research and advise the Board.

Some discussion on the proposed Clum Hill annexation.

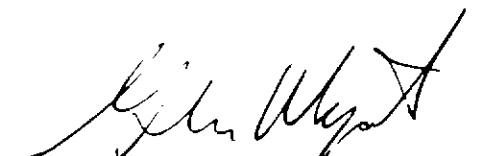
JAMES FARLEY

Student who is doing a project on different forms of government attended the meeting and needed the Mayor to sign off for him. The Mayor suggested that perhaps he and his friends might get together and fix up the skate board equipment.

PETE MANFREDI

He had no particular subject to address but was very interested in the Village's proposed tax reduction and was impressed with the improvements that had already occurred.

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



Glenn Weyant, Mayor



Paul Morra, Trustee