

A Regular Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 10th, 2003, in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Robin Castle, Kelsey Leach, Haley Leach, Paige Plattner, Keith Griffen, Robert Tait & Seth Grossman (Trailshead), Jeff Prince, and Boris Abramovitz (Catskill Development Inc).

The Mayor opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 12th, 2003. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the vouchers: General # 369 to # 404 , Water # 200 to # 213. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

6/17 Garbage Containers Arrived

6/18 Elementary School Picnic @ Pavilion

6/19 Boy Scouts Picnic @ Pavilion

6/23-6/27 Village Clean up Week –over 100 tons were picked up. Greene county gave us 3 containers for our recyclables and we would like to thank them for their assistance.

6/23 Mike Leonard of NBC Today Show spent 2 days going around the village taping all of the paint work. It was aired on July 9th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

6/24 CWC Board Approved \$80,000 for Bike Path – money will be coming in next week.

7/1 Tin Man Gutters started the gutters around the rear of the building and finished them today.

7/2 Senator Schumer hosted a meeting at the Mountain on tourism.

7/5 Boy Scouts Car wash

7/8 Publicity Photographs – Benjamin Moore toured the village taking photographs and we may be able to obtain some free paint for additional buildings.

7/9 Meeting with Nancy Petramale – Greene County Promotions. They have promised us \$2000.00 dollars of promotional help for the Black Bear Festival.

7/9 Met with Joe Meyers - regarding inspections and new rules for 2004. The Department of Health made recommendations for chemicals to use. We are not sure about the cost, but we want to be prepared by 2005 when the new regulations take and we intend to take a proactive approach.

We have received some complaints about people doing illegal renovation/construction work without permits. The building inspector is being instructed to investigate.

Financial Status:

General Checking:	\$26,812.00
General Money Market	\$216,387.00
Water Checking	\$7,052.00
Water Money Market	\$25,254.00
Publicity/Events	\$2,500.00
Garbage	\$900.00
Sent out reminders on delinquent taxes:	\$44,817.00
Sent out reminders on delinquent water:	\$19,348.00

Between all of our accounts, we have close to \$350,000.00 to invest back into our community.

Trustee Morra's Report:

We have Robin Castle in training for the Clerk's position. She is learning quickly and her computer skills are already proving time saving and helpful. The Mayor added that she has a two year degree from college and was ranked number one in her class during high school, so it's not just her computer skills but she spent a lot of time getting her qualifications, which is going to be good for the office.

The Village Garbage containers arrived and we are just waiting to fix them up with extra grids and padlocks and they can then be put out all along Main Street.

Garbage bag sales were the best ever in June. We have over \$900 in the bank right now. We have not yet received the Greene County Solid Waste invoice, which will probably include the added expense of the Village wide clean up, but we should be able to pay certainly the bulk of it from the bag sale revenues.

We had gutters installed along the back of the Village Hall and across the Clerk's Office.

We have received the second bill from the lawyer who defended the village. It has cost us a total of \$7326.25 out of the tax payers pockets.

Highway Department Report:

Spruce Street project; road has been temporarily repaired – graded & patched with blacktop.

Currently working on drainage; installed culvert pipes and making new catch basins. Once the catch basins are all installed we will be paving the street. We have received two quotes for this work.

Village wide clean up week.

New flags and brackets have been put up.

Working on Clerk's Office project – new windows and paintwork.

Mowing and weedeating.

Locating water curb boxes at various locations.

Contact with contractor at High School about water main for fire protection. They want to add another hydrant.

We will be tapping the water mains for new hook ups – Trailhead and McGeary.

Request and complaint from Mr. & Mrs. Helmreich:

The Mayor suggested that the clerk write a letter stating that if the garbage is placed in village garbage bags, and if placed curbside we will certainly pick it up. The big clean up week is over and we cannot make exceptions for anyone that missed it.

Regarding their damaged bushes, Ed VanValkenburg should take a look at the property and ascertain if the damaged bushes were on our right of way. If that is the case, then we will not be able to help them.

Lee McGunnigle of the Villa Vosilla – recyclable pick up:

The Mayor then addressed a letter that the Village had received from Mr. McGunnigle requesting that the village pick up his recyclables. When the garbage pick up was reinstated, the Board had determined that they would not do commercial properties. The Mayor made a motion that the Board stand with that right now. And if we have to we can review it at another time. Trustee Morra seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested that the clerk write a letter explaining the fact that Greene County has mandatory recycling and Mr. McGunnigle go to his own private contractor and ask why they are not picking up his recyclables.

Pete Manfredi – re: Catskill Development Inc.

“I would like to put on record my opposition to the development in the Catskills for myself and my neighbors who live near the development. The possibility that it may impact our wells is very strong. Back in 70/71 we had the village drill the well and the well that’s on my property went dry. The department of health then entered the picture they cut the usage of that well down and my well recovered. So there is a possibility that this project will impact all of our wells. Number two, the possibility exists that this will create a good deal of pollution. The possibilities that these places will have fire places.... It’s an area where there’s an inversion, right now we have one person that burns wood. Lee, the taxi cab man, and in the winter time when you pass a home in that particular section, the smoke just lays in there, it doesn’t move. Another reason is that entering and exiting on Clum Hill Road is a disaster. First of all when the ski slope gets goin’ and they enter into Clum Hill Road, and this development enters into Clum Hill Road, as you know, when you get up at the top of Clum Hill Road, there’s a stop sign, there’s limited sight distance at this uh stop sign. On the weekend there is a tremendous amount of traffic. It’s gonna create a huge traffic jam. So, myself and uh many people who are involved with this are very upset about this development going into our area. And I would just like to state that for the record.”

Mayor Weyant thanked Mr. Manfredi for his opinion.

Jeff Prince wanted to respond, but was told he would have the opportunity and at that given time he could state his opinion.

Trailhead subdivision:

Mayor stated that there is a process to apply for subdivision.

Mr. Grossman explained the proposal to the board. They were going to build four additional town houses, however doesn’t want to cheapen the value of the current clubhouse with density. He wants to subdivide the plot to put an additional house (cottage) on Lot 1, on which is currently a pool and clubhouse. Mayor wanted to know if all ordinances were met. Mr. Grossman said unless he was missing something, yes. Mayor said that he didn’t have a problem with the subdivision however, Mr. Grossman has to meet the guidelines and have a site plan, have the plot surveyed and make sure the guidelines met the ordinances and they were on good terms with the DEP and DEP knew

what was going on. The Mayor wants Trailhead Village to create the formal paperwork 10 days before the Board Meeting they intend to resubmit this proposal at.

Mayor stated that Keith Griffin and Mr. Grossman could go through the necessary paperwork and procedures. The Mayor wants Trailhead Village to create the formal paperwork 10 days before the Board Meeting at which they intend to submit this proposal.

Mr. Grossman then commented that they appreciate all of the work being done on Spruce Street, and they would be willing to contribute in some way...perhaps a tree planting program.

The Mayor said that they should meet with Trustee Morra to discuss getting water up to the end of the street. They need to make an appointment with Paul.

Trustee Legg stated that he wanted everyone to know that approval would not be given at the next board meeting due to the fact that a SEQRA review would be necessary.

Jeff Prince – Catskill Development Inc.:

Some discussion of the NBC report on the painting in the Village

Mr. Prince then introduced the principal of Catskill Development, Inc., Boris Abramowitz. Mr. Prince was surprised by Mr. Manfredi's objection to the project. The secret to the success of this project is the fact that we are hoping to connect into the municipal water system and sewer system and if that is the case his concern about his well will not be valid. On the question of pollution, we have not decided whether we will have wood burning fireplaces or gas. The tradition of the Catskills is for wood burning fireplaces which have always been a very desirable attribute ... and we are not aware of any complaints of pollution from this source. We are also concerned about the traffic, especially from 23A which is why the entrance/exit was put on Clum Hill. Our engineers have been in contact with the DOT to see if when they put the sewer line in they can cut down that hill and we are told that this is in the plan. We would like to have a much better view from both directions and our engineers will report back to the Board if this is a viable option to clear up that entrance. We extend an offer to Mr. Manfredi that we are available seven days a week to meet with him and to have our team of engineers available to address and of his concerns.

Trustee Legg wished to comment that the Village does not have an unlimited water supply and it was his understanding that, to supply that extra water, wells will have to be drilled whether we do it or the development. Mr. Prince indicated that the development would be very willing to put a new well in to provide an adequate source of water or pressure. Mr. Legg's comment was to clarify that there probably would be new wells dug to accommodate this development so there may be some impact on other wells.

On the subject of the sewers Mr. Prince said that he had given the Mayor a letter last month asking the Village to sign, stating that the Village was in favor of the project as indicated at the last Board Meeting. Mayor Weyant did not recall receiving such a letter and asked Mr. Prince to supply another copy. The Mayor also stressed that the first step was to annex the property in the Village. In that event, the Board would have no problem in going to the DEP and fighting for the sewer connections. We have always said to you on this project that we want to see the whole property in the Village.

Mr. Prince agreed that it was their full intention to annex the property but he said that in turn for that annexation they need a little reinforcement. At their meeting with DEP last week, the field engineer stated that, it doesn't matter what the Village ordinance says, it doesn't matter what the Town ordinance says, we do not have to be fair, we do not have to provide hook-ups and quite frankly we (the DEP) are not in favor of connecting this project into the sewage treatment plant. It doesn't matter that they approved a hook-up to the proposed Town of Hunter Business Park, which is new construction. (The Mayor requested that Mr. Prince provide us with a copy of that letter). All this was echoed yesterday by Jeff Graff who is director of community planning with the DEP.

Mr. Prince knows that there will be some opposition from the Town and, in response to the Mayor's question, he said that they had never received the letter of support from the Town that had been promised. The developers do not wish to do all this work, make all these investments and commitments based on the supply of water and sewer only to have somebody two months from now say "well, we tried".

At the meeting the Mayor attended with Senator Schumer, the Senator had volunteered his support and assistance with the DEP. He believes that growth is an absolute necessity in this area...we should meet with his representative in Albany and request some help with this project and let the Senator's office fight the DEP on our behalf. But when we go to Senator Schumer's office we can only talk about the 17 acres. We cannot step foot outside that.

Mr. Prince said that they were not rushing this project but at the same time they need to know and they need it in the form of an absolute vote from this Board;

- a) water will be provided to us, which undertaking was made at previous meetings..
..provided we help with any necessary wells;
- b) we need to know that this Board is in favor of connecting this project to the Tannersville sewage treatment plant;
- c) that this Board will do what is necessary as an established municipality with Senator Schumer, with our local state senators, congress people and representatives to see that DEP does not run rampant over the rights of the citizens of the Village of Tannersville;

If need to get that from you and a clear procedure for annexation.

Trustee Morra pointed out that annexation should have been the very first step.

Mr. Prince stressed that he wanted the Village lawyer to work with his lawyer to avoid any possible challenge from the DEP.

The Mayor agree to have our attorney draw up a letter addressing your suggestions. We will not move without legal advice.

Trustee Legg had one reservation about committing ourselves ... no problem with the sewers but I would like to get together with Trustee Morra to see how we are going to supply this extra demand. I would like to see an engineers report setting forth our water capability.

The Mayor said that our need to increase our supply source and storage has been a concern and we are addressing it. We are working to get the Sunview storage tank back on line. Dibbles Dam has been considered but the cost repair would run us about one million dollars. We could drill samples wells throughout the Village, preferably close to the water tower. We are at the point now where we need to get the attorneys together to were if the developers are looking for a commitment from us, we want a commitment that they are going to be assisting with additional wells and also getting our tank back on line. At the last meeting Mr. Prince indicated that the principals of the development would be happy in assisting us in getting more water and the tank back on line.

Trustee Legg felt that this should certainly be part of the agreement.

Mr. Prince requested a copy of the DOH report on the Village water system which he could give to his engineer to review and have him come to the next meeting and give us his professional opinion on how he thinks we should go about it.

The Mayor explained that around 256,000 gallons a day were being pumped out of the water facility, which has a capacity of between 500,000/600,000 per day. Now we are looking to increase the demand by about one quarter – and that is at average, non-peak. What we have to do is to put an accurate game plan together and it seems to me that in order to cover peak periods might involve expanding the water treatment facility itself.

In summary, in order to sufficiently increase capacity, it will be necessary to drill more wells, bring the storage tank on line and increase the capability of the water plant itself.

The Mayor suggested that the consultant set out a schedule, setting out the priorities. We need to set up a meeting with Schumer's office, together with Seward and Hooker to see what help they can give us.

Trustee Legg requested an engineer's report to which Mr. Prince agreed.

The Mayor reiterated that as Mayor of the Village, we do not have to deal with the Town and this Village Board will help you as much as possible. We must not let DEP stifle our growth.

Trustee Morra pointed out that this Board has had success with the DEP, citing the settlement of the Bike Path law suit and the Mayor added that we had got all the sewer connections that we had asked for. Our track record is pretty good with the City.

GRAYS LANE SUBDIVISION:

Trustee Legg mentioned that we do have a procedure in place now to deal with subdivisions. Mr. Prince is still awaiting a survey and as soon as that is done he will meet with the Building Inspector.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:


Kelsey Leach, Haley Leach and Paige Plattner requested permission to use the bike path for their dirt bikes. The Mayor responded that he believed there was a five year moratorium and see when it expires. We would then need to hold a public hearing to see if we should still restrict it for motorized vehicles or should we come up with a game plan based on the needs of the community. We need to get public comment.

Jim Planke brought an article to the attention of the Board and Mr. Prince that appeared in the Mountain Eagle. It seems that DEP police ticketed a vehicle for speeding in the Town of Hamden, Delaware County. The Judge hearing the appeal indicated that the DEP seems to be overstepping its authority. Trustee Legg mentioned that a few years ago the DEP ticketed a local contractor for burning and he told the contractor, who obviously objected, that he had more authority than the State Police, than ENCON...I am the highest ranking officer here ... Mr. Planke added that in his opinion there was a constitutionality issue here which we might like to point out to Senator Schumer. The premise of America is that you vote for your elected officials, they create the police agencies and the police agencies police the bodies of their jurisdiction. However here we have a policy agency with no connection to the people.


Trustee Morra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.



 Glenn Weyant, Mayor



 Paul Morra, Trustee



 Edward Legg, Trustee