

**Village of Tannersville
Thursday, September 11, 2003**

A regular board meeting was held on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tannersville Village hall.

Present: Glenn Weyant, Mayor
Paul Morra, Trustee
Edward Legg, Trustee
Robin Castle, Acting Clerk

Also Present: Joseph Cristino of 57 South Main Street, Keith Griffin – Village Building Inspector, Larry Clinton of Sylvanside Ave, and Steven VanLeuva, student.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then suggested that we order a new American Flag for the Village Hall.

The Mayor held a moment of silence for those that lost their lives in the 9/11/01 tragedy.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 14th, 2003. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the vouchers: General #442 to #470, Water #223 to #236. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

8/17 Cub Scouts rented the Pavilion

8/19 -Met with Bob Winans regarding crosswalks in the Village
-Also: Sump Pump Pre-Bid Meeting was held in the Village Hall

8/20 Met with Mike Brown from Fraser

8/21 DOT painted lines on the street as well as parking spaces

8/22-8/23 Black Bear Festival – about 1,900 guests showed up. It was very Successful and the weather was very good to us.

8/23 The Sisterhood held their annual Chinese Auction in the Firehouse

8/26 Met with Trustee Morra and Jeff Prince regarding Annexation into the Village

8/27 -Met with CWC in Margaretville for funding for the Bike Path – which we got another \$62,000 because the bid came higher than we could afford. So that totals to about \$202,000 that we are getting from the CWC

-Also: Meeting with Larry Gardner regarding Bike Path in case we needed some county money.

8/27 to approx 10/13 Bridge on Rail Road Ave will be closed

8/29 Sump Pump Bids due – Evergreen was the low bidder

9/1 Labor Day

9/2 Black Bear Festival Debrief and Street Festival Meeting

- 9/3 Met with Teamsters Local Union on the contract
- 9/4 Greene County Board Of Elections Inspectors School in the Village Hall
- 9/8 Republican Party Caucus in the Village Hall
 -Also: Met with Time Warner Cable Franchise and Tom Isabella – ended up negotiating another \$2,500 from Time Warner that will be going to the Village.

Financial Status:

General Checking: ~\$12,000 General Money Market: ~\$291,000
 Water Checking: ~\$5,000 Water Money Market: ~\$25,000

BBF Expenses: \$17,297.00 BBF Revenue: \$20,075.00

We made approx. \$3,000

The Mayor turned the floor over to Trustee Morra for his report.

Trustee Morra's Report

- 9/2-9/5 Route 23 A down to Palenville was closed for repairs
- Water delinquent notices have been sent out
- Garbage sales for the month of August: \$577.00
- New Central Air and Heating System going into the Village Clerk's Office
- Jill Dodds retired - and I want to thank her once again for the fine job she has done and also for training Robin. Robin learned the job the way she did.
- Met with Jeff Prince 8/26/03 in regards to the various places where they might be able to connect to the sewer system, when and if they annex the land into the village.
- We had a new roof put on the water plant and the boat house

The Mayor added a note that the heating and air system for the Village Clerk's Office was paid for by the SARA Grant not Village Tax Money.

Trustee Legg then gave his Report:

Highway Department Report

- Filled in Potholes on Park Lane to Spring Street
- Correcting a serious maintenance problem on South Main Street by Upper Lake Road. Will continue on and put in a concrete sidewalk with a curb to keep the water from running down the road and also from down into the adjacent cellar. That will probably be done next week.
- 8/18-2/23 worked entire week at upper end of the Rip Van Winkle Lake preparing for the Black Bear Festival
- Working on drainage project on upper South Main Street by Upper Lake Road
- Grader Patched Spring Street Extension with Blacktop
- Street Signs are up for Sylvanside Ave.
- Continue community beautification with mowing and weed eating

- Completed catch basins on Spruce Street. Planning to pave Spruce Street Next week.
- Locating curb boxes and making new diagrams for locations in the water book
- Repairing curb boxes that are bent over from the plows
- Will be replacing 2-3 small water leaks. Nothing major.

The Mayor Continued with Complaints and requests issued to the Village Clerk's Office:

Complaints & Requests:

1. Made by Pat Byrne (No Name Pub next to Post Office) – Wanted to have the old water meter that was leaking disconnected. Jill spoke with her and told her to have a plumber take a look at it and get an estimate for removing the old meter. It should have been removed when the new meter was put in. Trustee Morra would approve.
2. Made by Kathy Mitchell (apartment building on Brookside) – Said water was coming up out of her parking lot. Highway Dept. said it was a water leak and the Men will fix it sometime next week.
3. Made by Marjorie Curran (422 Platte Cove Road) – Requests to be separate from the trailer park main but cant turn off curb box by what used to be Mr. Blessington's trailer. The key won't work. We have to find the key to fix that curb box and make it happen.
4. Made by Steve Toumi of the Golden Ages – possibly new chairs for the Village Hall now that we have new tables.

We took a look in Sam's and they had some nice chairs last week. So we will see how we can transition the chairs to make it more comfortable.

The Mayor gave the Building Department Report:

- 5 Building Permits were given: 1 was for a new house being built, 3 for renovations, and another for a pool.
- Warnings were given to 2 vehicles on Park Lane
- Business Sign Bills went out for the last two years.

At this point in time, we have a resolution we need to approve regarding Sump Pump Repairs that went out to bid: Resolution # 2003-20. This is in conjunction with Mr. Bob Winans from the DOT. This satisfies the State and also the Village.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve Resolution #2003-20. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor then turned the floor over to Jeff Prince.

Jeff Prince would like to formally ask the Village to pass a resolution to annex the Catskill Development Inc. Property (18 acres that's in the town of Hunter) into the Village of Tannersville. He spoke with the Village attorney, Tal Rappleyea, and Tal emailed the Village a proposed resolution.

The Mayor added in that Tal was also supposed to send a petition to Jeff Prince today to submit to the Village Board today.

Jeff Prince said he never got the petition from Tal, and left the board meeting to go to his office to check again to see if Tal had either faxed it or e-mailed it.

Trustee Morra stated that the Village couldn't pass the resolution without the petition.

Peace Village did not show up to give their address.

The Mayor announced two public hearing notices:

1. September 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall – to discuss possible new entrance signs at both ends of the Village. All Village residents and business owners are welcome to come to give their thoughts and ideas, or some history that they may want to see in the signs. A committee can be formed, however they have to bring their ideas to the Village Board. The Board will make the final decision on the signs.
2. September 30, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall – to discuss 92-1 law concerning motorized vehicles on the bike path.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Larry Clinton of Sylvanside Ave.

He wanted to thank the Board and the Employees [of the Village] for putting up the signs naming Sylvanside Avenue. It caused quite a stir. The residents never heard of it before or knew that it actually existed. Now if someone is looking for the street they can find it.

Along the lines of 911, there is a new house on Park Lane that does not have a 911 number on it. The Mayor stated that that was the town's responsibility and Robin would call tomorrow to notify the Town. Trustee Morra and Keith Griffin, the Village Building Inspector both added that there is also a new house on Spring Street that does not have a 911 number as well. The Mayor suggested to Mr. Griffin that when we send a C of O to the town, that should be an eye opener to them, or maybe we could send them something to the Town stating that this address requires a 911 address. Trustee Morra also suggested double-checking Raspberry Lane.

****Robin Spoke with Mark Hommel regarding the 911 numbers and the signs haven't been made for the new houses on Park Lane and Spring Street.**

Joseph Cristino of 57 South Main Street took the floor. He thanked the Village for fixing his problem with the water running off the street down into his basement. However there is still a problem regarding Upper Lake Road. People drive too fast down Upper Lake Road and dust flies everywhere. Mr. Cristino is concerned to hang out his wet clothes to dry because they will get all dirty if someone drives down the road. He suggested putting up a SLOW sign or speed limit sign, or possibly paving it.

The Mayor stated that last year, he wanted to have Upper Lake Road paved. Trustee Legg said that they could possibly put calcium on the road, but it wouldn't be a very good idea to have the runoff run into the lake. The Mayor also mentioned that when the guys were grading the road, you could see where an old road there at one time.

Trustee Legg said that if we do pave that road then we have to get a sub base and shape it. We can't just pave on top of the gravel. Keith Griffin added that we may need to put in storm water drains. Trustee Legg continued saying that this might be a good project for next summer. The Mayor then stated that we could possibly use the C.H.I.P.S. money next year for that.

Jeff Prince returned and said he had still not received a petition from Tal Rappleyea. The Mayor mentioned that we did have a resolution for the annexation of Catskill Development Inc., and when we get the petition, we will reconvene, possibly at the meeting next month.

Trustee Legg stated that he does have a problem with this because he thinks that before the land is annexed into the Village, we should have an engineers report on how Catskill Development Inc. is going to supply the additional water, because once they become part of the Village, by law we are required to supply them with water.

Jeff Prince replied saying the engineers that he spoke with today, (Kilmer and Associates, and Santos and Associates), and brought up Dibbles Dam. If that wouldn't work out, then they would have to do wells. Trustee Legg said that Mr. Prince needs to get something feasible from the engineer saying where the wells would be drilled, and how many. Mr. Prince stated that he also discussed with the engineer the concern that Skeeter Haines brought up before about low pressure if more wells were drilled, and said that the engineer thought that there should be no concern at all regarding that concern.

Mr. Prince moved on to saying that the engineers also reconfigured the plans for connections to the side (of Catskill Development Inc.'s property) that was already into the Village, because by doing that then they would be under the Village Rule anyway. By holding off another month the engineers can have a proposal for the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Legg commented that in his own personal opinion he doesn't want to approve the resolution, but he is only one of three votes. But he thought we should have an engineers report telling how we are going to get the water, because as mentioned before once they are in the Village, we have to provide them with the water. Mr. Prince mentioned brought up the fact that the Village has other outside residents that are receiving Village water. Trustee Legg replied that yes we do but if there is a water shortage, they are the first to get cut off. So why bring more land in, when we are short of water already? He wants to see a report of how they are going to supply the additional water.

Mr. Prince said that there were a few options but they are certainly going to drill wells.

Trustee Legg stated that we want to see this in writing

Mr. Prince continued saying that they looked into drilling a well up at the old water tower, and also put in a filtration system there. If they needed to go on to the property to drill wells then that was fine. Then mentioned at the lower end of the property by Gooseberry Creek there is a very strong history of water there. Trustee Legg said again that he wants to see this plan in writing.

The Mayor made the suggestion that when Mr. Prince comes back with the petition, he includes this language in the petition. The fact that they want to annex the property into the Village, however will not build until the water source is adequate.

Trustee Legg stressed his concern again that if Prince is annexed into the Village before water situation is figured out, then there may be a problem: if other outside users have water, then why can't we (Catskill Development Inc.). Then by law they would be right and the Village would have to give it to them. That is why before anything goes in to affect, the Village needs Catskill Development Inc.'s commitment to do what they say they are going to do regarding the water situation before we annex them into the Village.

Trustee Morra added that the Village also needs them to make a test well, and get the show on the road. Mr. Prince replied that they are ready to do it. Trustee Morra added that it would look better for Prince if he came in to the board meeting saying he had these this well done and it produces so many gallons.

Prince said he needed permission from the land owners by the water tower to drill the test well. The Mayor said that the Village owns the property by the bank. Trustee Morra said that the Village would give him (Prince) permission to drill the well. Trustee Legg said that this would satisfy him.

The Mayor added that he wasn't sure that Prince would be able to find one well that would support his complex, but by all means it seems logical to put a well next to a water plant, where the water can be treated and chlorinated and then put it right into a tower. That's a win-win situation.

Jeff Prince then brought up using the historic wells and what the old hotels used to use water from. Trustee Morra stated that Eddie Fromer used to supply the American Hotel with water. The Mayor then stated that with all of the hotels that used to be here that are

now gone, a study would probably show that we have adequate water now that all of the monster hotels in the Village are gone. Prince should have his engineers do a safe yield analysis on the well. Trustee Legg added that the report from the Department of Health on our water supply wasn't that old and they said that we didn't have an adequate water supply.

On behalf of Catskill Development Inc., they will: A.) give their commitment in writing and the petition that they will provide water for this project, in addition to what is existing; and B.) drill a test well with the Village's permission right up there.

The Mayor stated that before Jeff Prince went ahead and did the test well, that the Village had a company that drilled all of the test wells in the Village. We have just now got that dated through out consultant company, Fraser and Associates. They have a map of everywhere they put wells, so before Catskill Development goes and spends that money, the Village wants to make sure the map that we have isn't going to be in the same place as where you are going.

Mr. Prince noted that Fraser Engineers works closely with his engineers. The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Prince can get a copy of that map from Fraser.

The Mayor then mentioned that he was meeting with Senator Seward and Assemblyman Hooker, because he wants to show them the Village growth that wants to be here and wants to show them the situation we are in with the water. He met with Senator Seward yesterday and he is looking to get us (the Village) \$175,000 to get adequate water supplies in the Village. The Mayor also spoke with our consultants regarding Dibbles Dam as a guaranteed water source. We can possibly resurrect that dam for \$350,000. The Village is working on finding another water supply on its own and getting that tank up and running on its own. If that idea kicks then we can use the \$175,000 to put new mains on Spring Street and re-pave it.

Mr. Prince asked why the dam was closed originally and Trustee Morra stated that it was due to damage.

Larry Clinton stated that the Village had an opportunity a few years back to get it fixed by Slutzky for less than \$22,000 but the Village Mayor at that time said no and that the county would have to look at it.

Mr. Clinton also mentioned that the times are different then they were back when the big hotels were in back in business. Yes those hotels are gone, but there are twice as many homes in the Village then there were back then. He also said that he doesn't understand why Catskill Development Inc. is so eager to become part of the village and why the Village is so eager to get them in. The Village will gain more taxes, but it will cost them more to plow the road to the development.

The Mayor said that the Village is not responsible for the roads in the Development. They are.

Jeff Prince added that he has never seen a village survive without growth, this is not exploitation. He believes that the Lake was never used as it should have been. This is a summer and winter calling, and this development would help expand this calling.

Mr. Clinton said that it seems like Jeff Prince's group is coming in to save the Village. Jeff Prince said that they are coming in because they believe in the Village not to save it. He said that it has an infrastructure that makes it possible to do a project like this with out having a real impact on the environment.

Mr. Clinton added that the only thing he agrees on is the Lake being the key thing. Don't let the Village be responsible for any additional cost. Right now it may cost the Village nothing, but what about ten years down the road? He then made a comparison to the Dan Tait Development Inc. It took that development along time to come around. He said the Village should be aware of 'Greeks bearing gifts'.

Trustee Legg stated that once the development was subdivided then the taxes would go up anyway.

Jeff Prince added that this isn't going to go fast and happen over night. They want to take this process slow. Then in the end there will be more tax money in the end for the Village.

The Mayor stepped in and said that the Village Board will never approve any kind of development with out the adequate infrastructure in place prior to the approval. This board will also not approve any development if the water source is not adequate. He needs a SEQRA review as well.

Trustee Legg added that he wants to make sure that Prince's development is going to be paying for thing years down the road when this Village Board may not be in office.

Trustee Morra stated that he wants the consultants to be paid by Catskill Development Inc.

Jeff Prince said that they are entitled to a water and sewer connection when and if they annex into the Village.

The Mayor commented that he was absolutely right, however the Department of Health would say no because there is not an adequate water supply and we couldn't approve it.

Trustee Legg re-stated his concern that if Prince is annexed into the Village before water situation is figured out, then by law the Village would have to give it to them. That is why before anything goes in to affect, the Village needs Catskill Development Inc.'s commitment to do what they say they are going to do regarding the water situation before we annex them into the Village.

Jeff Prince also added that he wants to work with the community and this will create jobs for local contractors and electricians, etc. He wants to create a good, sound infrastructure, and a nice place to live. He then said that they would get everything together and bring it to the next meeting.

The Mayor mentioned that Pat Mehan is the one who put the well in down by the lake, and he said that there is tons of water by the Louie Heyser place.

Jeff Prince added that at Cortina by Louie Heyser's place there are wells yielding a lot of water. There is water around, they just have to get it.

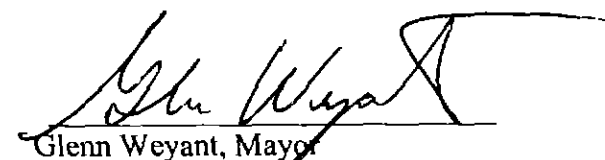
Trustee Legg then asked Jeff Prince if they were approved to hook into the sewer system. Jeff Prince said no, but the DEP will go through the process.

Jeff Prince said that they are (under DEP's own law) entitled to a sewer and water hook up do to being within 100 feet of any sewer line has to have a hookup. The DEP's charge is to protect the water. He said that he has already arranged easements with Larry Vanucchi.

Trustee Morra asked if Prince's engineers had seen where Vanucchi's pipes are for a connection.

Jeff Prince also said that this had been a costly plan so far. But it all has to be done and approved by the board before they think of putting a shovel in the ground.

Trustee Legg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.



Glenn Weyant, Mayor

Paul Morra
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