

**Village of Tannersville
Thursday, October 9, 2003**

A regular board meeting was held on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tannersville Village hall.

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

Also Present: Dan Breck, Roger Armstrong, Jeff Prince, Paul Graubins, Keith Griffin – CEO for the Village of Tannersville, Catherine Legg, Daniel Legg, Darel Legg, Sherry Bertrand, Cliff Bertrand, Jenine Figiel, Adam Goodrich, Chad Goodrich, Corey Benjamin

The Mayor opened the board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting held on September 11, 2003. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing held on September 23, 2003. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on September 30, 2003. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing held on September 30, 2003. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Legg made a motion that the general vouchers (# 479-501) and the water vouchers (#239-248) for the month of October be approved. Mayor Weyant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

9/20 Tannersville Street Fair was a success thanks to the weather, approx 20 vendors showed up and put about \$30.00 into the publicity and events fund. The Mayor Made a motion that a letter of appreciation be sent to Karen Terns for putting the festival together. Trustee Legg agreed.

9/22 Mountain Top Supervisor's meeting in Town of Jewett

9/23 7:00 p.m. Public hearing for signs – no one showed up

9/29 Democrats held a meeting in the Village Hall

9/30 Public hearing for the snowmobile concerns on the Bike Path – A lot of good suggestions came out of this meeting.

*****Note: The section bordered below was not read by the Mayor at the board meeting but was part of his report.*****

Notes: Some suggestions made at the hearing:

- a. Bob Mocarrey suggested that the enforcement of the law be taken into effect
- b. Posting of Speed limits
- c. Mark Amido – Share the trail, regulating speed, and setting times for use by the cross country skiers and walkers, and the snowmobilers
- d. Write a letter to the police agency to have some one patrol the bike path
- e. Grooming the bike path to smooth out bumps from snowmobiles
- f. Jenine Figel: Organize the trail system
 1. Clearly marked
 2. 12 feet wide
 3. Policed
 4. Control of snowmobile licensing and registration
 5. Controlled identification system
 6. Time spans for use
 7. Don't abolish because it will be like the DEC taking over everything and not letting anyone do anything
- g. Appoint a constable for the Village
- h. Provide a systematic plan prior to changing the laws
- i. Clearly Show license/ registration numbers on snowmobile so if someone is doing harm, it can be reported

10/4 Town yard sale canceled due to rain – moved to 10/11

10/8 -Met with Darren from Kaaterskill Engineering in regards to the Park Lane Project
 -Met with Rebecca Ramm from Intelligent Technology solutions about designs for the Village entrance signs
 -Met with Kevin VanCentrick from Westkill in regards to designs for the Village entrance signs.

The Mayor mentioned that the Sump Pump Project is under way.

Water Department Report:

- Some meters had to be re-read for the water billing
- Highway department continues with locating of Curb boxes
- Water Bills went out on 10/01/03 – As of today, we took in about \$15,000 in revenue. Most of the revenue comes in at the end of this month which is about \$80,000.

The Mayor then turned the meeting over to Trustee Legg for the Highway Department Report.

Highway Department Report:

- The drainage project on South Main Street and Upper Lake Road is now completed, the sidewalks were also blacktopped.
 - Finished the drainage project on Spruce street, however there is still shoulder work to be done.
 - Paved a bad section of road on Spruce Street
 - Plows have been painted for the plow trucks
 - Need to finish working on the sanders
 - Servicing Village equipment
- Removed a dead tree by Colonial Oil and Gas. It was ready to fall in the road and sidewalk.

Trustee Legg turned it back to the Mayor.

Mayor Weyant then gave the financials of the Village. As of Today, we have the following amounts in the following accounts:

General Checking	\$25,000.00
Water Checking	\$25,000.00
Garbage Checking	\$500.00
Publicity & Events Checking	\$5200.00
General Money Market	\$236,293.99
Water Money Market	\$25,000.00

As mentioned before, we will be receiving more revenue from the water billing.

Moving along to item number 8 on the agenda, the Village has adopted a curfew for Halloween. This year Halloween is on a Friday, and would like to continue with the 9:00 p.m. curfew.

Trustee Legg made a motion to have the 9:00 p.m. curfew for Halloween again this year. The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then mentioned that we the Village has okayed three sign permits for Pancho Vilias, Trailhead Village, and the Yacht Club.

Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the signs for Pancho Vilias, Trailhead Village, and the Yacht Club. The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Most of the sign permit fees have been paid since the latest billing went out in September. The revenue from these fees go towards the beautification of the Village such as the entrance way signs.

A CO was issued.

A notice was sent out concerning rainwater run-off flooding Mr. Richard Norarevian's house on Lakeview.

To date, out of 25 cars on his property, Mr. Norarevian has moved 7, and will be moving more.

The Mayor asked Keith Griffin, CEO of the Village, to put pressure on people violating the property maintenance law, for the sake of the cleanliness of the Village.

Before privilege of the floor was granted, the Mayor turned the meeting back to Trustee Legg due to the fact that he is spearheading the snowmobile usage on the bike path.

Trustee Legg first spoke of the public hearing held on September 30, 2003, which had 72 residents in attendance. Most of which were for the use of snowmobiles on the bike path. The meeting had generated one petition against it. Trustee Legg stated that he personally knows some of the people that had signed the petition and some of them may have misunderstood. Also generated was a letter to the Windham Journal against the snowmobile issue.

Since the meeting, Trustee Legg has tried to track down the original contract agreement that the Village had with the state for the grant. After a lot of phone calls, Trustee Legg contacted a gentleman who wrote the grant for the department of Parks and Recreation for the State and he said that he didn't know of any requirements that limited the use of motorized vehicles on the bike path. But what he did say was that they didn't want conflicting uses. He said to mark the trail to make the cross country skiers aware that there are snowmobiles using the path as well and the skiers can use it at their own risk.

Trustee Legg continued to state that in Montgomery County, all of the bike path trails were converted to snowmobile trails in the winter time. He wanted to go through the

contracts from the state to see if there is anything specific about the situation. The easements don't say anything, but Mayor Weyant will re-read them to double check.

The Mayor stated that he wanted the snowmobile club submit an adequate plan stating what they wanted to do with the bike path, how they were going to maintain it, etc. Then once the plan is submitted to the board, then we can take a vote on it.

The Village board can't just overwrite a law just because they feel like it. This is going to be bigger than everyone is anticipating.

The Mayor stated that he planned on talking to everyone personally that signed the petition against the use of snowmobiles on the bike path.

The Mayor felt that the petition was biased, and sometimes people sign petitions without realizing what they are signing.

Catherine Legg wanted a copy of the minutes from the public hearing and the law for motorized vehicles on the bike path. She already had a copy of the petition, and the letter from George Billias.

The Mayor brought up a point that the members of the public hearing that were for the snowmobiles weren't behaving very well at times. A comment was made that how is anyone to know if this behavior will continue if they are allowed to use the bike path. Trustee Legg stepped in and also mentioned that the people opposed to the use of snowmobiles on the bike path were also misbehaving at times.

Cliff Bertrand commented that about police enforcement on the bike path. He didn't appreciate the fact that people were bashing the town police at the public hearing.

The Mayor stated that if people don't feel that the Town Police are doing their jobs, to speak with Dan Breck or other members of the Town Board. But positive progress has been made.

Jim Planck, a reporter for the Catskill Daily Mail, asked who's administration was in during the time of the original contract for the bike path. The Mayor said that he believed it was under the administration of Matt Leach, while Lee McGunnigle was on the board.

Mr. Planck also asked if that grant was through the DEC. Trustee Legg responded stating that the grant came from the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation.

Trustee Legg said that he didn't think the use of the bike path would change at all, but to make it better the trail should be posted with regulatory signs - stop signs, speed limits, etc.

The Mayor said that there are many more signs that were outlined on the blueprints of the bike path, but due to lack of funding, not all of the signs were purchased.

He continued stating that identifying the bike path as a snowmobile trail may lead to other grants. The Town and Village of Hunter should link to the bike path to create more than 14 miles of trail for various recreational purposes.

Jim Planck said that he thought under DEC rules and regulations, it is stated that snowmobiles as not being motorized vehicles.

Trustee Legg commented saying that the Department of Transportation doesn't classify them as motorized vehicles. Someone could get a ticket with his or her snowmobile and it would not mark his or her drivers license. However someone on a 4-wheeler or motorbike could get marks on their license.

Roger Armstrong stated that he felt that the Town of Hunter Police should be involved.

The mayor said that we have to consider the implications we may put on the town or any other agencies. We can't put unnecessary burdens on anyone.

Jeff prince stated that he agreed with Roger Armstrong that it was a big mistake not to have enforced licensed officials. He doesn't feel that volunteering in enough.

The Mayor said that we will find out from the state what laws apply to snowmobiles.

Jim Planck mentioned that the DEC Master Plan is positive for snowmobiles

The Mayor said that there are some positive aspects but more negatives in the plan. They want to limit a lot of things including the use of a lot of lands.

Moving along, the privilege of the floor was granted to Roger Armstrong who wanted to discuss the parking regulations for Tompkins Street.

There were cars parked on the east side of the street, and 'NO PARKING' signs on the west side of Tompkins Streets. The law 2001-2 says that there is to be no parking on the east side of Tompkins.

The Mayor said that we will move the 'NO PARKING' signs to the east side of the street so that they are in compliance with the law.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the law should be changed in his opinion that no parking be on Tompkins street and people need to learn to use the municipal parking lot.

Jeff Prince agrees with Mr. Armstrong that Tompkins is a tough street to pass on.

The floor was now given to Jeff Prince in regards to the annexation to the Village.

Mr. Prince asked for the Board's cooperation to go on to the next step. The company would be happy to pay for a new well being drilled up by the storage tower.

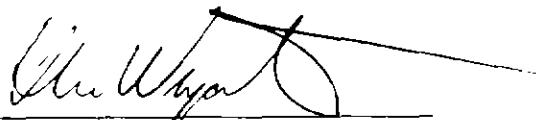
He proposed that if the well had the anticipated yield, then the storage tank could be operational for the Village.

The Mayor stated that we would talk to the Village Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, to get anything that we need to do legally.

Jeff Prince stated that he had a process of procedure: He said that he would only start with phase one which will only be in the Village – the existing property connections.

Jeff Prince stated that if we have to have half of the project completed then that would be fine.

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



Glenn Weyant, Mayor

Edward Legg, Trustee

Absent: Paul Morra, Trustee