

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2004

A regular board meeting was held by the Village of Tannersville Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Glenn Weyant, Mayor
Paul Morra, Trustee
Edward Legg, Trustee
Tal Rappleyea, Village Attorney
Robin L. Castle, Clerk

Also Present: Jeff Prince of Catskill Development Inc., Elliot Fishman of Santos & Associates for Catskill Development, Larry Trajeski of Catskill Mountain Housing, Kevin VanHenTenryck of Custom Sculpture, Vitus F. Stablien, Mike Brown of J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, and Donna Weyant.

The Mayor Opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the previous minutes from the February 12, 2004 meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the Vouchers, General # & Water # .
Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then gave his report:

- o 2/16 Trolley Business Plan Meeting at Fairlawn Inn – at the Town of Hunter Board Meeting next Tuesday
- o 2/18 Met with Beth & Barbara from the Youth center regarding camp, Kevin VanHentenyck regarding sign designs, and held a Publicity & Events Committee meeting to discuss the Village Calendar of events which is available this evening. It doesn't contain the clean up weeks sponsored by the Village. That notice will go out in the tax bills.
- o 2/23 Attended a Mountain Top Supervisors Meeting in the Town of Jewett
- o 2/25 Met with Ron Rausch from Greene County Soil & Water regarding Shandaken Tunnel Permits
- o 2/26 The Golden Ages are now holding their meetings again on the second and 4th Thursday of every month.
- o 2/27 and 2/28 Held Master Plan Workshops with an attendance total of 40 participants, 10 of those participants involved both days.
- o On Monday 3/15 We will have a draft available of the proposed Master Plan for review at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall
- o 3/2 Trolley Business Plan Meeting at the Fairlawn Inn
- o 3/3 Met with Darrin from Kaaterskill Engineering regarding the Park Lane Project.
- o 3/5 Met with Norman Mackey from Experience Works to discuss a filing helper for the Village Clerk, at no expense to the Village for a 3-month basis.
- o 3/9 Held another Publicity & Events Committee meeting – we solidified the calendar of events.
- o **On 3/13 the Village will be having their Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade down Main Street, starting from Colonial, commencing at approx. 1:00 pm.
- o **On Tuesday March 16, the Village Annual Election will be taking place. Polling hours are from Noon to 9 at the Village Hall.
- o Tonight we will have the first Public Hearing regarding the submission of a CDBG Grant. Mike Brown from Fraser's will explain that.
- o **The Second Public Hearing for the CDBG will be held on Saturday March 20 at 2:00 pm here at the Village Hall.
- o Financials after all bills are paid excluding garbage:

- o Water Ck: \$6500 Water MM: \$6600
- o General Ck: \$6600 General MM: \$38,500
- o Publicity: \$2050 Garbage: \$511

The floor was turned over to Trustee Morra for his report.

- o Final Delinquent notices are being sent out to those with overdue accounts. We are going to take action on the outside users. If they don't pay their account then service will be discontinued.
- o Meters are being read for the April 1 water billing and should be done by the middle of next week.
- o The Men are continuing to repair and locate curb boxes as needed.
- o The Water Problem located near Loren Kashman's residence on Penrose seems to have stopped.
- o In Garbage we 367 bags and made \$416 in revenue. Tipping fees are not charged yet this month.
- o ***Sharon Leach has submitted a letter to the Village Board requesting reimbursement of \$811.88 for thawing of pipes on Main Street that were the Village's Problem, however she was charged by Tim Legg.***

Trustee Morra Made a motion to pay the reimbursement to Sharon Leach. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Sharon Leach wrote a letter with her request stating that keeping her water running was a waste of water and money. To fix this problem we would have to dig up the main, and bury it deeper, however the main crosses NYS Route 23A (Main Street).

Trustee Legg stated that we would have to get a permit to do that, and The State may make us pour it or drive it, which could be expensive.

Trustee Legg suggested to submit the permit and see what they say.

The Mayor stated that if we repair this in front of Sharon's place then we might as well repair the main problem up by the Fred Fromer Residence.

Trustee Legg asked if there would be a possibility of tapping into an adjacent service line.

Trustee Morra stated that he thought that the mains up by Fromer's were only on one side of the road, but at least at Leach's they had the possibility of using that side road.

The Mayor then asked Jeff Prince where his water hookup was and he replied that it was right in front of his building.

The floor was then turned over to Trustee Legg for his report.

- o -All Christmas Decorations including the tree have been taken down.
- o -Continuing maintaining roads with plowing, sanding, and patching.
- o -Continuing servicing equipment and painting it as needed.
- o -Picking up litter throughout the Village
- o -The sweeper is in the shop for repairs. A purchase order was put in to Old Dominion Brush for a rear broom.
- o -Beginning the planning of Spring & Summer work projects

The Mayor then explained the purpose of the resolutions on the agenda. Resolution #9 was to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant application to the CWC for entrance way signs to the Village. The Village could receive up to \$25,000 for the signs.

Trustee Morra made a motion to pass Resolution #9. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #10 is for using JNS Enterprises to develop a cellular tower in the Village. The 2 locations are at the Sunview Tower and at The Village Water Plant.

Trustee Legg mad a motion to pass Resolution #10. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then closed the Board meeting to enter into a public hearing session regarding the CDBG program. We could win up to \$400,000 to improve the Village Infrastructure system. The next public hearing will explain this in more detail and specifically what we are applying for. He introduced Mike Brown from Fraser's to explain this further.

Jeff Prince stated that we have been trying to get a copy of a safe yield analysis from CT Male.

The Clerk stated that CT Male has provided the office with a 1979 report, however Brad Grant from Frasers had pieces of a 1993 report and we are currently looking for the full version.

Jeff then asked if Mike could assist us in this matter or knew anything about it.

The Mayor stated that Mike was just a grant writer for Frasers and not an engineer.

Mike stated that he was familiar with the Catskill Development project, and Brad Grant was working on that situation.

The Mayor stated that we should put pressure on the Department of Health specifically Roger France, to see if they could get us a copy of that report.

Larry Trajeski of Catskill Mountain Housing asked if they could be of any help in that grant process in consideration of lines extending up to their proposed site behind the Bank of Greene County. He would be happy to write a letter of support to submit with the CDBG process:

Mike Brown introduced himself and gave a rundown on the CDBG program and the Small Cities funding program. They are open to every community in New York State. They need to have a 51% low mod income in the population target area where they are considering the work being done in their community. This is achieved through an income survey. The \$400,000 can be used to improve a community's infrastructure problems, housing rehabilitation problems, public facility improvements, and micro enterprise. The Governor's office of Small Cities also has an on-going economic development grant program. The application is due on April 5th, 2004. Right now Fraser's is also preparing the Village's Master Plan, which highlight that the infrastructure needs in this Village are mandatory. This will be a major boost for the Village to get grant funds down the road. Again the application will be due April 5th, and the announcements won't be made until August of this year.

The Mayor stated that we have previously applied for this grant and have been turned down, but has had Mike Brown talk to the Governors of Small Cities to see what the deficiencies in the grant application. These will be refined when and if we submit this application again.

The Mayor asked the board for a motion to sign a contract for Fraser's to prepare and submit the CDBG application to the Governors of Small Cities.

Trustee Morra made the motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Fraser's to submit the application.

Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the Board meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then moved on to the 2 sign permits that were up for approval. They were in accordance with our local sign law. Trustee Legg made a motion to approve the 2 sign permits. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Kevin VanHentenryck who is designing some stone carved entrance way signs for the Village.

Kevin introduced himself as a sculptor for 30 years, and in Westkill, New York for 20 years. He passed out the proposed sketch to the members of the board. The sign he was proposing was a 7 ton block of blue stone, 8 foot long by 5 foot wide by 2 foot deep. The front of the sign will be carved "Welcome to Tannersville", sealed with epoxy, and gold plated lettering. The rear will be carved "Thank you for visiting Tannersville", sealed with epoxy and painted. The corner of the stone was to look weathered, presented with a dry-laid corner, and wall (made of dry laid stone) topped with a limestone cap and sphere. The stone is made of the earth and has a presence, and will have for many years. It is man made and the cost will be absorbed over time.

Kevin then sent around a sample of the blue stone.

Trustee Legg asked where the blue stone would come from.

Kevin stated that the stone was Elbrook blue stone and where the facility was located, they had the capability to polish the stone on the spot. The facility is located West of Tannersville.

He stated this sign is about welcome, not just 'Welcome to Tannersville'.

Donna Weyant asked what the color scheme would be.

Kevin stated that it would have a natural dark stone look.

Trustee Legg asked if the sign would not be fully covered by the grant, and wanted to also know if it could be scaled down if need be. Kevin noted that the Village was getting a 20% discount on the sign and are not being charged for the mark up of the stone.

The Mayor stated that the Village has put in a grant with the Greene County Department of Planning and Economic Development to receive up to \$2500 for signage in the Village. He also noted that some of the people from the Parks are extremely interested in helping the Village financially with both entrance way signs.

The Village Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, stated that he has some stone from a quarry on his land in New Baltimore. The Village would be welcome to come down and take what they want for the signs. It would just need to be transported to a facility for the shaping and polishing.

Trustee Morra stated that the Village could get help with the transportation of the stone from the town.

Trustee Legg asked if this sign would be far enough out of the 'hit zone'.

The Mayor stated that he would have Bob Winans from the Department of Transportation come up when the location is all mapped out to see what the necessary distance the sign would need to be away from the road.

The floor was then turned over to Larry Tradeski of Catskill Mountain Housing. He submitted a map to the board of the new proposed site for the senior housing located behind the Bank of Greene County. He then asked what the proper procedure for annexation would be if they needed to do it. Half of the sites property is in the Village, while the other is located in the Town of Hunter.

Tal stated that the formal way is to submit a petition to the Village and Town Boards.

Trustee Morra asked if they owned the land yet, and he asked Tal if they could do the petition if they didn't own the land.

Larry stated that they didn't own the land but they feel confident that they will close soon.

Tal stated that it would be an easier process if they did own the land. If they attempted to annex the land into the Village prior to the sale, they would need the signatures of all of the land owners.

The Mayor stated that he was talking to Sean Byrne (from The Hunter Foundation Inc.) about this project, and asked Larry if he felt confident that this project was going to work, because it seemed like they (The Hunter Foundation Inc.) were dragging their feet.

Larry stated that he did feel confident that this project would work and the access to this housing development would be through the existing Bank of Greene County driveway.

Larry then pointed out on the drawings where they would propose the building site, and possibly a small medical center.

He then stated that the cost to extend the pipes would not be an issue. He also said that they would informally submit the plans for the senior housing development to the building inspector, before considering the building permit.

Trustee Legg asked what the age would be to consider someone a senior.

Larry stated that the minimum age would be 62 then up.

The mayor interjected and made the comment that they talked about Mountain Top residents getting first priority before allowing outside people come in. There are some seniors in this area that are interested, including some of the Golden Ages.

The Board thanked Larry for his presentation, and the floor was then turned over to Jeff Prince regarding Catskill Development LLC.

Jeff introduced Elliot Fishman of Santos & Associates as one of the Engineers assisting in the development of the 144 unit condominium project off of Clum Hill Road, in which half of the land is in the Village and half of the land is in the Town of Hunter. They are in the process of annexation. He would like to encourage the board to maybe start the SEQRA process this evening.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to ask Jeff a few questions because he wasn't very familiar with the SEQRA process.

The Mayor wanted to know if we (as the Village) could start the SEQRA process, when the site plan is showing condominiums that are located in the Town.

Jeff prince stated that the Village could start the review on the Village's side of the condo project with the full anticipation that the Town would be doing the same on their part.

Tal asked Jeff what application they have pending before the board at this time. Tal stated that he has seen no other application other than the annexation application and they could start SEQRA if they had something to do SEQRA on.

The Mayor stated that he doesn't see how the Village could logically do a review on a site plan that is not specific to the Village of Tannersville alone.

Elliot Fishman stated that he didn't understand why the Village wouldn't look at the whole project with regards to the annexation.

Tal stated that is how we get at looking at the whole project because if we only limit the review to what is in the Village now and hope that we can work on the Town later on,

once it (the property) gets annexed into the Village. Section 617 G of SEQRA regulation prohibits segmentation. You can't break apart pieces and then integrate them. The way to get at it initially is to look at the review in regards to the annexation.

Trustee Morra asked since we have that application it permits us to do the review.

The Mayor said it allowed us to look at the whole project with out overstepping our boundries.

Jeff Prince stated that if the Village starts the review, it brings them along with the Town of Hunter.

Elliot Fishman stated that the Village needs to send a letter to all of the other involved agencies in this process declaring that they (the Village) wants to be the Lead agency through this review process.

Trustee Legg asked if this project was contingent upon annexation. The first step that needs to be done is the safe water yield. Every meeting it's promised to the Village that it will be done by the next meeting, and at the next meeting it still isn't done. This has been going on for 3 months. The first step should be done before we do anything else.

Jeff stated that they have done what is required and what the Village has asked them to do, and hired Fraser's as their consultants in regards to the Safe Yield Analysis.

Trustee Legg stated at the last meeting the Mayor spoke to Fraser's and they weren't doing the analysis.

The Mayor stated that he had a meeting with Fraser's on Monday and had that matter was straightened out. They spoke to Boris Abromovich the Friday before and he authorized Fraser's to do a full safe yield analysis on where the Village is now and where the Village has to be.

Trustee Legg asked if there was a time table on this issue.

Jeff Prince stated that we need to know where we are today and a current report can't be found. What he is hoping is to complete the 2004 safe yield analysis.

The Mayor stated that the Department of Health, specifically Roger France must have a copy of this report. Once we have it then there will be a basis to follow.

Trustee Legg stated that they promise something to be done every board meeting, yet nothing is ever done.

Jeff Prince stated that they are trying but are having a hard time getting cooperation from the DEP or CT Male to get the reports and maps that they need.

Trustee Legg stated that we are going to get so far ahead where it's going to reach a point we (the Village) are going to be holding out because we are not going to annex the property in, and it's going to be all kinds of pressure to do that and the other stuff won't be ready. We can proceed as far as SEQRA goes, but as far as the annexation goes, you (Catskill Development) have to get the other items done first.

Elliot Fishman stated that during the SEQRA Process, you (the Board) will have to identify the potential areas of significant impacts on water. They want to make sure that they can satisfy the Board that this problem (the water issue) will be litigated.

The Mayor informed Trustee Legg that Fraser's would not be guiding the Village through the SEQRA process. The Village would be using Lamont Engineering from Cobleskill as their engineering firm to help them with the SEQRA. The Mayor continued stating that Trustee Legg is frustrated because for months Catskill Development has promised to put in a well. The Village wants to help Catskill Development, but there is no well.

Jeff Prince stated that the well is not there because it couldn't be drilled in the winter. He also stated that all of these issues would be covered in SEQRA. If people just sit back and don't act on things then nothing will move.

Trustee Morra stated that the Village didn't want the well where Fraser's told Catskill Development to drill it.

The Mayor stated that he didn't have a problem with Catskill Development drilling the well at their own expense. Catskill Development has to keep drilling the wells until they come up with the appropriate amount of water to supply the Village with water.

The Mayor then stated that Catskill Development needs to submit the site plan application.

Tal said that we could start the SEQRA process with regards to the annexation.

Jeff Prince asked if he could be supplied with a blank application.

The Mayor stated that he would be provided an application.

Elliot Fishman asked if the Board would write letters to the other agencies to declare themselves lead agency.

Tal stated that he would recommend that the Board make a motion to declare themselves lead agency in this project, and then circulate a letter that that's what they want to do.

Trustee Legg made a motion to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency in the Catskill Development project. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Tal stated that the Board could now append the EAF to the letter circulating to the other involved agencies. If no one objects to the Village being Lead agency, then at the next meeting, this project should be classified as a Type I and then start with the scoping documents.

The Mayor stated that he was satisfied now because Fraser's stated that they were doing the full safe yield analysis and Trustee Legg would be satisfied when Catskill Development drills the well. Once the well is drilled then people will believe that Catskill Development is serious.

Jeff Prince stated that once the well is drilled they will need the cooperation from the neighbors to do draw downs and test the well's capabilities. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the traffic study.

Trustee Legg stated that the Village is not in any hurry for the annexation but won't go through with it until the water problem is satisfied.

The Mayor stated that we have to get the Memorandum of Understanding done. The Mayor then asked Tal if we needed a contract because Catskill Development will be paying the cost for the Engineers (Lamont Engineering) to guide the Village through SEQRA.

Tal said that there would be a contract needed and he would draft it up.

Elliot Fishman stated that in regards to the traffic issue, they are considering another entrance to the project by the Fromer Agency, if they can get a permit to cross the state regulated wetlands.

Jeff Prince asked the Board if they would write a letter to DEP and CT Male requesting the data that we need.

The Mayor asked Judy Polk if she had a copy of the original sewer map that we are looking for.

Judy said no, and under the original 1924 agreement there is a mechanism to trip outside the map area.

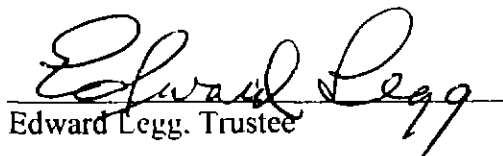
The Mayor stated that if we get a copy of that 1924 sewer map that reflects the agreement, and the proposed site is in the original area, then the DEP lied (in reference to the letter from Gail Buchman denying hook up.). He also stated that Pat Mehan (Chairman of the Coalition of Watershed Towns) has a copy of all of the correspondence and is on the good side of Commissioner Walsh, and would be willing to help us if need be, once all of the pieces are together.

The Mayor stated that Dennis Lucas worked in a Memorandum of Agreement a few years ago the extension of the sewer system to Haines Falls. The sewer treatment plant has no tax base or anything in exchange. The Village didn't get a penny in return.

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

Glenn Weyant, Mayor


Paul Morra, Trustee


Edward Legg, Trustee