

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004

A regular board meeting was held by the Village of Tannersville Board of Trustees on Thursday, May 13th, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present: Keith Griffin, Building Inspector and CEO for the Village of Tannersville, Jeff Prince, Greg Lubow on behalf of TYC Land Corp., and Barbara Sturman, Beth Gnozzio, Robert Abrahamsen, and Jim Jones from the Where It's @ Youth Center.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting on 4/08/04, the public hearing on the budget on 4/15/04, and the workshop that was held with the Town of Hunter on May 6th, 2004. The Mayor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Morra made a motion to approve the general vouchers #714-746 and water vouchers #343-364. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then gave his report.

4/14 The Youth Center made a presentation to the Town of Jewett Board regarding Camp. The Town Board authorized \$1000 donation for the Youth Center.

4/15 Held a public hearing on the budget which was approved.

4/16 Assemblyman Hooker's Office held a Breast Cancer Awareness seminar in the Village Hall.

4/19 The Democrats held a meeting in the Village Hall

4/19 Also didn't get to attend the Coalition of watershed towns in Margaretville, but will be attending next months meeting as being selected an alternate.

4/20 The Youth Center gave a presentation to the Town of Hunter Board regarding Camp and there is \$6000 in The Town of Hunter's budget for camp.

4/26 The Village of Tannersville hosted the Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors Meeting.

4/26 In the Morning the Town of Hunter & DEP held a meeting in the Village Hall regarding the Sewer Extension Program. The Mayor mentioned that he believed that the DEP was doing some work in the village and wanted to look into seeing if the DEP went through the correct permit process regarding the work being done on Village Streets.

They are supposed to fill out the necessary forms and file them with the clerk.

4/27 Met with Nancy Petremale from Greene County Promotions regarding Village Events they increased our Bear Festival funds from \$2000 to \$2500. They will also be helping us with our mailings instead of the T-Shirts as they do not do that anymore.

5/6 Met with Barbara Sturman from the Youth Center and Louis Ciaccio from the DOH regarding Camp down by the Lake. Camp is way ahead of schedule.

5/6 Also held a workshop with the Town of Hunter Board and planning board chairman concerning the Catskill Development Project over on Clum Hill Road which went over very well.

5/10 Town of Hunter & DEP held another meeting in the Village Hall regarding the Sewer Extension Program

5/12 Met with Joe Radcliffe at the Millennium Building and had Larry Holmes in there signing boxing gloves.

Trustee Morra asked if the water bill was being paid for the Marion Center because it seems as though its being used for commercial purposes, and the Clerk replied no because it had not been sold yet. The Mayor interjected and stated that the water may not be turned on and is still listed as the church. However, once the transfer papers come through, the property will be billed for water.

***Have been invited to a dedication on the new Catskill Mountain Foundation Building in the Village of Hunter on May 29th.

***On Sunday, May 30th, the Veterans will be holding the Memorial Day Parade in Tannersville. Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be served at the Boat House down by the Lake

Expecting \$10,840 from Time Warner for Franchise fees on Monday.

Financials: (After all vouchers paid)

General Checking	\$13,200.39	General M/M	
	\$16,767.44		
Water Checking	\$16,355.30	Water M/M	\$6,100
Garbage:	\$190	Publicity:	\$245.69

We will be levying \$300,761 in taxes.

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

- The Men discontinued service and removed the curb box at 354 County Rte. 16, due to outstanding water bill. Trustee Morra asked the board for permission to get the Village Attorney to take this outside resident to small claims court. The Mayor suggested that the attorney should look into starting the process with the other outside residents in trying to collect the unpaid water rents.

- The Hydrants were flushed from April 13-15.
- The Men tapped a 6 inch water main at Trailhead Village for six new water connections.
- To date we have collected over \$90,000 worth of water revenue.
- Last week, delinquent water notices went out.
- \$9358.95 in past delinquent water has been relieved on the Village Taxes for Village residents that didn't pay.
- A hydrant flow test was performed on County Route 23C and Main Street for possible sprinkler systems to be installed. The test was successful and a report is pending from Severn Trent.
- Replaced a curb box on Elka Park Road that was broken and 2 curb boxes at Evergreen Cemetery.
- 330 Garbage Bags were sold creating \$474.60 in revenue this month alone. Our bill for the months of March and April was \$1797.30 from Greene County Solid Waste which included the litter picked up around the Village. It is give and take if the tipping fees will be covered by the garbage pick up. The new garbage truck is allowing quicker pick up and the men are happy that they don't have to swing the bags.

The Floor was then turned over to Trustee Legg who gave his report on the Highway Department.

The men are continuing to clean out ditches and will need to replace culverts in several locations. Ed VanValkenburg put in a purchase order for 18" and 24" plastic smooth Bore Culvert Pipe.

The skate board park is completely setup, and the tennis court net is up.

Park benches have been placed around the Village.

The Pavilion has been painted due to graffiti on the building.

Ed VanValkenburg plans to patch Spruce Street and South Main Street. He recommends that Spruce Street be paved this year due to poor conditions.

Trustee Legg stated that he would like to follow the maintenance plan that he proposed to the board. South Main Street was

The Mayor asked Trustee Legg if he would take a look at Lake road because it is getting beat up. It wasn't listed on the program.

Trustee Legg stated that there will be extensive patching on Spring Street.

Trustee Morra stated that the men will be working on the renovations in the Village Hall that need to be done on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The Mayor stated that he was for that idea however, the men need to fix the sidewalk by the high school due to safety issues. It shouldn't take them all day to finish.

Moving along. The Mayor made a motion to approve the warrant and collection of taxes. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor motion carried.

The Mayor explained that the Home Rule Bill Forms need to be resubmitted due to the change in dollar amount on the RAN. Trustee Morra made a motion that the Home Rule Bill forms be approved via Resolution 17. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Morra Made a motion that the Village change phone companies and go after Bridgecom for charging the Village Taxes in resolution 18. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 19 will allow the Mayor to sign the union contract with the Teamsters upon completion an review by the Village attorney. The Mayor stated that upon receipt of the final draft of the contract the board will still have the opportunity to review the contract. Trustee Legg made a motion that this resolution be passed with the stipulation that the Village attorney reviews it. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor also stated that once this is approved he would like to look into having the Clerk go on the same plan for insurance. She would not be a member of the union as she is an appointed official.

The Mayor also stated that in the contracts the men are not allowed to loan out any Village equipment.

Resolution number 20 is a resolution for the records stating that the budget was adopted on April 15th, 2004 by the Village Board. Trustee Legg made the motion to pass resolution 20. Trustee Morra seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor then gave the report of the building department.

C/O searches

(2) Two	Property owned by:
182.05 - 1 - 6	Catholic Church
166.17 - 2 - 37	James Egan

Building permits:

Abrahamson	Frontage Pancho V's	Main Street
\$35.00		
Tait Trailhead Village	New	Prospect St
\$602.50		
Weinschneider	Deck	South Main St
\$20.00		

Sign Permits

Villa Vosilla application The board will deal with during the week.

The abandoned car owned by Dan Nelson was towed off Village streets on Monday 10th.

Work progresses on other vehicles located within the village for removal.

Letter of violation for junk in yard issued to Mrs. Dugan for Roger Dugan's debris on Main Street has not been followed up as now May 10th. I am checking for a court date with on which to summons Roger Dugan.

Most of the property at TYC has been cleaned up there continues to be a problem with bears in the dumpster. If it is not cleaned by Monday, another violation will be issued.

Cheers and Powders both have also been cleaned up through the efforts of Mayor and me, with no violations having to be written. I thank the Mayor for his assistance in this matter.

Please advise this department on possible addition to Solid Waste Container Law as to the possible inclusion of Bear Proof Containers to the Law.

The Mayor stated that if this continues to be a problem with the bears, then we will have the Village Attorney look into this situation with the bear proof containers.

The Building Inspector is looking into Signs for the Municipal Parking Lots to assist us in the removal of illegally abandoned or parked cars. "No Parking Over Night."

New Building Permit Law is almost ready for review

The Mayor then moved on for the update of the Yacht Club situation.

We have received new plans from Mr. Hangarter and a letter from Mr. Lubow looking to get in touch with the building inspector.

The problem is, requirements to comply with the NYS Building codes dates were set for May 10. The Mayor showed the board the 19 current violations that was sent to TYC, and a letter from the Village Attorney explaining the procedure if TYC did not comply. This has been going on since October and it is now May 13th and they are still not in compliance.

Jeff Prince asked what Mr. Hangarter was not in compliance with.

The Mayor stated that since this is in litigation the Board is not at liberty to discuss the events that are taking place with out the Village attorney and Mr. Hangarter's Attorney.

Trustee Morra made a motion that the Board be governed by what the Attorney directs them to do.

Trustee Legg stated that he will not second that yet. He suggested that the board discuss the situation before making the motion. He wanted to know if there was any more documents or information that was being presented this evening.

Trustee Morra stated that anything submitted tonight should be given to the Village Attorney because the Attorney told the board not to discuss anything.

The Mayor stated that the next step is to take this to the Catskill Courts and let the judges decide what were violations. We will proceed as we have been proceeding.

The Mayor stated to Mr. Lubow that if he was attending the board meeting with something regarding TYC he should have called ahead of time to be placed on the agenda.

Lubow stated that he has been waiting for contact from the Village Attorney. When the board compliance with the deadline, there is a stop work order, and no more work will be done to upset anybody else. Since he came back in March and the violations were issued, no work has been done that he is aware of. Lubow asked what else the board needed for the variance and if anything they would get it. The Village attorney suggested that Lubow come to the Village Board meeting to talk about the "punch list" items on the violation list.

The Mayor stated that some of the violations may be "punch list" items, however they are safety issues. Regardless of what people think the Village Board is always concerned about other peoples safety. Also Mr. Lubow's client violated the New York State Building Codes in general and a Village Ordinance. The Mayor stated that he asked for Mr. Lubow's assistance to resolve this and that the Village Board never intended for this situation to get to where it is today. The Mayor personally walked Mr. Hangarter through the process and Mr. Hangarter ignored everything that was showed as required by law.

The Village has spent everyone's tax money on doing things because Mr. Lubow's client did not want to comply with the New York State Building Codes.

The Mayor suggested with approval from the board, that the Village attorney, Mr. Lubow, and Keith Griffin get together to see how many of those violations can be fixed. The Board does not want to go to supreme court and demolish that building. This problem needs to be fixed.

Trustee Morra stated he would have to feel assured that the building is safe because the board has no idea of what work was done there and he will not vote on the subject.

The Mayor stated that the Youth Center was in a similar situation a few years ago regarding safety issues and they had to wait until they complied with the laws that are set forth by the NYS Building Codes before they opened.

Greg Lubow stated that because the Village is represented by an attorney, it limits communications between him (Lubow) and the Building Inspector or the Board. Today the Village attorney stated that they can discuss some of the violations. To his knowledge (Mr. Lubow) Mr. Hangarter has not done any work needing a building permit since his return from vacation.

The Mayor stated that how did anyone expect them to issue a building permit to continue further when there was no compliance for the work that has been done already. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Lubow get with the Village Attorney to discuss these matters.

Jeff Prince stated that if the main concern is safety then the drawings and engineering plans on the building backed up by professionals should satisfy the boards concerns.

Trustee Legg stated that those drawings are after the fact and there is know way of knowing that is what is in the building at this time.

Trustee Morra asked Mr. Lubow if the most recent plans submitted were showing what was actually in the building. If so, that was a step in the right direction.

The Mayor reintroduced Trustee Morra's motion that the Board be governed by what the Attorney directs them to do. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to set up a special meeting on Thursday, May 27th, at 6:00 pm with the Village Board, Village Attorney, Mr. Lubow, and Keith Griffin regarding this matter and the progress that has been done.

Moving along, the members from the Youth Center introduced themselves as follows:

Barbara Sturman, Director, Beth Gnozzio, Site Supervisor, Bob Abrahamsen, and Jim Jones, VP.

Mrs. Sturman began stating that the Town of Jewett had made a suggestion that a Trolley Run be set up for the kids along 23C, 296 and through Hunter and Tannersville dropping the kids off at the Youth Center. An alternative would be to just have the parents drop the kids off at the Youth Center.

One of the major concerns that they all have at the youth center is the 2nd floor fire escape is dangerous and not up to code. It is too steep. Also there will be a few campers that will not be able to provide their own lunch.

The Mayor suggested that they speak with The Hunter Foundation Inc. to see if any assistance can be gained for the lunches. Trustee Morra stated that the Village cannot give the lunches to the kids.

Barbara stated that she also included in a packet provided a mock press release giving a registration week of June 14-18, with the availability to pick up the registration forms at the Village Clerks Office, and also Registration days on Saturday's June 12th and 19th at the Youth Center.

On the discussion of the budget, the question of fees being charged to the campers was brought about by Trustee Morra. The board suggest to Barbara that she contact the Town of Jewett to see if they would be reimbursing the Village for some of the Children attending Camp. All of the fees outside of the Village should come to \$300. The Town of Hunter reimburses \$200 per child so the fee is \$100 etc. Kids that come from other places than the Towns of Hunter or Jewett, such as Lexington, will pay the full \$300.

Some things that need to be taken care of are: Cleaning out the Boat house and pavilion.

Barbara also thanked the Board for sending the Highway Department Crew to fix the back lawn at the Youth Center for the Kids. There is now a landscaping class going on that is funded by the grant they received from the Department of Social Services. It looks really great as you drive by on South Main Street, and they hope to make the front of the building area look just as good.

The Mayor asked what age a junior counselor was, and if working papers were needed. Beth Gnozzio replied that the age was 15 and that working papers were required.

Trustee Morra stated that in the past the kids paid for their own tee-shirts above and beyond the tuition, and it was the understanding of the Youth Center that this fee was included in their tuition due to the fact that some of the kids may not have the extra \$5 to buy a tee-shirt later. Trustee Morra stated that we will have to look in to past record to see what was done in the past.

The Mayor stated with respect to the hiring of the kids for positions, that there should be a priority to the Village Tax Payer's Kids that have good credibility. The Youth Center agreed and stated that before final approval of the applications, the board will get a list of all of the applicants and will see where the kids live. They have been tracking where and who they sent applications to. At this time not many applications have been received.

With the respect of life guards, the only 2 applicants they have are 17 and they need to be 18. The Mayor stated that in the past a waiver has been issued by the DOH, and we would have to get with the DOH to discuss this.

The Mayor stated that Barbara Sturman's kids will be going to camp at no charge as well as the assistant director's (Stacey Powers), who only has one child.

The Mayor then asked the members of the Youth Center what their expectations of the Village were from this point forward to get things up to speed.

Barbara stated that the Village men could clean out the bathrooms and the un-necessary stuff that was stored in the boat house. The Mayor suggested that Barbara get with the men to inventory the building and discuss what needs to be done down there.

The Mayor also stated that the plumbing needs to be repaired.

Barbara brought up the topic of a grant from NYS Parks & Recreation department. She thought a good thing to apply for would be the refurbishing of the boat house as part of that grant, having the Youth Center and the Village be partners in the application.

Jim Jones stated that they would like to operate the boathouse and make it doable, and what it needs to be. With grants and work it would be a very doable project that will benefit everyone. Trustee Morra stated that the equipment needs to be upgraded as well and safety issues need to be addressed.

Trustee Morra also asked what types of grants were those that were being discussed. The Youth Center mentioned that those particular grants are matching 50/50.

Barbara stated that she will get with Charlene Holdridge from the Hunter Foundation and go over the different parameters and priorities that could be used for the grant. Trustee Morra reminded Barbara that the Village Labor could be used as in-kind matching services.

Trustee Morra stated that there are different ways to approach this opportunity as a partnership with the youth center or the Village could lease the park to them for (example) a \$1.00. Beth Gnozzio stated that there would have to be a memorandum of understanding between the Village and Youth Center.

The Mayor and Barbara spoke of a program from Columbia-Greene and the High School where participants were paid to work in the programs such as the Youth Center Camp and the possibility of seeking this program again.

Mr. Abrahamsen stated a concern for the liability. The Mayor stated first the Village had to contact their attorney then the insurance company. Trustee Morra stated that the Village should have total control and the Youth Center had a lease.

Jim Jones also brought up the possibility of horse-drawn carriage rides and maybe could even try it at the black bear festival.

Barbara stated that the Youth Center's occupancy was upped and they need a new Certificate of Occupancy sign. She also stated that the Youth Center is looking to get a bulk mail permit which is \$150 for the initial permit and \$150 per year. She proposed that the not-for-profit organizations and the Village all get together and share the bulk mail fees, and use the Village return address.

The Mayor stated that it seemed to be a good idea but would have to be run by the Village Attorney.

In regards to the fire escape issue, the Youth Center has no money for payroll to build a new fire escape. The Mayor stated that it needs to be fixed and be compliant. He

