

A board meeting with budget public hearing was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Tannersville Village Hall.

Present: Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
Anthony Lucido, Trustee
Linda Kline, Trustee
Mary Sue Timpson, Trustee

Also Present: Karen Terns, Fred Haines, Ann Collins, Berna Showers, Judy Terns, Jim Planck, Charlene Holderidge, Mark Hyer, Keith Griffin, Kathleen LaFrank

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor stated that there is a schedule for the zoning meetings in the Village and anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. We would like more public input.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the budget.

Mr. Haines stated that he reviewed the budget all afternoon, and states that the budget should not be voted on. There are a lot of questions and he feels that some issues were not thought through.

Karen Terns stated that her opinion as a tax payer is that we should pick up the garbage for the school and residents separately. The renters use the pick up service. She stated that she feels that if the garbage is taken away there will be garbage all over the village and doesn't understand taking away this service to save money.

Ann Collins stated that a lot of people do use the garbage system. She stated that if we make the run to do the school then we should be able to do the residents.

The Mayor stated that the garbage bag sales and the tipping fees don't even come close, not including the maintenance of the truck and salaries. Some residents are using private carters.

The Mayor stated that there is a complicated agreement between the school and village and states that the issue shouldn't be visited unless the taxpayers want to bear a large financial burden. The Mayor stated that if we do away with the pick up we will save 8 man hours a week, the maintenance of the truck, the proceeds from the sale of the truck, and tipping fees.

Berna Showers asked if we sold the garbage truck how would the garbage be picked up. The Mayor stated that it would be done with the pickup trucks.

Karen Terns stated that if you pick up the schools with the pickups then they can do the residents. She stated that she called private carters and are not cheaper than the village. They come at different times. For those that work off the mountain, there is more of a

chance for the bears to get in the garbage. She wants to know exactly how much we will be saving.

The Mayor stated that the majority of the residents don't utilize the garbage pick up.

Trustee Timpson asked what the cost of garbage was before when we went out of the business. She asked if we knew what the cost of the garbage for the school was then.

The Mayor stated that she could go back and look those items up but would also have to taken into account that the Village produces garbage as well.

Mr. Haines stated that he thinks its about time the highway department in the village is dissolved.

The mayor asked Mr. Haines to retain his other comments to the end of the meeting and just keep his comments now for the budget hearing.

Mr. Haines stated that he would like to meet with the mayor to go over what he has. He stated that the Village of Tannersville is going down hill. No one is here on the weekend. There is a lot of work to be done including in the water company. He stated that he feels this board is doing a good job, but we have to sit down and get these issues ironed out.

The Mayor stated that he would meet with Mr. Haines anytime.

Mr. Haines stated that that the Village should have never gotten involved with the union. There are too many loop holes. He stated that the men should be called maintenance maintainers.

The Mayor stated that by emergency and necessity the Town worked with us on snow removal and ice removal. He stated that we will be engaging in an inter-municipal agreement with the Town for these items.

Berna Showers asked why is water rent going up. The Mayor stated in this budget it is proposed that the water will go up \$100 per year for Village Residents. It will be \$150 per 6 months. Commercials will be going up as well. The reason for this change is that we will be paying the debt service for water out of water only and not general. The taxpayers will save about \$100 per an average \$100,000 assessment. This will appropriate the expenditures and where they are coming from. The mayor stated that if you have vacant land today your paying debt service on the water system now even though they don't use it. In the Village of Hunter, their charged \$165 every 6 months. They also pay for sewer.

Berna Showers asked if everyone paid the capital improvement surcharge. The Mayor stated that we have about 92% of it. For those that don't pay it, then it will go on their taxes. Most of the work at the plant is done. The majority of the work at the reservoirs is done. There is 24 hour monitoring with alarms.

Mr. Haines stated that the Village should pass a moratorium on new hook ups in the Village of Tannersville until Dibble's Dam is in operation. Mr. Haines stated that if we run out of water we will have to get it from Saugerties or Kingston. He stated that #2 still has a leak in it.

The Mayor stated that the raw transmission is charged. The well does provide 100,000 gallons per day. The Sunview tower is online.

Ms. Collins asked if the junk pick up was in the budget. The Mayor replied that it was out of the budget.

The Mayor stated that he presented the budget to the board with his ideas and now they are hearing the public's ideas. This board will listen to the public comment and present their recommendations to the Mayor for the budget.

Karen Terns asked when the board has to vote on the budget. The Mayor stated that it has to be adopted by May 1st.

The Mayor stated that the budget does include the salary for one of our injured workers. Jim Planck asked about the line items for the park. The Mayor stated that it includes the expenditures for the park grant that was received from the state. The Mayor stated that the playground and the skate park are to be completed beginning May 1st.

Jim Planck asked about the tax levy being down approximately \$100,000. He asked about the tax rate. The Mayor replied that it is going from 5.91/1000 to 5.03/1000.

The Mayor stated that clean water is a priority. The camp program was not changed. We are tied into certain costs that we cannot avoid.

Trustee Timpson asked about the Village attorney's salary. The Mayor stated that the Village attorney asked for \$8,000 rather than \$6,000.

The Mayor stated that the salaries for the men are as per the union contract and the benefits in the contract.

The Mayor asked if there were any other comments from the public.

The Mayor made a motion to close the budget public hearing. Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor re-opened the meeting and turned the floor over to Charlene Holdridge to discuss a possible historic district formation.

Ms. Holdridge stated that the Hunter Foundation is exploring the possibility of forming a Historic district in the Village of Tannersville. The preliminary boundaries begin at the

old Fred Fromer residence past the school, and go up to South Main Street, possibly picking up a few side streets. She stated that she asked Kathleen LaFrank from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be here tonight to talk about the process of it. She stated that they have spoken with 60% of the property owners.

The Mayor stated that having a historic district can help and also hinder progress in the Village and asked them to respond to that.

Ms. LaFrank stated there are no restrictions on residential properties if the Village decided to enact their own historic district. There are federal and state historic preservation acts that regulate can thought agencies and may be restricted when funding is involved. There are tax credits available for commercial properties, which may promote economic development on Main Street. She handed out pamphlets to the board and left extra copies. The Hunter Foundation has applied or is going to apply to the Preservation fund to do the survey of the Village to see if we could form the district. If State & federal agencies funds the project, OPRHP will review it. Law covers anything on register or eligible on the register.

The Mayor asked if a building had to be a certain age. Ms. LaFrank stated that buildings have to be more than 50 years old.

The Mayor asked how long the process would take. Ms. LaFrank stated that districts take longer but individual nominations can be done in 6 months.

Mark Hyer asked if once you get the designation of a historic district, does it impact planning laws and the SEQR process. Ms. LaFrank stated that if the property was listed on the register then it would be a Type 1 action, but to check with the DEC.

Mr. Hyer stated that it impacts the contiguous neighbors to the historic district as well.

Mr. Hyer stated that we have a grant to implement zoning in the Village of Tannersville. He asked how this district would impact our plan, being in the early stages of development. Ms. LaFrank stated that it wouldn't impact it unless the Village wanted it to and it could be included in our plan. She stated that there is information at her office about preservation zoning.

Sean Byrne asked if someone doesn't use state or federal funds is there any input from OPRHP. Ms. LaFrank stated that they have review powers if the project meets the criteria, but cannot stop anything. She stated that the aim is not to create a museum, but keep things in use. They will comment on anything that is inappropriate.

Mr. Byrne asked if Private resident/business properties are treated the same or treated differently.

Ms. LaFrank stated that they try to be as generous as each situation warrants.

Mr. Hyer stated that a Type 1 action would require the long form for SEQR. The lead agent could do a positive or negative declaration. It would require probably an attorney or engineer experienced in the review process to make sure it is done correctly the first time. The lead agent would review it and decide under SEQR if they want to be lead agent. It is a protection for the community.

The Mayor asked what type of action the foundation is looking for from the board.

Ms. Holdridge asked what the board feels on it.

The Mayor stated that many people are interested and some projects that may be impacted.

Ms. LaFrank stated that by doing the survey it does not commit the Village to the register. She stated that any questions can be answered from her office as well. Part of doing the survey would be checking some of the side streets.

The board stated that they were in favor of doing the foundation doing the study.

The Board reviewed the treasurers report and bank reconciliations.

The mayor stated that he needed a motion to vote on the abstracts and vouchers.

Karen Terns stated that she had a voucher for reimbursements for the Duck Race and Crazy Race. The Mayor stated that he has purchase orders that need to be signed and a letter to that affect. He also stated to come to the office tomorrow and go over the items. The Mayor stated that everything purchased needs a purchase order.

Trustee Timpson stated that she had questions on the abstracts.

The Mayor asked if everyone looked at the NIMS resolution.

Trustee Timpson made a motion to approve resolution #6 of 2008 for NIMS adoption. Trustee Kline seconded. Trustee Landers seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Kline made a motion to approve resolution 8 to enter into contract with Donna Bernard to prepare the Emergency Plan not to exceed \$420.00. Trustee Timpson seconded. Trustee Landers absent. Four in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Lucido made a motion to approve resolution 7 to have Fraser's conduct the Hydrology survey of the watershed and spillway on reservoir 3. Trustee Kline seconded. Trustee Landers absent. Four in favor, motion carried. The mayor noted that this will be part of the capital improvements.

Mr. Hyer submitted a list of changes to the subdivision law and explained them to the board:

SECTION 1. SKETCH PLAN

B. Sketch Plan requirements

3. Delete "...contiguous land owners, owners across the street, and others the Village Board may deem appropriate," Insert: all contiguous land owners, owners across the street/roadway or driveway and others the Village Board may deem appropriate"...

MINOR SUBDIVISION

SECTION 1. MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT

A. Requirements

2. Delete

3. Delete "including proof that such municipal systems possess the capacity to achieve the intended service"

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT

A. Application requirements

ADD: "Approval of the minor subdivision by the Village of Tannersville Board does not constitute water and sewer hook up approval Applicant must apply separately to the proper agencies for water and sewer approvals.

B. Public Hearing

Delete: "...contiguous land owners, owners across the street, and others the Village board may deem appropriate"

Insert: ... "all contiguous land owners, owners across the street/roadway or driveway and others the Village Board may deem appropriate"...

SECTION 1. PRELIMINARY PLAT

A. Requirements

Paragraph beginning "In sewer and water...."

Delete: "including proof that such municipal systems possess the capacity to achieve the intended service."

SECTION 3. APPROVAL OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAT

A. Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat

3. Public Hearing

Delete: ... "to all property owners within in 500 feet"

Insert: ... "to all contiguous land owners, owners across the street/roadway or driveway and others the Village Board may deem appropriate"

SECTION 3. ROAD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Grades

Roads

Delete: "shall not be less than one (1) percent or greater than six (6). In no case shall grades of roads and driveways be greater than three (3) within fifty (50) feet of any intersection."

Insert: "In no case shall grades of side roads ingressing or egressing to and from thru-roads be greater than four percent (4%) within fifty feet (50') of the edge of the thru-road pavement.

"In no case shall grades of the roads be less than one percent (1%) or greater than ten percent (10%).

Driveways

"In no case shall grades of driveways be more than six percent (6%) within thirty (30') of their ingress/egress onto the road.

The board approved the changes and they will be submitted to the Village attorney for review and make sure there is proper legal writing. This will be discussed at the next planning meeting.

The board stated that the vote on the budget will be held on the 29th of April at 7:00 pm.

The Mayor stated that the potential renter of the property for the boathouse would help supply the man power if we supply the food. The picnic should be moved down to the lake with all of the new equipment and perhaps do the dedication of the park and skate park. The Mayor stated that he would speak with the Veterans about the dedication on the day of their parade or if it would be more appropriate to move it to the following weekend when there will be more people around with the Duck Race.

The Mayor stated that there is a proposal on the table for the website. Trustee Timpson and the Mayor stated that they felt it was a little expensive. The Mayor asked the board to get more proposals for the website and will discuss them on the next agenda.

The Mayor stated that we were looking for volunteers for the playground and skatepark installation. Trustee Lucido stated that he had a machine, but we would need to get the attachment. It could be rented. He also stated that it is very rocky under the surface.

The Mayor stated that the skatepark will be in the enclosed fence area. We are researching security and hours of operations. There will be signage listing proper equipment for usage. We are researching avenues for help to monitor the park.

Trustee Kline stated that Phil Theo could bring in people to teach classes at the skate park.

The Mayor stated that the skate ramps are guaranteed for 20 years. They are made of

steel. The playground will be parallel to the pavilion and the stream. One swing set is being saved.

Equipment for bid: The board agreed on the following:

Old dodge pick up- minimum bid \$75. The old water truck \$500.

The other swing set should be set for best offer as well as the galvanized jungle gym.

Update on Flower Grant:

Trustee Timpson stated that the grant was submitted last week. It is a two year grant. She spoke with Mr. Heck and they also may be coming out with some recreational grants for equipment, basket balls, etc.

Update on FAB Grant:

The mayor stated that the only things left to do for the closeout of this project include removing the gate, grade and stone from the road to the pump house and plant 6-8 trees. The board was in support for requesting proposals to complete the grant work.

The Mayor opened privilege of the floor.

Mr. Haines stated that he has a lot of things that he wants to discuss. In the last 8-10 years the village has been going in the opposite direction. He stated that we had to get parking lots so there wouldn't be parking on Main Street. Mr. Haines continued to state there are streets in the Village with lead goosenecks. There are properties with junk cars.

Trustee Timpson stated that she had a copy of a contract for Ment Media for the duck race. The Mayor stated that it will be dealt with Thursday. The Mayor stated that it is not on the agenda. Trustee Timpson asked when the board would decide this contract. The Mayor stated that we could put it on the planning meeting.

Karen Terns stated that it was in the budget.

The Mayor asked Ms. Terns for the budget for the Duck race. The mayor stated that he didn't have a copy nor the office.

Trustee Timpson stated that she has a copy.

The Mayor stated it was taken out of the agenda because we didn't have a budget. The Mayor stated that the contract doesn't work – we cannot pay on the day of the events. Vouchers need to be signed. Nothing can be pre-paid. The Mayor stated that it should be net 30 days.

Trustee Timpson asked if there were any other changes. She stated that it was given to the clerk, was on the agenda and now it was taken off.

The Mayor stated that he wants the budget for the event. Then we will move from that point forward. The mayor stated that it slipped through the cracks. The contract was

inappropriate and could not adopt it. That vendor had done business with the Village before and should have known that it was inappropriate. This was one of the first things cited by the auditors and how this vendor was handled the last time he was used. The mayor stated that he made it clear that it was inappropriate. The Mayor stated that he reviewed the contract today. The Mayor stated that if it was that important to Trustee Timpson, she should have called him prior to the meeting.

Ms. Timpson stated that the agenda she had was not the same and the final one tonight.

Ms. Timpson stated in regards to the vouchers, she had questions about the insurance vouchers, and telephone vouchers. She wanted more clarification.

The Mayor stated that the voucher for the copy machine is split between the 2 funds in half.

Trustee Timpson asked about the maintenance agreement for the Village. She suggested looking into changing the usage portion of the contract. There is a tremendous amount of copies. The Mayor stated that the old contract was probably based on a 3 person board and no planning board that meets every month. He stated that we can copy on both sides.

Trustee Timpson asked about the bill for the Village auditor. The Mayor stated that she has extra hours this month due to the request of the State auditors. The Mayor stated that he asked the state if we could bill them for the excess charges in fuel, and extra charges for the services of the Village accountant.

The Clerk stated on the back on the Teamsters insurance voucher there is a break down of how the cost is figured including the deductions for employee contributions.

Trustee Timpson asked about the voucher for Tom Knowles for the Saint Patrick's parade. There is only one paper attached for the one hundred and he asked for \$150. The Clerk stated that there is another piece of paper that goes with it for the Irish dancers for \$50.

The Mayor asked Trustee Timpson to come in earlier to review the vouchers so her questions could be answered prior to the meeting.

Trustee Timpson states that she works off of the mountain and she comes up from work to get to the meeting. She asked if they could be prepared a few days before the meeting so she has time to review them.

The Mayor stated that she should take these home and call by cell phone since she works off the mountain with her questions.

The Mayor asked Trustee Timpson where she lived, if it was in Tannersville.

Trustee Timpson stated that it was an inappropriate question.

Judy Terns stated that Trustee Timpson didn't live in the Village she lived with her mother and her house on Spruce Street is rented to her brother. She stated that she thought as a taxpayer, that Trustee Timpson had a nerve taking money every month from taxpayers when she doesn't live in the Village.

Trustee Timpson stated that that was Ms. Terns' opinion. Trustee Timpson stated that it was her house and she was there. She stated that Ms. Terns shouldn't worry about where she sleeps.

Ms. Terns stated that Trustee Landers told her he was very upset sitting next to her since she doesn't live in the Village. Trustee Timpson stated that she will have to take that up with Trustee Landers.

Berna Showers stated that she doesn't care where Trustee Timpson lives.

Karen Terns stated that she doesn't think it is anybody's business where they sleep at night.

The Mayor stated that in response to Trustee Timpson's questions for more information on the vouchers, he asked that she bring her questions prior to the meeting so the board didn't have to go through this next month.

The Mayor made a motion to approve the vouchers and abstracts. Trustee Kline seconded. Trustee Timpson opposed. Trustee Landers absent. Three in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Timpson seconded. Trustee Landers absent. Four in favor, motion carried.