

A Regular Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Tannersville Village Hall.

Present: Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
Greg Landers, Trustee
Anthony Lucido, Trustee
Linda Kline, Trustee
Mary Sue Timpson, Trustee
Robin Dumont, Village Clerk
Mark Hyer, Planning Administrator

Also Present: Judy Terns, Karen Terns, Steve Tuomey, Jim Wiltse, Dan Jozic,

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor called to order the Public Hearing on the proposed Flood Plain Prevention law.

At the present time there was no public comment, but the board left the right to address anyone that comes forward and will re-open the hearing.

The Mayor made a motion to Adjourn the public hearing. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor asked if there was any comment for the board.

Mr. Hyer gave an overview of the proposed law. This law is mandatory by FEMA and if it is not done by May 16th, 2008 residents will not be able to get flood insurance if they are in the flood plain. It protects the present homes in the Village of Tannersville and provides more strict rules for those that wasn't to build in the flood plain. If someone wants a mortgage, and is in the flood plain, they must get flood insurance. If this law is not passed the resident cannot get the flood plain insurance. The flood plain maps are not prepared by the Village they are prepared by FEMA.

The Mayor stated that the Town adopted this law on Tuesday night.

Jim Wiltse stated that he disagrees with the maps and they have the water course in the wrong place.

The Mayor stated that the adoption of the law does not mean that we accept the maps as being 100% accurate. It is to protect those properties in the flood plain so they may get flood insurance.

The board reviewed the long form for the proposed local law.

The Mayor made a motion to be lead agency for this local law. Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor made a motion for a negative declaration for the adoption of the local law to protect the environment, Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor made a motion to adopt proposed local law #1 of 2008 for flood damage prevention. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that a notice was put out for a camp director.

Two applications were received and reviewed. Ms. Garvey received a letter of recommendation from the former camp director who had worked with her for the past couple years. The Mayor made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Garvey as the director. Trustee Kline seconded. Trustee Timpson opposed. Four board members in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Landers stated that the second applicant should be considered for the assistant director.

Privilege of the floor.

Karen Terns with the festivals coming she asked if anything for parking on Tompkins Street was resolved. The board reviewed the situation and there was a non issue for the winter and was to revisit it.

Mr. Tuomey stated that the signs are faded. On South Main Street the trees cover them. On certain days and certain times during the winter, it wasn't all of the time.

Trustee Landers stated that there is a local law on the books that says there is no over night parking on any village street.

The Mayor stated that the board will review it again during the spring and make a final determination and replace the faded signs.

Mr. Tuomey stated that the fire department does not go down Tompkins street because they cannot make the swing with the trucks. The Mayor asked Mr. Tuomey for a letter from the fire department regarding the fire vehicles reality and those streets. With the proper signage there enforcement can be done.

Jim Wiltse stated that he suggests for work that gets done in the village for the Village, there should be a list of local contractors and Village residents should get picked first for the job before town especially during emergencies.

The Mayor stated that we could put out a bid notice that would be effective for one year for emergency services. It should specify hourly rate for use of the equipment and the board would evaluate and go through the list when necessary.

Karen Terns stated that it would make sense to start with those that pay village taxes

Judy Terns asked if it had to be put out to bid. The Mayor stated that we will review the procurement policy.

Dan Jozic stated that he was here in regards to the Washington Irving Water Bill. He stated that they did not receive a bill and were shocked to see that it was over due.

The Mayor explained the current water regulations for water bills and overdue accounts. He quoted the law pertaining to the receipt of water bills, if the property owner does not receive a bill it is their responsibility to contact the office to receive another bill.

He stated that Mr. Jozic could have a copy of the law.

Currently due to the unpaid water rents, the general fund is subsidizing the water fund.

With this billing cycle, we will have reminders done every month.

Copies of the law are available online. The board will make an effort to review the current law.

Trustee Lucido asked if the outside people can have the water rents put on the taxes. The Mayor stated that we don't have a law allowing us to put outside water customers on the town taxes, that is why we have to shut them off.

Karen Terns asked who did not pay their water charge. The Mayor stated that we have billed \$130,000. and collected over \$100,000. The inside people that are unpaid will have the charge re-levied on their taxes. The outside people will have it put on their April water bills and if they still don't pay, they will be shut off.

Right now water is stable except for the well at the lake. We are looking for more water. We can clean up with treatment. It be good have the treatment system and to inject it into our system. There is a well casing at the tennis courts. We had someone come and probe the well and it wasn't good. It is only a 4" casing and only a test well. The well on the other side of the lake would be best to clean up quality of the water then put into the system.

Judy Terns asked about Dibbles Dam. The Mayor stated that the people originally involved with that project have not been engaging. The usage in the Village has been very stable. With the improvements done, the system is running very smooth. The Operator is not nervous.

The Mayor stated that the budget has to be presented to the Board by March 31, 2008. The board agreed that there will be a special meeting at 7 pm on that day.

Trustee Landers made a motion to approve the minutes from February 19th. Three in favor, motion carried. The Mayor and Mr. Lucido abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

The board reviewed the vouchers. Trustee Landers made a motion to approve the vouchers and abstracts. The Mayor seconded. 4 in favor for all Trustee Timpson opposed to 2 vouchers for mileage reimbursement.

The Mayor made a motion to accept the bank reconciliations and treasurers report. Trustee Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Tuomey for a discussion about NIMS.

Mr. Tuomey wanted to give an update on the NIMS Requirements. They did change some of the training requirements. There is none for elected officials but there is a ½ day program available to get information on what they want you to do to implement the program. The Fire Department has to comply as well. The Village has to pass a resolution to adopt the NIMS resolution adopting the program. In the packet Mr. Tuomey provided is a sample resolution as well as the steps required to become compliant. Mr. Tuomey presented what the Fire Department has to do to comply with the NIMS requirements.

NIMS may help you in what you do day to day. One of the things they stress for state aided grants we have to have it. If you want to be considered to FEMA everyone has to be compliant. If one department is not on board the Village will not be qualified for FEMA grants or funding.

Currently the Village doesn't have an emergency management plan. If an emergency happens in to the Village then it gets turned over to county. The Town of Hunter hired a consultant to prepare the plan and they are still working on it. There is no plan for the Village. Mr. Tuomey asked if the Village could inquire about working with the consultant that the Town has hired since she may have covered some aspects of the Village. If the Village doesn't adopt this emergency plan, FEMA will not give us any money. If we have this plan and there is an emergency, everything will fall into place. We will know who is in charge, who is giving the authority for repairs, etc. If it is out of our relms, then it will list the next step to go to the town etc. etc.

The board will contact the consultant that the town used for a proposal and put the NIMS Resolution on the next meetings agenda.

Mr. Tuomey stated that the Greene County Firemans Convention will be held on the Mountiantop in 2009 and will be hosted by Tannersville, Haines Falls, Hunter and

Lanesville Fire Departments. The Village will have a part in it, dress parade in Haines Falls. We will keep the board in touch with what is going on.

Mr. Tuomey stated that NIMS is your plan of what to do in the event of an emergency. You will be relieved to see how easily things will fall into place with the plan.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Tuomey for his presentation for the NIMS and his dedication.

The Mayor stated that we received a letter regarding an un-buildable lot. Trustee Lucido made a motion to waive the capital improvement charge for Kaczor. Trustee Timpson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that we received a letter from Mokarry asking to waive the water rents because they are only part year residents. The Board decided to send them a copy of the water regulations and a letter of explanation.

Trustee Lucido stated that we could probably do the covering of the sediment tanks cost effectively and would like to speak with Joe to create a plan to do so.

The Mayor stated that the sediment tanks are 2nd on Mr. Myers List and the well at Rip Van Winkle Lake is first.

Trustee Lucido asked about getting water from Onteora Park if we needed it. The Mayor stated that the Valve at Onteora Park may need repair.

Judy Terns asked if this board has to honor past agreements for water in regards to the Sunview. The Mayor stated that when it changed hands to the new owners they have to pay for water.

The Mayor stated that we still have all rights to Dibbles Dam. Trustee Landers stated that he wanted to see if the pumps work. The Mayor explained that the water from Dibbles would be pumped up to the reservoir then run through our water treatment plant. The raw transmission line is still active.

The Mayor stated that there is a Request from Hunter Foundation for letter of support for funding from the NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal's HOME Program for grant funds to provide down payment and closing cost assistance plus eligible rehab expenses to eligible homebuyers wishing to purchase an existing home in the Town of Hunter.

Karen Terns stated that they are going into competition with Catskill Mountain Housing.

Trustee Timpson and the Mayor stated that they will like more information about the program and table this resolution until the next meeting.

Volunteers in the Village:

Trustee Kline received a letter from a gentleman wanting to volunteer with the Village. The Mayor stated that there is confidential information in the office and perhaps this gentleman can help with the watering of the flowers in the Village in the summer time.

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