

A Village of Tannersville board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Tannersville Village Hall.

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

Also Present: Judy Terns, Jim Planck – Catskill Daily Mail

Deputy Mayor Landers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Timpson made a motion to approve the January Planning Minutes. Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Landers opened privilege of the floor. No one had any comments.

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report. Trustee Kline made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Trustee Timpson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Bank reconciliations. The board members signed off on the Bank reconciliations.

The board reviewed the service contract renewal with RLI technologies(Real Life Imaging) for the computers in the Village offices. Trustee Kline made a motion to accept the service contract renewal with RLI technologies and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for renewal. Deputy Mayor Landers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The board decided to table the website contract and request more quotes for the work.

The Deputy Mayor turned over the floor to Mr. Hyer for leading a discussion on the review of consultants for the zoning document grant.

Mr. Hyer stated that we received 3 responses to our notice of request for qualifications to create a land use document. That land use document is going to focus on zoning.

The first consultant, Holland, is not a professional engineer. She is a good person to deal with the public, but doesn't believe that it would be a good fit with what we already have in place. She would be good if we were starting from scratch and had no basis to go from. The second consultant, Wheeler, is a professional engineering firm, highly technical, well staffed and would be good if you were building a bridge or dam. They have very little pertaining to land use.

The third consultant, Fraser & Associates, they are so far ahead of the other consultants as they have done our Master Plan and Build Out analysis and know the Village. They billed for what they did and came in under budget last time. Mr. Hyer recommended that the board go with Fraser due to their experience with the Village plans in the past.

The Deputy Mayor asked what the Mayor's opinion was. Mr. Hyer stated in this meeting with the Mayor he felt confident with Fraser as well.

Trustee Kline stated that we have never had a problem with Fraser and they come through with their work.

Trustee Kline made a motion that we select Fraser as the consultant for creating the land use document. Trustee Timpson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Timpson made a motion to appoint Mr. Hyer as the local liaison for this project. Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Landers stated that we have to set a public hearing for the Flood Plain Law.

Mr. Hyer stated that the board should make a motion to be lead agency in the review of this law as it may touch on SEQR. Then we schedule a public hearing. Trustee Timpson asked if we had to wait for comments from other agencies. Mr. Hyer stated that this will be a coordinated review and we will send notification to each agency just to cover ourselves. Mr. Hyer stated that not many people realize what they are getting into with this law. New homes are required to be 2 feet above the flood plain. However if you are building a home and you are in the flood plain then you have to be 3 feet above the flood plain. That means the bottom of the cellar too. If we do not approve this law, a person cannot get flood plain insurance and then a new home owner cannot get a mortgage with out the flood plain insurance.

Jim Planck asked if the Village's law was similar to the Towns. He stated in the beginning of the Town's law it states that it only pertains to those in a "special hazard zone". He asked what this is and how it pertains to the flood plain zone.

Mr. Hyer stated that FEMA has broadened the flood plains. Generically, it is everything in the flood plain.

Mr. Hyer stated that if we become lead agent, we send notification to the agencies and they need 30 days to respond.

Trustee Timpson stated that the tentative date for the public hearing is March 3rd.

Trustee Landers suggested moving this to the board meeting in March which also needs to be re-scheduled. It cannot be the 18th due to the Village election nor the 19th due to court being held.

Deputy Mayor Landers made a motion for the intent of becoming lead agent for a type 1 review for the proposed flood plain law. Trustee Timpson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Landers asked the board how they felt about the 20th. Board members agreed that the 20th was an ok date to have the board meeting and public hearing.

Water Plant update:

The board reviewed before and after photographs of equipment upgrade and looked at the report submitted by Mr. Myers. The Deputy Mayor read the following from a letter from Mr. Myers. "The Process Control Upgrade scope of work is as follows:

Chemical Feed Pumps

Replace existing LMI chemical feed pumps with Prominent model GAMMA L pumps. These pumps will be interfaced with the HACH process control equipment. There are a total of 12 pumps to be replaced.

Project is complete.

Process Control Equipment

Install 4, new constant flow turbidimeters, 2 new CI17 chlorine analyzers, 3 new pH digital probe analyzers, 1 new DELL Vostro Lap Top, 2 new inline surge protectors, all electrical & plumbing for sample and electrical interface, HACH start-up service and 2 new HACH SC1000 process control data centers.

Project is complete."

The Clerk stated that Mr. Myers invited the board to meet with him and take a tour of the upgrades at the water plant.

Playground update:

Trustee Kline stated that last Friday, they met with Lisa Agresta from Playworld systems who make playground equipment. She submitted a few designs of what the park could look like. It reflects mountain scenery, has tire swings, rock climbing, etc. Trustee Kline stated that if we purchased equipment from them, they come and can do different types of installations everything. There is no slide down at the lake due to non compliance with safety concerns. The company allowed for one extra piece of equipment which could be a new slide.

Deputy Landers suggested that we have signage regarding glass etc.

Deputy Landers stated that we would have to do the prep work eg: digging holes for posts, and they will do the guided installation.

Trustee Timpson stated that she would like to be at the next meeting.

Flower Grant:

Trustee Timpson stated that she had no luck from the Village of Hunter. The Clerk stated that she contacted the GC Planning department for a copy of the application and when the deadline was.

Deputy Landers asked Mr. Hyer about security cameras for the Park. Mr. Hyer stated that you can get systems that pan the whole area with a live feed to a computer or have it take pictures with movement. Mr. Hyer stated that he will find out some more information regarding the security cameras.

Trustee Timpson stated that she would do the grant application. The clerk asked if there was any change in the proposed pricing or if what was in front of the board would be it. Trustee Kline stated that those figures are the last set submitted by Kerns and would double check with DeDe Thorpe to see if there would be any change once she returns from Vacation.

Deputy Mayor Landers stated that we received a complaint regarding dead trees on spring street and around the Village.

Judy Terns asked if it was up to Central Hudson to remove the limbs over power lines.

Deputy Mayor Landers stated that we could speak to the code enforcement officer about this complaint. Perhaps he could contact Central Hudson or let us know what would be appropriate.

Deputy Mayor Landers made a motion to go into executive session. Trustee Timpson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Landers called the meeting back to order. Summary of executive session. It was decided that a letter would be written to an employee regarding light duty work and insurance coverage. It was further decided that one of the 4 fire department cell phones would be used by the mayor to be reached in an emergencies. The board asked the clerk to contact the Village attorney regarding a provisional part time operator.

The Board reviewed the abstracts and vouchers. Deputy Landers made a motion to approve the general, water and capital improvement vouchers. Trustee Kline seconded. Trustee Timpson asked about why we are paying full insurance for one retiree when that particular person didn't work her that long. The Board stated that they wanted to review this person's terms of retirement. Trustee Timpson pointed out that this person's previous employer should be responsible for paying most of their medical coverage. The board decided to pay the premiums for February for this person and hold off on the one for March and research this situation further. Deputy Mayor Landers stated that we should not hold up other retirees insurance due to this one person. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Timpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kline seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

An executive session was called at approximately 9:00 pm by the board on February 19, 2008. In regard to the employee matter currently out, a letter will be sent stating that there is no light duty at this time and that the position the employee currently holds will be held for one year. The letter will also state that the insurance coverage for this employee will be paid by the Village through March 31, 2008. If the employee wishes to continue the coverage, it will have to be done at their expense.

It was further decided that one of the 4 fire department cell phones will be given to the Mayor.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Village attorney regarding a provisional part time operator.

Lee McGunnigle, Mayor