

# Village of Tannersville

Date October 10, 2017  
Time 6:00 PM  
Location Tannersville Village Hall

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**Present:** Lee McGunnigle, Mayor  
Leigh McGunnigle, Trustee  
Brian Walsh, Trustee  
David Kashman, Trustee

**Type of meeting:** Special Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-  
Treasurer

**ABSENT:** Gregory Landers, Trustee

**Also Present:** Susan Darmendo

## *Minutes:*

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The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee McGunnigle made a motion to approve the vouchers/abstracts/reports. Trustee Walsh seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that in regards to the DPW report, we were hoping we would have more quotes for a new or used truck but at this point we only had one. The Mayor stated that we could hold a special meeting later in the month.

The Mayor made a motion to nominate Pace Alliance for the professional award for Gooseberry Creek Revitalization Strategy project. Trustee Kashman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor opened privilege of the floor.

Ms. Darmendo stated that she lived at 27 Browns Wood Road and received a back bill for the apartment in her house which she was never previously billed. The Mayor stated that she has been assessed as a 2 family house since 2001. He explained that we were checking our inventory against the county's and found other parcels in this same situation. No body was singled out.

Ms. Darmendo was not denying that she had the apartment but stated that it wasn't lived in part of the time and asked for some consideration and a break on the bill. If she had to pay it wanted to pay in payments.

The Mayor thanked her for her comments and said we would send her a decision.

The Mayor asked the clerk for an update on the water.

The Clerk stated that in the boards packets, there was a sheet that detailed what was billed. It did include some prorated charges and unmetered charges which would be subject to change as people complete their meter installations. She noted to the board that the unmetered rates were not a line item in our budget. As of today, there were 70 residents that did not respond at all to the 3 notices sent, 28 of the meters remaining are fixable (needed horns or were a larger meter size), 15 are scheduled, and 15 were homeowner responsibility to fix or needed to give us access (pumping out basement, finish plumbing etc.).

The Clerk also said to the board that there were a couple other accounts similar to Ms. Darmendo's.

#1 158 Route 23C – property owner says county records are incorrect and basement is not an apartment, it is a ½ finished basement. Welcomed board members to come to his house at any time and see.

Mayor and Trustee McGunnigle stated that they have been in this house and want Trustee Landers to weigh in on this decision. Trustees Walsh and Kashman were fine with adjusting his bill once they hear from Trustee Landers.

#2 52 Pleasant view Drive. This property has been assessed as a 2 family residence over 20 years. Has 2 separate electric meters. Property owner says he thinks back billing is un fair and doesn't want to pay the bill. Would not comment if it was occupied or not.

The Mayor stated that like the IRS he would like to continue with our fresh start program which we have done in the past to homes in certain circumstances. He stated if the board was in accord, to offer Ms. Darmendo and 52 Pleasant View ½ of the past due balance without the penalties. If requested, the clerk was authorized to accept payment plans, but they must be notarized with regular payments. The board was in accord .to keep them aware of other accounts as they come up for discussion.

Trustee McGunnigle made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Landers seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.