

system for the water plants. The Dept. hung lights for Freeville and repaired the tree on the hill behind the garage. The Dept. also assisted in addressing the PESH issues. He also noted that PESH has asked that all employees receive First Aid and CPR training and will get the training scheduled.

Supervisor Shurtleff presented two quotes for a new tractor. The low quote, which is on State bid, a Kubota, would fit our needs. It also has a small backhoe and a fully enclosed cab and it meets all safety standards. Upon conclusion of discussion, Mayor Evener made a motion that Village purchase the Kubota tractor in the amount of \$28,340 off from State bid contract #PC62723SB, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Fire – Chief Coit thanked Supervisors Shurtleff and Teeter for the help their departments give to the Fire Dept. throughout the year. He also thanked the Police Dept. for their assistance with investigations of fires within the past few weeks. The Dept. has responded to 749 calls year to date, most of which are ambulance. We have already exceeded last year.

Code Enforcement – Code Enf. Officer Senter reported that all Life Safety Inspections are current thru October.

The board briefly reviewed a draft of a rental property law, which are used in many communities. The Board will review the draft over the next month and discuss further at the December meeting.

Water – Trustee Molino reported that the hydrants have been flushed and winterized. The new telemetry system is in and working well. Pall was here and performed their annual inspection on the filtration plant.

Trustee Molino noted that the skate park has been locked down for the winter.

Electric – Admin. Rankin reported that the Light Board is discussing a possible loan program for homeowners winterization projects, with the IEEP money subsidizing that in essence will give the homeowner a 0% loan. We have also received word from NYMPA that we will not have to pay into the transmission congestion reserve like we did last year. The reserve has sufficient funds plus the transmission congestion contracts we purchased, we should be better prepared for this event. It should, to some extent, mitigate the purchased power adjustment (PPA) over the winter.

Trustee Neville made a motion to approve the list of unpaid taxes in the amount of \$265,333.63 and penalties in the amount of \$21,314.77 to be relieved to Tompkins County for collection, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Neville made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the wastewater treatment plant project, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried. It was noted that there is no change in contract prices with the change order, it was additional language in the documents that USDA Rural Development requires for its loan recipients.

Mayor Evener appointed THOMAS BILLUPS to the position of Electric Utility Worker from the list of eligibles off from the Civil Service List. Trustee Molino made a motion to approve the appointment with an hourly rate of \$22.81 per hour, with a 52 week probationary period, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Mayor Evener appointed JAMES LANDON as a part-time police officer. Trustee Perkins made a motion to approve the appointment with an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour, contingent upon results of the background check, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

There was discussion in relation to increasing the senior exemption to match the state maximums on income for such exemption. It was the consensus of the Village Board to have the Village Attorney draft a local law to effectuate such change and hold the Public Hearing on the Local Law on Monday, December 21 at 7:30 pm.

There was discussion in relation to Chapter 153 of the Village Code in relation to property maintenance.

Admin. Rankin reported on a meeting he attended in relation to NYCOM's legislative agenda for 2010. Most of the items NYCOM is requesting are non-cash items from the State, since they do not have any money, which will provide cities and villages with other revenue sources and mandate relief.

Trustee Molino made a motion to table action on the proposed zoning law, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Fire Dept., seconded by Trustee Neville, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Neville, carried. There were no votes taken or resolutions adopted during the session.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk