

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 19, 2010 **7 PM**

Alt. Deputy Mayor Perkins opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Trustees Perkins, Molino, Conger and Morey, DPW Supervisor Shurtleff, Electric Dept. Supervisor Teeter, Dick Coalson, Lee Coalson, Lt. Williams, Norma Hahne, Patsy Gifford, George Senter-Code Enf. Officer, Attorney Peter Grossman.

Absent was: Mayor Evener

Pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th, 15th and April 5th meetings, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, and to adjust the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$2,000

To: Village Attorney-Other Exp.-1420.4-\$2,000

Inc. Appro. Reserves-A511-Unemployment Reserve-\$3,783

Inc. Exp.-Unemployment Claims-9050.8-\$3,783

WATER FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$100

Source of Supply-Other Exp.-8320.4-\$700

To: Administration-Other Exp-8310.4-\$800

Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried. The above adjustments and claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A11)	\$51,635.99	JOINT REC (J11)	\$253.31
WATER (F11)	3,593.89	CAPITAL (HI11)	7,505.74
SEWER (G11)	3,123.51	MISC SPEC FUNDS (CM11)	396.58
ELECTRIC (E11)	91,842.00		

Chad Shurtleff reported for the Dept. of Public Works. The Dept. has been doing its spring cleanup and making repairs to the sweeper. The recycled metal cleanup day will be on May 8, in cooperation with the Town. Doug's Trash will not take the items we don't take as in the past. Chad noted that the day with the volunteers this past Saturday was a success. There were about 150 in total and they performed tasks in the Inlet, the park, Legion, the library, the Village Office and at the garden at the school. The Dept. will be flushing hydrants next week (Apr. 26-30).

Steve Teeter reported for the Electric Dept. The crew has received training on the new recloser. It will need to be tested before it is put on line. Brush cleanup has been completed and the crew assisted the Town with some trees. The bucket and digger-derrick trucks had stress tests

performed on the booms, the bucket truck failed. It did not have to be taken out of service. The mechanic will be here within a week to adjust. The crew is working on its annual survey of stray voltage.

Streets – Trustee Conger noted the Dept. is sweeping the streets on a regular basis. Had to repair pump on sweeper, cost of about \$1,500.

Joint Rec –Trustee Conger reported that there about 231 signed up for baseball/softball. The major leagues will play Dryden, Lansing, etc. About 80 middle and high school students participated in the April 17th make a difference day. Mark Perosio will again be running a track program for 4th thru 6th graders. Viola is working on the summer programs. Plans are to offer basketball (boys/girls), youth soccer, karate, and pottery. Five bands have been booked for summer concerts. Viola is currently working on the summer park staffing.

Youth Commission – Trustee Conger reported that at the Elementary School, Monica is doing a session on springtime arts & crafts on Monday (12 kids), Tuesdays is animal fun and pet care, Wednesdays is swing (8), Thursdays is homework helpers (18), and on Fridays, there are five in playdough and scrapbooking. Plans for the summer cap are progressing. At the Middle School, Helping Hands have been planting flowers and vegetables. The Iron Chef Groton program features a new ingredient this week.

Park – Trustee Molino noted that the nets at the tennis courts have been installed. The bathhouses have been “de-winterized” and are available for use. The skate park has been opened. There appears to be a lot of guards returning from last year.

Water – Trustee Molino reported a new service was installed at 301 Carpenter Ave. and an old service was removed at 112 Church St. Quarterly maintenance was performed at the filter plant. Trustee Molino expressed his thanks for the work performed at the Make a Difference Day.

Web Site - Trustee Molino reported that he is working on providing a place where persons can provide the Police Dept tips anonymously. He is posting the minutes as they are received.

Police – Lt. Williams noted that March was quiet. Unmarked car is being outfitted with emergency lighting. He was able to get some used equipment from IPD. Lt. Williams is working on filling the vacant slots, including the full-time position. Application of Weyland DeGraw for part-time work under the FTO/Academy sponsorship program was reviewed. Alt. Deputy Mayor Perkins appointed WEYLAND DEGRAW as part-time police officer under the above-mentioned program. He duly made the motion to approve this appointment at the training wage of \$7.75 per hour, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Sewer - Jim Shurtleff, our local inspector for our engineering firm, C. T. Male Associates, PC, reported on the progress at the sewer plant. Construction began on March 29th, and the general contractor started on the site work, installing a silt fence, removed some trees. They also built and access road that will remain after the project is complete. Construction has started on the blower building and new tank. The old greenhouse has been dismantled and they have started on the footers for the new sludge dewatering building that will be located there. So far, things are going well and progressing smoothly.

Public comments:

Patsy Gifford – 106 Pasadena Ave. - noted that she found it disturbing how a lot of properties in the Village have disintegrated. She inquired as to what the Village's responsibilities are in regards to this. It was noted that there is a procedure in place that addresses it, but the owner has to be given an adequate opportunity to correct the problem. If not corrected, the Village can correct the situation and bill the property owner.

Norma Hahne – 110 Pasadena Ave. – reported on the horrible condition of 184 Main St. She also has a list of 21 properties that have unlicensed cars, various debris, or are in a general state of disrepair.

A lengthy discussion on the issue followed. The Board noted that their assistance in helping us identify some of the potential violations is appreciated. Unfortunately, due to limitations in the enforcement cycle, it usually takes some time.

There was discussion in regards to allowing an employee of the Groton Housing Authority to be added to the Village's health insurance policy. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board not to allow him on the policy.

Alt. Deputy Mayor Perkins appointed MICHELE STEWART to a two-year unexpired term on the Village Planning Board, term ending April 2012. She will be replacing Tricia Holl, who will be leaving the Village. Trustee Molino made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the 2010 contract with Tompkins County Youth Services, in the amount of \$28,667, be approved, and the Mayor is authorized to sign, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Perkins made a motion to authorize a withdrawal of \$3,783 from the Unemployment Reserve to pay claims, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Admin. Rankin reported on the progress of the Greater Tompkins County Health Care Consortium. Union representation continues to be an issue. They have been given one representative on the board, and they have indicated that they may want to have more. Discussion followed. Upon conclusion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Village will not support a change in the By-Laws of the consortium for more than one union representative on the board of directors.

Admin. Rankin reported that plans for the Sesquicentennial celebration were progressing. There will be bands on Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a parade on Saturday evening and historic tours during the day. Friday night, there will be an opening ceremony, featuring former mayors and other dignitaries.

Amendments to the proposed zoning law were reviewed and the consensus was that they were acceptable. They will be forwarded to the Planning Board for one more look. There was discussion in regards to regulation of rooming houses. Atty. Grossman will work on some language for the board to consider before we re-introduce the zoning law.

Alt. Deputy Mayor Perkins appointed MICHAEL ANDERSEN to the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the appointment, effective May 1, 2010, at a rate of \$20 per hour, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

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

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

Alt. Deputy Mayor Perkins appointed EMOR JOHN DeCANN to the position EMT, part-time. Trustee Molino made a motion to approve the appointment at a rate of \$12 per hour, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Dennis Jacobs – Pioneer Hose Co. #1.

The meeting was closed at 9:03 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk