

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 21, 2010 **7 PM**
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Mayor Evener opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Conger, Morey, Molino and Perkins, Fire Chief Metcalf, DPW Supervisor Shurtleff, Lt. Williams, Peter Grossman-Village Attorney, Amanda Ostrander

Trustee Perkins made a motion that the minutes of the May 17th meeting be approved, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the claims presented for review be approved, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried. The claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A13)	\$5,626.76	ELECTRIC (E1)	\$59,699.33
GENERAL (A1)	70,225.08	MISC SPEC FUND-150 Cel (CM1)	6,841.93
WATER (F13)	1,343.29	JOINT REC (J1)	614.75
WATER (F10)	6,198.78	COM DEV (PI 10-6)	209.27
SEWER (G13)	1,826.49	COM DEV (PI 10-6A)	809.94
SEWER (G1)	4,405.10	COM DEV (Swr Proj Grnt)	44,352.38

Public Works - DPW Supervisor Chad Shurtleff noted that it has been a busy month for his Dept. with the additional duties of preparing the pool for opening and with the staff getting their unused vacation in. Ed Smith was called in before the Sesquicentennial weekend for a couple of days to help. He further reported on a large sink hole that developed on the corner of Rts. 38 & 222, that the State has since, taken care of. The State has indicated that they will be repairing (and replacing) the storm drain from that point to the Owasco Inlet.

DPW Supervisor Shurtleff reported that he has received a second quote to clean and repair the unleaded gas tank at the garage for \$8,100. Cortland Pump quoted \$8,900 for a new tank. He will compare the two quotations and move forward to getting the tank either repaired or replaced.

Fire - Fire Chief Metcalf reported that the Dept. is working on hiring people for the ambulance. They have four or five applicants. Had a billing company for ambulance services come in and make a presentation. Chief Metcalf noted a quote to secure the Municipal Building in the amount of \$1,800. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with this. Chief Metcalf noted that the Dept. did take possession of the new pumper. It would not pump on a test by the Dept., so it has been sent back to Plastisol to correct and they will supply training to how to run the pumps.

Youth Commission - Trustee Conger reported that at the Elementary School, Monica held a session called "Bubble Crazy" where kids could put a huge bubble over their heads. Ten participated in

making Mother's Day crafts. On two Mondays she held an free-for-all-art-cleanup, where kids could come in and do projects they wanted and use up supplies. There are 48 to 54 kids signed up for each week of summer camp. We will have an experienced staff this year. Passed pre-inspection from the Health Dept. Scholarships for needy campers have been coming in well. In the middle school, the Helping Hands have been working on gardens and painted the flower boxes that are on the bridges. The Groton youth performed over 1900 hours of community service last year, which was the most in the County. Viola is preparing for the Farmer's Market. There are two who get paid for working at the Market, the rest are volunteers. There are 10 in the junior camp counselor program.

Streets – Trustee Conger noted that there were several bad sections that were patched. Catch basins on Elm Street were flushed. There was extra sweeping for the Sesquicentennial.

Mayor Evener thanked all who contributed to the 150 Celebration: the Office, Dept. of Public Works, Electric Dept., Police and Fire Depts.

Park – Trustee Molino noted that the pool has been prepared for opening day (June 25th) and passed the Health Dept. inspection on June 17th. Playground equipment has been repaired where needed.

Web Site – Trustee Molino reported that he posted notice for the Memorial Park reunion and additional new businesses.

Water – Trustee Molino noted that a new service was installed at 783 Elm St. Trustee Molino, Supervisor Shurtleff and Admin. Rankin met with representatives of Blair Supply on a new meter reading technology option. They will be supplying us with a quote.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that the 150 weekend was fairly quiet. The new Tahoe should arrive within the next week or two. Matthew Skeval, our new full-time officer, has started. We will hopefully have him ready to be on his own sometime in July.

Mayor Evener appointed CHAD SHURTLEFF to the position of Working Supervisor-DPW. Trustee Molino made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried. The Board expressed appreciation to Chad for the fine job he has done.

Amanda Ostrander came before the Board. She expressed concern about ambulance coverage. As it stands now, the Dept. cannot cover 911 calls that require Advanced Life Support (ALS). It requires another agency to come into the district to assist. This is putting a strain on the whole EMS system for the County. The taxpayers are paying taxes for a system that is not working. Trumansburg just went through this and they are going to start billing. It is too much to ask of volunteers. The Board of Wardens have not been active in fixing the problem. The Dept. is considering hiring some employees, but there is no program to orient new employees. Her suggestion to the Board is to

consider making the ambulance a separate Village Dept. Mayor Evener thanked Mrs. Ostrander for her insights.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the amendment to the Village Handbook, in regards to sick days that can be accumulated being raised from 120 to 130 days, be approved, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Molino made a motion that fees for tap fees for the Water and Sewer be increased to \$1,000 and \$800 (from \$700 and \$500, respectfully) be approved, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Admin. Rankin reported that the sewer project is probably slightly ahead of schedule. Information has been provided to EFC to get all of the short-term financing in line. Will be having the monthly meeting with USDA Rural Development on Wednesday reviewing the monthly draw requests from the contractors. If the materials are delivered in a timely manner, the project should be substantially complete by Sept. 30th.

Admin. Rankin reported that the 150 Celebration fund should have plenty of funds to meet all of the expenses. Perhaps we will make a contribution to the Olde Home Days fireworks. There was brief discussion in relation to having some sort of event around this time each year.

Admin. Rankin and Trustee Conger reported that the union representative issues have been resolved; there will be two union representatives on the board. The biggest issue now is meeting the reserve requirements.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Ben Nelson-Citizen's Hook & Ladder Co. #3.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss general personnel issues, possible sale of real property and to consult with the Village Attorney, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Molino, carried. There was no actual resolutions adopted or votes taken during the session. There was a general consensus on the following:

That the Board of Trustees consider a purchase offer from Christopher Dempsey for the sale of a parcel of land that lies to the east of his property on Sears Road, and the conditions that a) if he ever decides to sell the property, that the Village have the right of first refusal, b) that he cannot develop the property (subdivide, etc.), c) that the Village retain mineral rights, and d) that he pay all costs in regards to the sale.

The meeting was closed at 9:37 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk