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REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on November 19, 2008 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Called to order at 7:05pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Cordier, Deputy Mayor Cranna, Trustees Staffiero, Leedy and Ezrati

Public: Fred Cartier (P.A.N.D.A.), Christine Chale, Attorney, Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, Scott Brandt, Joel Griffith, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Robert Staffiero, Jeff Scales.

The Clerk reported the following:

- 1) Tivoli's Winterfest will be held on December 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm at Tivoli Commons. There will be a bonfire, Santa Claus will be there, and the Winterfest will conclude with fireworks. Deputy Mayor Cranna mentioned that the Recreation Committee will be selling food such as chili, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. Mayor Cordier mentioned that we will contact Migliorelli Farms to see if their donut machine is available. The Mayor mentioned that we need a volunteer to drive the Fire Truck that day. The Mayor also directed the Clerk to call Kaatsbaan to let them know about the fireworks and coordinate with them. Deputy Mayor Cranna apologized for cancelling the Halloween Party. This was due to the Recreation Committee members not being available to volunteer.

The October 15, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Cranna and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The bills for Abstract #6 (212-258) in the amount of \$78,812.83 were approved to be paid on a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion made by Deputy Mayor Cranna and seconded by Trustee Staffiero.

The ZEO Activity Report dated November 17, 2008 was reported (see attached) by Trustee Ezrati. The report was submitted by CEO Steven Buso.

Mayor Cordier reported the following:

- 1) Joel Griffith, Painter Laureate of Tivoli presented information on the Tivoli United Craft Fair to be held on December 6th and 7th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Lasher Garage on Montgomery Street in Tivoli. Tivoli United is a group of local artists and craftspeople who held their first fair last year, which was a great success. There will be hot food catered by Luna 61.

- 2) Fire Chief Robert Staffiero made a presentation to the Board about the Fire Department and Rescue Company's need for new radios. He showed the Board the old radios, which he estimated were at least 15 years old. Some of the old radios don't operate and the ones that do are not on the same channels. Rescue Captain Cheryl Hildebrandt has a newer one, but if she has to communicate with other EMT's she has to physically find them at the scene to talk to them. Trustee Ezrati questioned whether we had bought radios in the past two years and Chief Staffiero replied that pagers had been leased, but not radios. Chief Staffiero then explained that often the first firefighter to go into a structure fire has to have a working radio, according to OSHA recommendations. The other Officers following should have working radios but often don't, or they are on different channels, creating a safety hazard for the firefighters. Mayor Cordier asked the price of the radios and if three bids had been obtained as per Tivoli's procurement laws. Chief Staffiero does have three quotes and will forward them to the Board. Chief Staffiero noted that the second highest bid was actually the most cost effective as that company, Pittsfield Communications Systems Inc., were including the microphone component on the radios as part of the bid package, while the other companies did not.
- 3) Scott Brandt from the Hudson Valley Mens Softball League presented a plaque that reads "In Grateful Appreciation to the Village of Tivoli Hudson Valley Men's Softball League – 2008 - . He then presented a donation check in the amount of \$150.00 to go to the Park fund. He went on to thank the Board and the Village for hosting his league. The league had a large amount of members this year and Scott Brandt thanked the Clerk for letting them extend their season because of the increase of members and teams. Deputy Cranna told Scott Brandt that it was a pleasure to have the league and thanked Scott Brandt for their offer to help with the upkeep of the park. Scott Brandt then said he had bought new softball equipment that the other leagues who utilize the field are welcome to use that equipment. Trustee Ezrati remarked that she liked to hear the cheering of the players on summertime evenings and was glad the league played in Tivoli. Mayor Cordier asked Scott Brandt if he had had a concession stand and Scott replied that they had but the stand was not always there. Mayor Cordier remarked that the Village should work on getting a concession stand.
- 4) Mayor Cordier brought up The recent Rental/Landlord Committee meeting hosted by Deputy Mayor Cranna held on November 5th at the Village Hall. The Mayor looked into the Plattsburgh Noise ordinance and trying to obtain a copy of it. Their ordinance provides for a \$500.00 fine for excessive noise. The Mayor said he has called various officials of that city but has not had success with obtaining a copy of the law. The Mayor said the police are on top of issues in the Village. There have been arrests for underage drinking and it has been found that most of them are not Village of Tivoli residents. The Mayor mentioned that the County Legislature passed a Social Host law which holds a renter or owner liable if they knowingly serve minors alcohol. The local police will start upholding that law. Deputy Mayor Cranna

mentioned that he is working on a packet of local and county laws that pertain to noise, mass gatherings, property maintenance, and the aforementioned Social Host Law and will reduce them to a “thumbnail sketch” for Landlords to give to their tenants. They should be ready in a week or so. Mayor Cordier then said that the Code Enforcement Office will be inspecting the Village every two weeks for property maintenance violations and will submit bi-monthly reports. The Mayor then went on to say that the local police had noticed that the Black Swan Pub had erected a six foot fence on the side of Feroe Avenue, which hid their patio from view of the police. The Mayor then directed the Code Enforcement Officer to send them a violation notice, because the fence can be no higher than four feet next to a public street. Mayor Cordier pointed out that the costs for police and legal fees regarding enforcement of the Village Codes have been quite high. The Mayor then went on to say that noise complaints can be subjective, with some neighbors saying they don’t hear excessive noise and others saying that they do.

- 5) Cost Savings – Mayor Cordier cited a letter from the State Comptroller regarding the credit crunch for local governments. The Comptroller advised that local governments insure an adequate revenue stream and curtail spending. The Mayor asked the Trustees to curtail spending in their respective departments, especially the DPW. Mayor Cordier mentioned that local resident Robert Juliano evaluated the steam heating system at the village Hall and made recommendations to improve the efficiency of the radiators by tilting them and replacing valves, which he will provide at cost. Moreover, he did not charge for his consulting. Mayor Cordier realized that the basement windows had no storm windows so had the DPW put plastic over them to improve heat retention. The Mayor and DPW Superintendent recently went through an unused water treatment plant and will contact other municipalities to see if they can use the equipment since there is no point to keeping that building heated. The Mayor also attended a conference on shared services at the FDR Library. All three municipalities were there along with the school district. There were many ideas exchanged and they will meet again to discuss reducing costs.
- 6) Waste Management – Mayor Cordier remarked that he and the Clerk had put together a letter to Waste Management to insist they cease coming into the Village before 7:00 am. The chief complaint had been that they emptied the dumpsters at the restaurants very early, creating a loud racket. The owners had told Waste Management but Waste Management ignored their complaints. Since Waste Management received the letter they have now been coming in to the Village much later, usually at mid-morning.
- 7) **PANDA** – Kate Braun has been the Village liaison to PANDA. She is resigning because she will be gone for most of the winter and the station has gone very “high tech”, and she felt someone with more technical knowledge would be more effective in that role. The Mayor thanked her for her service, especially during the previous two years during the controversies at PANDA.
- 8) The Mayor mentioned that he had gone down to the waterfront and noticed two SUV’s parked on the west side of tracks and there were men throwing

bluestone into the back of the vehicles. The Mayor called the police but by the time they came the two SUV's had left. The Mayor wondered if this kind of activity had contributed to the erosion along the banks.

- 9) The Water Tower – a resident recommended that the Village solve the vandalism problem by installing a motion detector about 40' up that would emit sound and lights. Trustee Leedy wondered how loud, since his house borders the park near the tower. The Mayor said a fence would be very unattractive and not in keeping with the character of the park.
- 10) The next meeting will be December 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm (workshop 6:00 pm) at Historic Watts dePeyster Hall.

Deputy Mayor Cranna reported the following:

- 1) Deputy Cranna announced that the Tivoli Day 2009 will be on June 20 next year. Deputy Mayor Cranna informed Mary Kay of Dutchess County Tourism that there will be a parade, fireworks, and a race dedicated to a local resident. The Committee is looking for local Hudson Valley Vendors for Tivoli day. They are also hoping to find a Native American display. Deputy Cranna said he would have a Tivoli Day 2009 Committee meeting at least once per month and more often as the big day approaches.
- 2) Deputy Mayor Cranna spoke about hosting a recent forum October 23rd at the Village Hall on drug use. It was eye opening and alarming. The Sheriff's office was on hand to tell parents and residents how to recognize the signs of illegal drug use. There will be part two of this forum to be scheduled with the School District, Sheriff's Department and Red Hook Village Police.
- 3) Deputy Cranna said that The Recreation Committee is still looking for a chairperson.
- 4) There was a dinner that Trustee Leedy and Deputy Mayor Cranna attended hosted by the Economic Development Council held last week. There was a big turnout.

Trustee Staffiero reported the following:

- 1) There were 33 Fire Department calls in September. There were 36 in October.
- 2) Trustee Staffiero reminded residents that now the heating season has begun to check chimneys, furnaces, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and space detectors on the proper operation of these items. Deputy Mayor Cranna asked Chief Staffiero if he would perhaps come speak at Provoost Park about the same issue, and also the safe use of extension cords.

Trustee Leedy reported the following:

- 1) Trustee Leedy reported the well output for October. There were two water main breaks on Broadway in October, both repaired in a timely manner.
- 2) Trustee Leedy reported that the Village of Tivoli DPW now picks up the garbage without Red Hook participating and reports that there are no problems so far.
- 3) Trustee Leedy has an interview scheduled Friday November 21, 2008 for the Acting Justice Position. Mayor Cordier and hopefully Justice Clarke will be there for the interview also.
- 4) The Mayor announced that there is new water piping on Washburn so there won't be anymore breaks and there are three new hydrants on Montgomery Street.

Trustee Ezrati reported the following:

- 1) The Account with RBC Wealth Management is established. A voucher was signed to Asset Manager to send checks to the three retirees and they should be out by next week.
- 2) The Date for Streetpainting 2009 will be September 26, 2009. The date was set back by a week so it wouldn't interfere with the opening of the Poughkeepsie Railway Pedestrian Bridge set to open the first weekend of October 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Queen
Village Clerk