

REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on January 21, 2009 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Called to order at 7:05pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Cordier, Trustees Staffiero and Leedy.

Absent: Deputy Mayor Cranna and Trustee Ezrati

Public: Dan Goldman (P.A.N.D.A.), Christine Chale, Attorney.

The Clerk reported the following:

- 1) The General Election will be held March 18th. The Clerk reminded everyone that Independent Nominating Petitions are to be turned over to the Clerk no later than February 10th, 2009.
- 2) Since Election Day falls on a meeting day the Board agreed to hold the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on March 25, 2009.

The December 16, 2008 Minutes of Tivoli Fire Company Directors Meeting with the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees were approved on a motion made by Trustee Staffiero and seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

The December 17, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

Abstract: The bills for Abstract #8 (308-355) in the amount of \$74,112.18 were approved to be paid on a motion by Trustee Staffiero, seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

Motion to accept abstract change on abstract #2 and #6 was approved on a motion made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion made by Trustee Staffiero and seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

Motion made to approve pre-payment to Crawford & Associates and Merritt Construction for the Washburn/Montgomery project was made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

The ZEO Activity Report dated January 19, 2009 and Year End Activity report was reported (see attached) by Trustee Leedy. The report was submitted by CEO Steven Buso.

Mayor Cordier reported the following:

- 1) The Village of Tivoli Insurers, NYMIR, had their adjustors and engineers inspect the damage to the sewer treatment aeration tank from the ice storm on 12/12/08. NYMIR will cover removal and replacement costs. They will not cover tie-down straps, which should not be costly. The total cost could be between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00. FEMA is not supporting emergency status of Columbia and Dutchess County. Assemblymen, Congressman, and Senators are trying to have that decision reversed. The Mayor thanked the Board and Jim Simmons for helping out. FLACH Industries stabilized the tank within a week and in the spring the tank will be removed and replaced. The Crawford Proposal for engineering services at a cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000 was passed on a motion made by Trustee Staffiero, seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.
- 2) **RESOLUTION 1-2009: To oppose elimination of Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Hudson River Valley Greenway Heritage Conservancy** approved on a motion made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.
- 3) **RESOLUTION 2-2009: To approve the appointment of Gabrielle Green as Deputy Clerk** approved on a motion made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.
- 4) Village Trail – the Mayor with the Town and Village of Red Hook and Bard College to discuss the “Village to Village Trail” which will start in Red Hook, go to Bard College, and continue to on Ward Manor behind the Performing Arts Center. There will be another meeting next month to discuss the trail.
- 5) Park Donation – A sizeable donation was made to the Park for a croquet area. This will cover drainage east of the water tower where there had been a skating rink. The Mayor asked if there were any contractors willing to donate some time to do any necessary excavation.
- 6) Refinance of Bond Anticipation Note – Grant writer Victor Cornelius of Endeavor, Inc. is working with the Environmental Facilities Corporation to refinance the above. The Village has been refinancing yearly, incurring refinancing costs each time. This would be a long term refinance.
- 7) Recycling – Ulster Resource and Recovery has notified the Village, along with Royal Sanitation, that recycling costs will rise because the of the poor economy the market is flooded with recyclables. This will not be a major increase.
- 8) PANDA Representative – Kate Braun resigned some months ago and Kathy O’Connor was interviewed to fill the vacancy. Ms. O’Connor will start a project interviewing older residents for their memories of what life was like in Tivoli in the 1930’s. A motion was made to appoint Kathy O’Connor PANDA representative by Trustee Staffiero and seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.
- 9) White Clay Kill Dam – There was a dam on the White Clay Kill near the bridge that was destroyed in the 1960’s. The Tivoli Fire Department is interested in re-building the dam for an extra water source in the event of a major fire. Should there be a major fire at the present time, the fire

Department estimates the water tower would be emptied within half an hour, leaving the Department without a further source to fight a fire.

- 10) **RESOLUTION 3-2009: Approval of Town of Red Hook Fire Protection District Fire Service Agreement – Village of Tivoli** was passed on a motion made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

Trustee Staffiero reported the following:

- 1) There was an ice rescue fire drill held on Sunday January 18.

Trustee Leedy reported the following:

- 1) Trustee Leedy thanked Kevin Van Wagner, who left for other employment, for his service to the village.
- 2) Trustee Leedy read the well output report for December.
- 3) Trustee Leedy read the Justice Report for December.
- 4) There was a water main break on 12/3/08 on the corner of Lothrop and Greentree.
- 5) During the power outage on 12/12/08 the well and sewer pumps were run with a generator.

The Mayor thanked the absent Trustee Ezrati for her work on LOSAP. She will bring LOSAP investor David Rogers of the Royal Canadian Bank to give a presentation at the next meeting. Trustee Ezrati has also just been appointed to the Community Preservation Fund as Co-Chair. She will also work on Bulk Regulations changes next month. She received a grant for \$1200.00 from the Dutchess Arts Council for this year's Street Painting Festival.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm (workshop 6:00 pm) at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall.

On a motion made by Trustee Staffiero and seconded by Trustee Leedy the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Queen
Village Clerk