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REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on March 19, 2009 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public: Fire Chief Bobby Staffiero, Fred Cartier of PANDA, Daryl Juliano, Jeff Scales, Barbara Eichin, Tim Voell, Danielle DeBellis, Peter Mauney, Laura Gail Tyler.

Clerk's Report:

The Elections were held on March 18, 2009 with 233 votes cast. Mayor Cordier, and Trustee Ezrati were re-elected to two year terms. Trustee Staffiero declined to run. Vincent C. Manna was elected to a two year term. Write in Candidate for Mayor Tim Voell received 50 votes. Write in candidate for Trustee Danielle DeBellis received 28 votes. Write in candidate Karin Cleaveland received 11 votes and various other people received between 1 – 5 write in votes. The Board thanked the clerk for putting in long hours and for her presence of mind when the voting machine ran out of paper and she then switched to emergency paper ballots, and everyone there got to vote.

The Clerk announced that the total amount of water bills for March 1st were \$54,820.48.

The Mayor announced that the Re-organization meeting will be held April 29, 2009.

The Red Church will have their wine and cheese reception on the third floor of the Village Hall on April 22nd at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

The Annual Fire Department Dinner will be held April 4th.

The January 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion made by Deputy Mayor Cranna and seconded by Trustee Staffiero, all in favor.

The February 18, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion made by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cranna, all in favor.

Abstract: The bills for Abstract #10 in the amount of \$29,421.19 were accepted with a correction to be made in the amount of \$375.00 and a prepayment to CSX Real Property for the down payment on the purchase agreement on the riverfront land was approved on a motion made by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion made by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cranna, all in favor.

The Budget Modifications were accepted on a motion made by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Trustee Leedy, all in favor.

The ZEO Activity report dated February 18 – March 19, 2009 was reported by Trustee Ezrati. The report was submitted by CEO Steven Buso. 4 Pine Street was still in Violation (Trustee Ezrati stated 4 Pine was owned by Mayor Cordier). Mayor Cordier announced that as of March 14th it was no longer in violation as the resident had moved. The resident will apply for the necessary permits to have a business at 4 Pine St. A Property Maintenance Violation was issued to 2 Woods Road (Trustee Ezrati stated 2 Woods Rd. was owned by Deputy Mayor Cranna). Deputy Mayor Cranna remedied the violation by having the Tivoli DPW pick up debris left on his driveway for some time, and paid for the removal as per village policy.

The Mayor reported the following:

1. There is a quadracentennial celebration on October 3rd to celebrate the opening of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge walkway. A delegation from Tivoli was invited to participate. The Village may commission local artists to make signs depicting how Tivoli used to look for this event.
2. The Mayor will raise the Quadracentennial flag at the Firehouse Sunday March 22, 2009 should anyone wish to attend.
3. The Tivoli Free Library received four stars from America's Star Libraries. Tivoli Free Library is the only one in Dutchess County to receive this award, based on Michelin ratings. The DEC will have a special event on Earth day at the Visitor's Center.
4. Riverfront update – the Mayor stated he wanted to clear up confusion about the riverfront project. Five years ago the DEC, Dept. of Fisheries, Department of State, and the Army Corps. Of Engineers came up with a plan. This plan is almost completed. Because of economy there are no plans to develop at this time. They will mostly pick up garbage and maintain shrubs. That is the plan for now, until grants open up. Will encourage public to attend any meetings regarding engineering projects. For construction the land must be owned, and the State Office of General Services owns area of bulkhead, will give to Tivoli for \$1.00 if the purchase is earmarked for the park. Grants are matching for the park. The Engineers and attorney are owed \$75,000.00 for the work done over the past two years, they have accepted to wait for that as part of the appraised value of land is \$250,000. If we don't purchase the land we can't get grants and we will be in the hole for \$75,000.00. There is a concern that a fence will go up. The fence will not go up until construction commences. Our grant writer, Endeavor, is saying the State and Federal governments are not interested in funding parks at this time. If we get money it will be for water infrastructure, new water tower, additional wells. Opportunity to rent or buy land on West Kerley Corners Road on the aquifer may happen. The Mayor reiterated no fence will go up.

5. The DOT did a traffic study on 9G and Cty. Rte. 78 after a recent fatality and petition sent by Villagers to Assemblyman Molinaro. The DOT does think the corner warrants a traffic light, that it will cause rear end collisions. They will install larger stop signs, although they won't lower speed limit.
6. LOSAP – 22 Firefighters earned 50 points to earn \$500.00 on the deferred contribution plan. Red Hook will pay 60% to us, Tivoli pays 40%. Motion made to accept list by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Leedy. Roll call commenced with all voting in favor with the exception of Trustee Staffiero, who recused himself.
7. Sewer Plant update – Secondary tank damage from Ice storm still unrepaired, engineers not ready with bids. There is \$20,000.00 in budget to pay for costs not covered by insurance including excavation. Although FEMA declared some upstate counties disaster areas, Dutchess was not included.
8. Outgoing Trustee Staffiero – Trustee Ezrati cited Trustee Staffiero's exemplary service to the Village, he served well, with clarity and purpose. The Mayor thanked Trustee Staffiero for his work negotiating with the labor union negotiations which were intense, came up with a fair contract and Trustee Staffiero should have the most credit for that. Trustee Staffiero stated hit was his pleasure to serve for fourteen years, going to take a break and may be back in our hair.

Deputy Mayor Cranna reported the following:

1. He will hold a Landlord Committee meeting on April 14, 2009 on the third floor of the Village Hall and present a thumbnail sketch of the Village and State codes to highlight for people renting for the first time.
2. Recreation Committee – Easter event will be held at the firehouse on either 4/4 or 4/5 depending on availability. Chief will check with Directors.
3. On April 18th a Park Clean-up will take place, if anyone is interested in volunteering.
4. Merry-go-round: The clerk asked Deputy Mayor Cranna if she should remind the DPW to remove the above equipment, since the Deputy Mayor directed that it be removed last fall. It is still there.

Trustee Staffiero reported the following:

1. There were 26 Fire calls in February.
2. Residents should use 911 signs as their house numbers – 3” gold, available at Dutchess Signs.
3. Fire Department first pancake breakfast is March 29, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at a cost of \$6.00 per person.

Trustee Leedy reported the following:

1. Well output report.
2. Water main break on February 6th on Rte. 9G – commended DPW for going out late at night in sub zero weather.
3. Relayed Justice Report.
4. Solid waste pick up going well.

Trustee Ezrati reported the following:

1. Streetpainting Festival set for September 26.
2. Tivoli School having a reunion April 25 from 11:00 am to 12:00 am. PANDA will film and interview former students to make a two hour film.

Public Comment:

Laura Gial Tyler asked Trustee Ezrati about plans for training for Planning and Zoning Board member training classes. Susan said she didn't have information. Mayor Cordier will look into Cornell or Pace. Dutchess County used to provide training. No long has funding.

Tim Voell – Congratulation Mayor Cordier and Trustees on the election and asked what is the liability for the Village if there is an accident at the riverfront. Mayor Cordier replied NYMIR will insure through the Village's agent, Fraleigh & Rakow. One million dollars liability will cost the village \$360.00 yearly.

Peter Mauney – Said State Troopers speed at a disturbing rate on Montgomery St., not using emergency lights or sirens. Two troopers going through town last night but sedan going up and down street.

Trustee Leedy said he would call the local barracks and make inquiries.

Jeff Scales – Congratulated the Mayor and Trustee Ezrati on their re-election, thanked the Mayor for the details on the riverfront. Asked about issue of grants – Are we using general funds?

Mayor Cordier – replied no.

Barbara Eichin – when after 10% of purchase offer will purchase be made?

Mayor Cordier – within a year purchase has to be made.

Jeff Scales – Re: waterfront, will committee meet soon.

Trustee Ezrati – will start as soon as possible.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any other comments:

Clerk Laura Queen – This is my last meeting. I have resigned this morning because I feel the private sector is best for myself and my family. I would like to thank my friends and family and co-workers who supported me and my family this past year. To the Board, inasmuch as American values are based on human dignity, it is my hope that this Board will govern with compassion, respect and honor to the citizens of this village in the future.

The next meeting will be held April 15, 2009, preceded by the Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 pm (workshop 6:00) at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall.

On a motion made by Trustee Staffiero and seconded by Trustee Leedy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Queen
Village Clerk