

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2009**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on May 20, 2009 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Mayor Cordier called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor Cordier, Deputy Mayor Cranna, Trustees Ezrati, Leedy and Manna.

Public: Fire Chief Bobby Staffiero, Christine Chale, Village Attorney, Fred Cartier of PANDA, Peter Herman and Glenn Baker.

The Mayor asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Mayor presented the minutes for of the April 15, 2009 Board Meeting. Trustee Cranna moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Leedy seconded the motion. After a brief review of the minutes, the mayor called for a vote. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote. The Mayor noted that a Board Meeting also occurred during the Village Re-Organization Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The minutes of this meeting were presented. Trustee Leedy moved for approval. Trustee Manna seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Clerk's Report: The Mayor and Clerk met with an official from the 2010 Census recently. An informational letter about the Census process will be included in the June water bills.

Deputy Mayor Cranna announced that Tivoli Community Day will be held on August 1, 2009, not June 20. There will be a pie contest and the Fire Department and Masons will be food vendors. Donations raised that day will be used to fund future recreation projects. The Sidewalk Painting Festival will take place on September 26, 2009.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Mayor and was accepted by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cranna, all in favor. The Report by Fund was not accepted as presented. The Cash Balance Report was not available.

Trustee Ezrati presented the Zoning Administration/Building Inspector Report. Three building permits were issued by Steve Cole and/or Bob Fennell of the Red Hook Zoning Office. Trustee Ezrati noted that she is pleased with the completeness of the reports.

Mayor Cordier then proceeded to the regular business of the Board.

Mayor Cordier presented Resolution #8-2009, which calls for the Establishment of Unpaid Water/Sewer Rent Liens to be levied onto 2009 Village taxes. Trustee Leedy moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Ezrati seconded the resolution. Discussion followed. The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Trustees.

Mayor Cordier presented Resolution #9-2009, which calls Authorizes the Village of Tivoli to Execute an Agreement for Sedore and Company to serve as Independent Auditors for the Village for the Montgomery Street Reconstruction Project. Trustee Ezrati moved that the resolution be approved. Deputy Mayor Cranna seconded the resolution. Discussion followed. The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Trustees.

Mayor Cordier presented Resolution #10-2009, which calls for the requalification of the Community Development Block Grant Program participation for 2009/2010. The mayor noted that the Village was involved with the program in the past. Deputy Mayor Cranna moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Leedy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Trustees.

Mayor Cordier presented the 2009/2010 Tax Warrant (\$420,315 - \$417,315.45 taxes, \$2999.55 liens) for the Collection of Real Property Taxes. Trustee Leedy moved for approval. Trustee Ezrati seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Cordier presented the following:

Fuel oil bids were considered from Kosco and Bottini. Kosco sent a bid for heating oil and propane for heating and cooking. Bottini sent bids for heating oil, and diesel fuel. Bottini did not provide a bid for propane. Kosco had more complete bid combined with excellent service and won the bid. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Cranna and seconded by Trustee Manna, Kosco was approved as the heating oil and propane supplier to the Village of Tivoli for 2009/2010.

Inspection bids were considered for the Water Tower from Underwater Solutions and Preferred Tank. Preferred Tank has a robot that is placed inside the tank and retrieves data. Underwater Solutions uses three divers to inspect the inside of the tank. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Underwater Solutions would provide a more thorough inspection. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Cranna and seconded by Trustee Leedy, Underwater Solutions was approved to inspect the Water Tower.

Zoning and Building Inspectors (Steve Cole and Bob Fennell) Update:

- Computerized public notices generated from a computer program – the process is done in minutes vs. hours, locates adjoining addresses and prints labels
- Prior concern regarding the access residents have to inspectors was addressed
Inspectors are available:
Tivoli: Monday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Red Hook: Monday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Application process is good – steps are explained and followed – all forms are available in Red Hook in a display stand – Tivoli will soon have the same system in place.
- Many tasks will be performed online including reminders of outstanding building permits

Deputy Mayor Cranna reported the following:

- Landlord/rental Guidelines have been completed and are available and will be posted on the website and will be hand delivered to rental properties in the village. Highlighted items are: winter parking rules, removal of large trash items and the mass gathering ordinance
- Met with Bard College personnel (Dean of Students & Emergency Staff) for public forum – Fischer Center tour of emergency exits- well represented by Tivoli Emergency personnel
- Ball field net raised 20' higher along the third baseline by Central Hudson crew in response to concern from neighbors that it was not high enough to keep balls out of their yard
- Merry-go-round was removed from the park – it is an outdated piece of equipment

Trustee Manna reported the following:

- Park safety inspections are being conducted
- Fire hydrant maintenance is in progress

Trustee Leedy reported the following:

- Letter explaining the water/sewer increase will be included with the next billing statement
- 2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report will also be included in the next billing statement – no violations noted in water quality – the report also contains water conservation ideas
- Well Report
- Justice Report - The renovations on the doors in the courtroom are now completed. There are plexi-glass windows and a opening for drop-off payments

Trustee Ezrati reported the following

- Met with the LOSAP Joint Board which consists of Trustee Ezarati, Tom Crisci, Rose Rider, Sue Crane, Bucky Coon and Sean Ball to review program costs and effectiveness of program
- There are 31 eligible firefighters in Tivoli – four young people who passed certain tests and are now 18 years old which makes them able to participate in drills
- 24 Firefighters earning 50 pts or more in 2008
- Fire Department Chief Robert Staffiero reported that one EMT finishing school this month and Red Hook Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10:00am – Tivoli will be represented by the Fire Company
- Architectural Review Committee met this week – Michelle Grieg helping to convert the committee's regulations into laws

Public Comments:

Pete Herman stated that The Hudson Valley Softball League is more competitive than others that play at the park and voiced concerns about baseballs that are being hit into his yard. It was noted that the net that was raised 20' feet along the third base line as part of an ongoing effort to alleviate these concerns.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Cranna, seconded by Trustee Leedy.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gonnella
Village Clerk