

Stillwater Town Board
March 4, 2010 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall

Present: **Councilman Artie Baker**
 Councilman Ken Petronis
 Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
 Councilwoman Virginia Whitman
 Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Also Present: **Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk**
 Mark Minick, Supt of Highways
 James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
 Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town
 Ray Abbey, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Communications: None

Adoption of Minutes: There was no Agenda Meeting in February

Reports (Town Board & Dept. Heads)

Councilwoman Whitman

Sales tax: Councilwoman Whitman stated that sales tax revenues are down and she has concerns.

Mechanicville Water Rate: Councilwoman Whitman inquired if a rate for water with Mechanicville has been agreed on yet.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that to date nothing has been agreed on but he has been discussing this issue with Mechanicville officials and have agreed on a rate increase of twenty cents per 100 cubic feet for the next two years.

Clean-up Days: Councilwoman Whitman suggested May 15th and November 5th for the annual clean-up days.

After discussion the consensus was to contact County Waste and Highway Dept schedule to agree on a mutual date.

Councilwoman Bruno

Police Report: Councilwoman Bruno read the Police Report for February 2010.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that the hiring of an alternate police officer has been approved. The conditional approval met the approval of the Town Board after further information was provided.

Court report: Councilwoman Bruno read the Court Report for February 2010.

Community Center: Councilwoman Bruno gave a brief report on the comedy night held at the Community Center recently and also stated that they are still waiting on financial information.

Elder Care: Councilwoman Bruno read the Elder Care report for January and February.

Library: Councilwoman Bruno reported that the library will be holding committee meetings to discuss the future of the Library regarding the direction the library is going and expansion.

Supervisor Kinowski

Engineers Report: Supervisor Kinowski requested that the Engineer supply only two reports for people to review.

Planning Board: Supervisor Kinowski reported that the Planning Board has completed their review of the recommended changes to the Mobile Home Ordinance, Non-Conforming Use and the Jib Drive PDD and they have made their recommendation to the Town Board. Supervisor Kinowski requested that the Town Board review the recommendations prior to the next meeting.

Water/Mechanicville: Supervisor Kinowski spoke on the new rate agreed between Stillwater and Mechanicville.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to accept the rate of \$4.20 per 100 cubic ft. of water and have a Resolution for the next meeting accepting the new rate. **Motion carried.**

Budget: Supervisor Kinowski stated that his goal is to have budget workshops with department heads.

Shared Service Grant: Supervisor Kinowski gave a brief update on the shared service grant. He stated that they are looking at the best route to go, no discussion held or direction to go has been made. Once a decision has been made the Town board will bring it to the public.

Member Items: Supervisor Kinowski spoke on submitting a request for a member item to Senator McDonalds Office. He asked the Board to submit any request to him then the Town Board could prioritize any request and submit the request to the Senator.

Scott Murphy: Supervisor Kinowski stated that Congressman Murphy will be here at the Town Hall on March 30th for a meet & greet with residents.

Town ordinance: Supervisor Kinowski stated that a resident requested that the snowmobile ordinance be updated.

Supt Minick stated that there is a section in the Highway manual regarding routes.

A brief discussion was held.

Supt Minick will look further into this.

Fire Dept/Car Show: Supervisor Kinowski stated that a request from the Village Fire Dept has been made in regard to sponsoring a plaque at their annual car show for a cost of \$35.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Petronis to sponsor the Village Fire Dept annual car show. **Motion carried.**

Village Easements: Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Village is looking for easements for their waterline connection to the County water system but he would like to wait for an update on the shared services prior to granting any easements.

Sex Offender Law: Supervisor Kinowski stated that he has met with the school superintendent regarding a possible sex offender law. He requested that Attorney Trainor review this.

Jib Drive: Supervisor Kinowski commented on the Jib Dr. PDD regarding sidewalks and asked the board to review and consider the possibility of eliminating sidewalks from the plan.

Health Board: Supervisor Kinowski gave a brief overview of the Health Board and its members.

Senator Roy McDonald: Supervisor Kinowski reported that Senator McDonald would be holding a public hearing on the State's budget to give residents a chance to voice their opinions. The public hearing would be held on March 6th at the wood Elementary School in Ballston Spa.

Councilman Petronis

Purple Pinkie program: Councilman Petronis reported that he participated in Purple Pinkie Day held in the elementary school. The program was to raise money to help stamp out polio. The program was sponsored by the rotary club and they raised over \$500.

Farmers Market: Councilman Petronis brought up a suggestion made by the Town Clerk's Office in regard to having a farmers market during the summer.

Sue Cunningham stated that she would research more on this.

The consensus of the Town Board was favorable and suggestions on where to research were given.

Supt of Highways (Mark Minick)

Water Meters: Supt Minick reported that water meters would be read starting March 15th.

Sewer: Supt Minick stated that he would like to see the sewer business passed on to the county. Discussion was held.

Sec 284: Supt Minick stated that he needed a Resolution for the next business meeting.

Advocacy Day: Supt Minick stated that there was going to be an Advocacy Day in Albany regarding the CHIPS program. He stated that Highway Superintendents are looking into increasing the funds in the program.

Councilwoman Whitman inquired on the status of the new water meters.

Supt Minick stated that the new water meters would all be in this year.

Councilwoman Bruno thanked a highway employee for helping a resident with a water problem.

911 Administrator (Drew Walts)

Drew Walts gave a brief update on the 911 address renumbering of Route 4 & 32 that will start very soon. Drew Walts and the Village 911 coordinator will soon go door to door along the Route 4 & 32 corridor and hand deliver packets that will contain an informational letter that will contain the home owners old number, their new number and what entities the 911 task force will contact on behalf of the residents.

Discussion was held on enforcement and notification.

Attorney Trainor (James P Trainor)

Litigation: Attorney Trainor gave a brief update on the Carriero and VanAmburgh litigation.

Tax Assessment: Attorney Trainor reported that they would be meeting on March 22nd regarding this matter.

CSR: Attorney Trainor stated that one more property has been acquired and there are two left to acquire.

Public Input

Mike C. inquired about renting the Boilerhouse property and commented on the water issue being confusing.

Supervisor Kinowski stated they need to look into the Boilerhouse issue because it is covered a grant that was received. He gave a brief overview of the water issue with the Village and stated that the bottom line is what the cost will be to the residents.

Terry S. commented that she was against sidewalks in developments, complimented the professionalism of the new secretary and uses of the Boilerhouse properties.

Harold W. reporter for The Express stated that he would make sure the 911 renumbering letter was in the paper to inform the people.

Art F. inquired on difference of a fruit stand vs. a farmers market and commented on the work of windmills going to China.

It was noted that a fruit stand is basically fruit whereas a farmers market is a combination of many homemade items.

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman to pay the audited claims.

General	#95--#118	\$15,021.14
Highway	#45--#55	\$9,745.94
Town Outside	#49--#96	\$27,737.57
Water & Sewer	#11--#13	\$882.27
Capital Projects (CSR & Boilerhouse)	#21--#25	\$61,644.69

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session at 8:35 PM for litigation purposes. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk