

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2011

Present:

Charlotte Ramsay, Mayor
Mary Ann Ashley, Trustee
Sally Noble, Village Clerk
Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney

Sylvia M. Kingston, Trustee
Joseph Frank, Trustee
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent

Absent: Jesse Coburn, Trustee

Alan Mulkin, Police Chief

Public Hearings – Community Bank sign variance request – The Mayor opened the hearing at 6:55 PM. Mr. Crosley of Northeastern Signs was present to answer any questions. There would be one sign on each awning over the two windows at 80 East Main Street rather than one large awning. The Mayor closed the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Open Bids - None

7:00 PM – The Mayor called the meeting to order. The following changes/additions were made to the agenda:

3b. E.J. Noble annexation ribbon cutting

6k. Pam Mahoney - chickens

6l. NYSUT request to use the park

6m. Set special meeting – 4/21/11 at 3:45

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Minutes – Trustee Ashley made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 29 and April 4, 2011 meetings. Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: – Trustee Frank made a motion to accept the department head reports as submitted. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Village Supt. Report (DPW, Water & Sewer) – A written report was submitted. Brien mentioned that John Pinckney was not able to be here tonight. He will be here for our May meeting. Elia Filippi has submitted a letter approving of the project. Elia would like to be included in the planning. Brien has asked John to provide engineer stamped plans. John is working with Mike Christy of Tisdell Associates on the plans.

Bonnie Jacobs, Joseph Furnia, William Hayes and Robert Brothers are currently working at the Golf Course. Bob Harrington and Leo Sullivan will be added as needed. After committee review Mike Cady is recommended for a new hire this year.

Energy Savings Plan contracts with National Grid for the Fire Department and Sewer plant have been prepared for approval. The estimated annual savings for the Fire Dept is \$2,374.95 with an estimated payback period of 20 months. The savings for the Sewer plant is \$623.34 with an estimated payback period of 29 months. The estimated cost to the Village would be \$3,906.17 for the Fire Station and \$1,525.76 for the Sewer plant. The pavilion is going to be looked at next week for energy savings.

Code Enforcement Report – A written report was submitted. CEO, Rusty Lawrence reported that he is working on the demolition specifications with Attorney Ducharme for 3-5 Gouverneur Street and 26 Gouverneur Street.

Code Compliance Technician – A written report was submitted. Not present.

Police Report – Chief Mulkin submitted his written report. Not present.

Village Attorney Report – Attorney Ducharme items are addressed throughout the agenda.

Recreation Director Report – A written report was submitted. John had nothing to add.

Assessor Report – A written report was submitted. Not present.

Historian Report – A written report was submitted. Not present.

Treasurer Report – A written report was submitted. Clerk Noble informed the Board we have received the ERRP reimbursement money today.

Director of Economic Development Report – A written report was submitted. Linda McQuinn said that attached to her report is information regarding the Brownsfield Pre-Nomination study. There will be a public informational meeting on June 2 in the Municipal Building at 6:00 PM.

Animal Control Officer Report – A written report was submitted. Not present.

Golf Course Manager – A written report was submitted by Kevin and Skip. Kevin was here. He had nothing to add.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Public Comments – There were no general comments.

E.J. Noble Ribbon Cutting – Trustee Ashley received an invitation to the ribbon cutting and open house at the E.J. Noble annex from the Canton-Potsdam Hospital Foundation on May 5 at 4:30 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board – minutes were submitted.

Recreation – The recreation committee items are included under new business

Street – The committee has distributed a proposed draft memo to the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce regarding their parking issue. When the committee met they discussed the rental of six spaces, one of them being close to the building, at \$1.50 per day times 5 days a week times 52 weeks per year times 6 spaces for a total of \$2,340 per year. Trustee Kingston asked if they have spoken to their landlords. It was agreed that after confirming that SLC Chamber have spoken to their landlords that they will be offered up to 6 spots at \$1.50/day per spot.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout's Planned Shelter – covered under Supt. Hallahan's report.

Discuss and take action on Community Bank sign variance – Trustee Kingston made a motion to grant the sign variance request from Community Bank. Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds – Trustee Kingston made a motion to authorize the payment of vouchers. Trustee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Appoint Partridge Run Golf Course Committee - Trustee Ashley made a motion to approve the following names for the Golf Course committee: David Curry, David Evans, Gerry Swalnick, Bob Christy, William Sutton, Charles Nash and Tom Frank. Mayor Ramsay said she is disappointed there are no women on the committee. She is going to work on that. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Kayak Proposal – The Mayor asked Trustee Ashley to explain the kayak proposal. Trustee Ashley explained she is proposing to purchase six kayaks, paddles and personal flotation devices with her Trustee salary. The Recreation committee met to discuss the preliminary details. Mayor Ramsay said she has spoken to Derek Hetu of McFadden, Dier and Leonard Insurance agency and he said that this activity would be covered under our blanket coverage. Attorney Ducharme spoke regarding liability for the Village. Attorney Ducharme and the Recreation committee will iron out the details.

Ice rate proposed increases – The suggested rate schedules were included with the Recreation Directors report. John Taillon said that the Town Board had approved the rate schedule today. Trustee Kingston suggested raising the Family Season skate pass to \$90.00 from \$45.00. After discussion Trustee Ashley made a motion to accept the rates with a small change from \$45 to \$50 for the family season pass. Motion fails for lack of a second. Trustee Kingston made a motion to accept the rates changing the family season pass from \$45 to \$60 per season. Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Arbor Day Proclamation – Trustee Frank made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Arbor Day Proclamation. Trustee Ashley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Approval of annual fire contracts –Trustee Ashley made a motion to approve the annual fire contracts. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Approve David Ragan to attend NYPA presentation on 5/4/11 – Trustee Frank made a motion to approve David Ragan's attendance at the NYPA presentation on 5/4/11. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Approve training for Chief Mulkin, 5/16 & 5/17 – Trustee Frank made a motion to approve the training request for Chief Mulkin. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Authorize unpaid water and sewer charges to be levied to Village taxes – Trustee Ashley made a motion to authorize unpaid water and sewer charges totaling \$76,174.48 and \$1,809.00 in trash removal fees to be levied to Village taxes.

Approval for the Annual Big Wheels Race/Block Dance and Car Show on June 3, 2011 and the Annual Dairy Princess Parade and Festival on June 4 – Trustee Ashley made a motion to approve the request regarding the Annual Big Wheels Race/Block Dance, Car Show and Dairy Princess Parade and Festival on June 3 and 4. Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Pam Mahoney request to raise chickens – Pam Mahoney of 68 Judson Street was present with her husband and children to request permission to raise 3 chickens, there will be no roosters. Her son Mark prepared posters to illustrate what the chicken coop will look like. They submitted written permission from the neighbors. Trustee Ashley made a motion to allow the Mahoney's to raise 3 chickens at 68 Judson Street. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. Trustee Frank wanted to make sure that the Mahoney's understood that if there are complaints then the permission will be revoked. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

NYSUT request to use park – Mayor Ramsay received a request by NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) to hold a rally on May 14 in the park. After discussion is was decided that Attorney Ducharme will contact the NYSUT attorney to discuss the liability waiver.

Set special meeting – Trustee Ashley made a motion to set a special meeting for 4/21 at 3:45 for the purpose of negotiations. Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

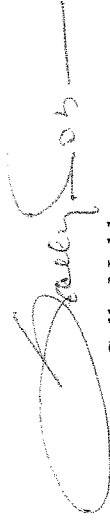
Trustee Frank made a motion to approve the energy improvement contracts with National Grid. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kingston. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Ashley made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:10 PM. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Ashley made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:30 PM. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Noble
Village Clerk