

WORKSESSION MEETING

JULY 25, 2011

The Board of Trustees held the Worksession Meeting of July 25, 2011 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty New York. Mayor Winters opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Winters, Trustee Joan Stoddard, Trustee Shirley Lindsley, and Trustee Luis Alvarez. Also Present: Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Shirley Lindsley and Trustee Corinne McGuire

ALSO PRESENT: Charles Barbuti Jr., Chief Robert Mir, Steven D'Agata, Elizabeth Montag and Scott Kinne.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

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CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Winters said the Village has received the following correspondence and it is available for review in the Clerk's Office:

INCOMING

- Notification from E. Kashan Re: Liquor License Renewal
- Notification from A. Bitjeman Re: Liquor License Renewal

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Public. There were no comments from the Public.

NEW BUSINESS: **CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #3-2011 – TAXICAB ORDINANCE**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss and possibly amend Chapter 75 of the Village Code regarding the Taxi Ordinance.

In summary this amendment would include the following:

1. Increase the taxi permit fee to \$400 (from \$200)
2. Establishes an unlimited number of Medicaid taxi permits and sets a \$300 fee.
3. Clarifies a general right of entitlement to renewal of taxi permits.
4. Makes findings why this extra type of permit is necessary.

CONSIDER FOUR-WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF LIBERTY STREET/WAWANDA AVENUE (CONSIDER LOCAL LAW)

The Board discussed this matter and said they would ask Attorney Chapman to draw up a proposed local law and they would at that time set a public hearing to discuss the matter.

CONSIDER SEWER CREDIT ON ACCOUNT #1-17420/MARTIN SCHUBACK/84 ACADEMY STREET

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried approving a sewer credit on Account #1-17400 based on the recommendation of the Water Department due to a leak in his basement. The Water Department verified that the house is unoccupied and the water did not go through the sewer system. The sewer credit will be \$10,814.41, which is based on a consumption of 1,691,300.

CONSIDER GOING OUT TO BID WITH TOWN OF LIBERTY FOR FUEL OIL, GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

RESOL. # 26-2011: Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried approving Resolution #26-2011.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty approves the joint fuel bid with the Town of Liberty, Town of Fallsburg, Town of Rockland and Village of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, this bid is for fuel oil, gasoline; and diesel fuel;

WHEREAS, the bid will cover the period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 and there will be a \$100 participation charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Liberty Board of Trustees authorizes participation in the Joint Municipal Fuel Bid.

CONSIDER MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF LIBERTY RE: JUSTICE COURT

The Board discussed the newest revisions from the Town of Liberty regarding the Municipal Cooperation Agreement regarding the Justice Court. They said Attorney Chapman should review the contract and changes so it can be approved at the next meeting.

The Board also discussed the monies that are collected by the court system that revert back to the Village, such as parking tickets and code enforcement issues. They said a letter should be sent to the Town Court (Judge Rourke/Judge Bauman) asking for a monthly reconciliation of monies due to the Village of Liberty.

**CONSIDER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ADJUSTMENT FOR OPENING FIRE
HYDRANT (BILLED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT)**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried to adjust the accounts receivable bill to the Liberty Fire Department for an incident on June 28 – 29th where a fire hydrant was opened. The original bill was for \$3,026.22, which included billing for 200,000 gallons of water at an outside rate. The Board waived the water portion of the bill making the amended bill \$1,426.22.

PUBLIC There were no comments from the Public.
COMMENT:

TRUSTEE Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Board.
REPORTS:
Trustee Alvarez – No Comment

Trustee Stoddard said on the auditor's advice she has reviewed and signed off on all the June Bank Statements for the Village of Liberty.

Mayor Winters said he met with Delaware Engineering regarding the Green Lane project and the cost savings could possibly be in the \$30,000 range (and not the \$80,000 originally hoped for) as some changes need to be made to the pump station.

EXECUTIVE Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and
SESSION: unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee in the Police Department.

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

AJOURN: Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:31 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER