

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 11, 2011**

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2011, at the Liberty Joint Fire District House, 256 Sprague Avenue, Liberty New York. Mayor Winters opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Winters, Trustee Joan Stoddard, Trustee Shirley Lindsley, Trustee Corinne McGuire and Trustee Luis Alvarez. Also Present: Langdon Chapman, Attorney for the Village and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Henrich Strauch, Daniel Ratner Sr., Todd Cook, Ian Cooperstein, Roger Horihan, Terry Ward, Jeremy Gorelick, Ron Stabak, Tim Hamblin, Camillo Riili, Peter Jones, Anthony Riente, Roger Cortese, Joanne Gerow (Dog Control Officer), Douglas Salamon (Monticello Police Chief), John Riegler, Steven Johnstone (Union Delicate NYS PBA), Joseph Barrett (Union President, State Police BCI), Jeffrey Miller, Lou Siegel, Steven D'Agata (Village of Liberty PBA President), Jack Strassman (School Administrator), Jack Tompkins, Daniel Buschman, Robert Mir (Village of Liberty Police Chief), James Farrell (SC District Attorney), Gary Siegel, Susan Huggler (President of LCS Aides Association), Joel Gandula, Brenden Pavese (Fallsburg Police), Sierra Boxberger, Daniel Parkhurst, Mark Moore, Harold Huggler, Nick Piatek, Adam Ramirez, Louie Petraglia, Mildred Daye, Pat D'Gata, Jerry Dietz, Myra Morse, Stacey Benton, Brian Bivins, John McPhillips, Walter Kapicic, Christine Lazar, Taylor Stoddard, Jasmine Howard, Joseph Lansing, Jordan Salanich, Anthony Dwortsy, Peter Parks, C. Dexter, Sheri Philpot, Arnold Bivins, William Cogswell, Michael McKeon, Edward LaGarde, Evelyn LaGarde, Chloe Ricco, Lynette Ricco, Deborah Kinne, Emily Kinne, Willie Killian, Maureen Barber, Clarence Barber, Tom Martin, Sue Martin, Joe Galli, Dan Wright, Summa Michael, Hartman Travis, C. Rosa, J.J. Palewin, Dylan Dainack, Robert Lyons, Hallie Ramirez, Deborah Manley, Jackie Griswold and many other residents of the community.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - MARCH 14, 2011 RE: CDBG**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

**REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 14, 2011**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

## ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 4, 2011

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

### INCOMING

- Letter from Sull. Cty Leg. Re: Liberty Pride Project 3/15/2011
- Letter from Sull. Cty. Re: Spring Litterpluck 4/4/2011
- Letter from NYSDEC Re: DEC case
- Letter from US Census Bureau Re: Info. 3/30/2011
- Letter from P. Meltzer Re: Yeshiva Ahavas 2/24/2011
- Letter from Catskill Artists Gallery Re: Sidewalks/Snow Removal 3/31/2011
- Letter from NYS DOH Re: Stipulation 3/17/2011

### OUTGOING

- Letter to NYSDEC RE: Correspondence 4/7/2011
- Letter to Dormitory Authority Re: Sidewalk Reimbursement 3/22/2011
- Letter to P. Dixon Re: Liberty CSD 3/25/11
- Letter to NYS Comptroller's Office Re: Village Court 3/29/2011

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Public.

#### Henrich Strauch - Liberty CDC

Henrich had no comment.

#### Ed Philpot - Our Way Car Service

Ed asked the Board about the progress on taxi medallions to be used strictly for Medicaid purposes.

Attorney Chapman presented the Board with a proposed Local Law to review. Once the Board reviews the proposed law they can set a Public Hearing if they choose to do so.

#### They following public comments were made in regard to the proposed 2011/2012 Village of Liberty Budget:

Todd Cook (85 Wawanda Avenue) said he has worked the overnight shift for eight years and he feels very secure in the fact that the Police Department has a three to five minute response time when called. He said if there were less cops on patrol he would be forced to switch shifts. He stated he pays for these services and would like to have them.

Ian Cooperstein (TOLVAC) spoke on behalf of TOLVAC and Albee Bochman (Mobile Medic). He said he has an increasing concern that the hotels and apartments in Liberty are not safe and the Liberty Police Department has aided TOLVAC 253 times in the last year. He said they would have to deny people care if the Police are not able to help.

Roger Horihan (Owner, Fast Tax 6 North Main Street/Grahamsville Resident) said he couldn't visualize Liberty without a Police force. He said everyday when he walks into work he sees a police car pass by. He stated everyday the Police Department suits up to take a bullet for us. He pleaded to keep the Police Force intact.

Terry Ward (President/CEO of Sullivan County Chamber and Callicoon Resident) said the Chamber is 570 members strong and speaking on behalf of them they do not feel laying off police officers in this economy is the right thing to do. She said that when interested business owners call the Chamber the three questions they ask are:

- ❖ How is the health care?
- ❖ What are the schools like?
- ❖ How safe is the area?

She said she would not even consider recommending Main Street Liberty without a strong Village Police presence. She said what will be saved in the budget will be lost in the long run.

Jeremy Gorelick (Sullivan County Chamber/Liberty Chamber) echoed what Terry Ward said. He said the Police Department do a lot for Liberty and he would like the Board to consider other sources of funding. He said the Liberty Chamber would be happy to work with the Village on their budget.

Ronald Stabak (3 Woodlawn Avenue) said not only is he a Village resident but he worked for the Village for 9 ½ Years. He said before he moved to the Village he experienced a break in at his residence and it took the troopers 3 ½ hours to get to his home. He said it is good to know the Liberty Police are close by with the quality of service they provide.

Tim Hamblin (255 South Main Street) said the citizens of the Village of Liberty are opposed to any cuts in the Police Department. He said drug trafficking and gang violence is a part of everyday America. He stated in this time of economic turmoil the most important job of the Board is public safety.

Camillo Riili (103 Wawanda Ave.) said the Liberty Police force has had 900 arrests in the previous year, which is very frightening considering the size of the community. He stated there are quality of life issues in this Village and it is not acceptable if police are affected.

Peter Jones (65 Wawanda Avenue) questioned how a small village like Liberty can afford the Police Department. He said the Town of Liberty and Liberty Central School also benefit from the force. He said we must address this issue going forward as the Village will have an ever increasing tax burden and a diminishing population.

Anthony Riente (TD Bank Vice President/74 North Main Street) said if the Police force was cut down in Liberty it would drive out great businesses.

Roger Cortese (Owner/McCabe's/117 South Main Street) said he has been a business owner in Liberty for 22 years and times are very tough. He said he would not like to see Police Officers loose their jobs. He said it is very hard to afford the taxes in the Village and he is currently in jeopardy of loosing his business but he would like to see an alternative to this solution.

Dan Ratner Sr. (314 West Lake Street) spoke about his own personal experience in dealing with the village's law enforcement and ambulance when he had an accident and spent forty days in a coma. He said if it was not for their response time and professionalism he would be dead. He said the business owners that are guilty of not paying their taxes should pay so the village can prosper. He said we all need to work together.

Joanne Gerow read the following letter to the Board and public:

Over the past eight years, a large portion of my time in a professional capacity as Town of Liberty Constable has been spent in the Village of Liberty. It is well within reason to consider the Village an integral and daily part of my life. I don't think there is anyone more willing and able then I to attest to the Village of Liberty Police Department's expert application of professionalism, experience and social dexterity in the field of law enforcement within our community.

When I first started my job in 2003, I had no guidance or format for my position. I had an extensive knowledge of animals, specialized training in animal cruelty investigation and a strong desire to be successful in my assignment. I began to build my position around these strengths but depended greatly on the Village of Liberty Police Department for assistance and education with procedure, preparation of legal documents and court appearances, handling of evidence and other administrative and clerical duties.

As time went by, I learned that a key factor in my effectiveness as a town constable is building relationships, generating respect and giving respect within my community. Time after time, I witnessed a multitude of examples set forth to me by the officers of the PD.

I watched Officer Simon's patience as he peacefully calmed an irrational woman on Spring St. I stood wondering why he didn't just exercise his authority and arrest her. I remember thinking how utterly frustrating this was. After all was said and done, I realized what Officer Simon had accomplished was far deeper than resolution of the immediate situation. He had tactfully set the ground for the future and earned the woman's respect.

On another occasion, I called Liberty PD for backup involving an unstable young man who threatened me. He was volatile enough to cause me to remove myself from the situation. Officers Decker and Gorr responded, addressing the subject with a strange sort of familiarity that immediately turned the tiger into a kitten. I was then able to address the issue at hand without feeling threatened in any way.

Clearly, these peaceful diffusions would not be possible without the officers' deep understanding of positive interaction and acquainted relationships with our residents.

I believe there are many citizens who are unaware of the extent of crime and dangers in certain parts of the village. It is impossible to comprehend without first hand witness. For a person who was not street wise, personal experience has given me a shocking crash course in how serious the unlawful elements are in our Village. There are violent criminals, sex offenders, mentally ill residents and drug issue. There is child abuse, animal cruelty and senior neglect with youthful offenders on a steady rise. There is no question that each and every one of these problems will deteriorate to critical proportion without the uncompromised and full protection, professionalism and bravery of the present Liberty Police Department in its entirety. Absent of the security provided to me by the existing police department, I contemplate the possibility of refusal of services to portions of the village for a warranted fear for my safety.

Outside my professional capacity, I am a mother of 4 children, whom have all attended school in Liberty. My youngest son began having some serious behavioral issues of which Officer DosSantos was made aware. Along with some special teachers in our school system, Officer DosSantos was instrumental in inspiring and encouraging my son to change his track and become the honor roll student he is today. I am deeply indebted to this officer and cannot express the measure of appreciation I hold for his genuine care and concern for the children of Liberty. No one dare try to minimize the positive impact Officer DosSantos has had on our children by his presence in the school.

Taking into consideration the fact that LPD responded to 5971 calls in 2010 including burglaries, domestic disputes, traffic stops, DWI's and managed the DARE program for our school children, doesn't the safety of our community, the security of our children and the future of our Village seem far more important than a bumpy road, a downed road sign or a \$38.00

increase in annual taxes? I sit captivated in anticipation of some profound explanation as to why the Highway department should receive a 4% increase and hire a new employee while we discharge 3 dedicated officers from a no-frills police force, a department that has come forward with an unprecedented wallet in hand offer of financial support in the form of forfeiture of the entire department's 3 % pay raise, further exemplifying the department's commitment to our community.

In closing, I am reminded daily of the safety, security and stability the Liberty Police Department consistently brings to the streets of the Village. The Department's knowledge of and genuine interest in the well being of our community is reflected brightly by their continuing efforts to nurture existing and establish new relationships with Village employees, businesses and residents. Their compassion and dedication to the essential roles they play in the protection and future of our community must be realized before catastrophic and irreparable mistakes in decisions are made. This department is a team who's whole is greater than the sum of its parts. To believe we can cut any employee from the Village of Liberty Police Department without far reaching and permanent consequence is to think you can remove one's eyes and expect them to see.

Doug Salamon (Village of Monticello Police Chief) said the proposed cuts are unrealistic and ill thought out. He said there is an increased police presence needed all the time due to the times we live in. He stated a community's best resource is a local cop.

John Riegler (134 Champlain/President Monticello PBA) presented the following letter:

As President of the Monticello Police Benevolent Association and the District 5 Representative for the Police Conference of New York (PCNY), it is with deep concern I write this correspondence to you.

To layoff Police Officers is to say the least, a disservice to the residents of the Village of Liberty. Serious depleting the Liberty Police Force can also put the people of the Village of Liberty in an unneeded dangerous situation.

The fine individuals who work for and patrol the Village's Police Department put themselves in harms way everyday in order to ensure the safety of the residents of this Community. We (the Monticello Police Department) also depend on the Liberty Police Department to assist us in the many aspects of Police work. To put it bluntly, we the Village of Liberty Police Department to assist us in the many difficult situations we as Police Officers handle here in the Village of Monticello each day.

Emergency services are just that, for emergencies. When a true emergency is happening that is when responding Police Officers must have the most resources available.

The Monticello PBA is hopeful that both the political and fiscal leaders of this fine Community will not layoff any Village of Liberty Police Officers. Please do the right thing and keep the Public's safety intact.

Additionally, I have been a Village of Liberty resident for the past twenty-nine years. The possibility of diminishing the Village of Liberty's Police Department affects me personally. Both my wife and I have had assistance rendered to us by the Village's highly professional Police Department. Although these situations were minor, they were handled with the utmost skill and professionalism. As a taxpayer in the Village of Liberty, I personally and professionally do not want to see the Police Department's size diminished in any respect.

John Riegler continued by stating the Liberty Police Force is willing to give back raises, etc rather than cut a police officer. He said still giving other Village employees, such as the CSEA workers, a 4% increase is just not acceptable.

Steven Johnstone (23 Thomas Avenue/Union Delegate for NYS PBA) said the fiscal crisis is all over New York. He said the State Police patrol 1000 square miles in Sullivan County and the Village of Liberty Police Detectives are great assets.

Joseph Barrett (Union President/State Police BCI) explained to the Board that in 2008 there were more than 1,350 Police Investigator and currently they have 1,195 and are set to loose 50 more this year. He said there would not be any replacements until 2012 so they would not be able to pick up the extra work the Village may need. He stated the Village must look for an alternative to this scenario.

Jeffrey Miller (Owner/Sam's Service/Sullivan Avenue and Village Resident/8 Columbia Avenue) said to cut Police Officers is extremely short sighted and recommended the Village does not cut the Police Department.

Lou Siegel (5 Central View) said he has three children in the Liberty School System where they are getting a great education. He said two years ago his house was broke into and his children's game systems were stolen. He said the Police Department caught the two intruders almost immediately and recovered 80 – 90% of the stolen goods. He stated he also owned a business in the Village for 9 years and recently had to close due to economic hardships. He said the police are extremely important to the quality of life in the Village and non-essential personnel or services should be cut.

Steven D'Agata (President of Liberty PBA/Village Resident 311 West Lake Street) said the Board has been working very hard on this budget to find a resolution and he is very touched by all the people that came to the meeting.

Jack Strassman (Liberty Central School Administrator/26 Mahogany Lane) said he was at the meeting to support the Police Department.

Jack Tompkins (185 Carrier Street) said the Village definitely needs the Police Department however; there is a minimal amount of people trying to pay for this service. He said we need the Town to absorb the Police Department. He said we all need to come together and think about this issue.

Daniel Buschman (281 West Lake Street) said he moved here five years ago due to the Police presence in the community. He said it looks like everyone is willing to give back and step up and help.

Liberty Police Chief Robert Mir (24 Upper Ferndale Road) said several years ago his wife begged him to move to the Village so that they had Police, Fire and Ambulance protection. He said we, as a community, must rely on each other more and more. He said crime is up in the Village as well as population (10½%). He said the Village cannot afford to lose any police officers. He further stated in the time he has been Police Chief he has received over \$300,000 in grant funding and currently the Crossing Guards are being paid on grants. He said in all the years he has done budgets he has never had it handled in the way it is being done this year and he asked the Board to get back to tradition and work together.

James Farrell (Sullivan County District Attorney) said he has been assigned to the Liberty Police Department and Liberty Court for many years. He stated the Detectives are a tool that is necessary for the Police to do their jobs. He said the Police Officers are here to protect us and are willing to take a bullet for us. He stressed we all need to make sacrifices, pitch in and step up.

Gary Siegel (3 California Avenue) owns a building in Liberty and said he loves the community. He said he feels very safe here due to the Police Department. He said the Village Board needs to find a different way to balance the budget.

Sue Huggler (President of the Aides Association) read a letter from her Board and said we must find another way to solve this budget crisis. She mentioned several corporations such as Bank of America and Exxon Mobil that do not pay any taxes. She said it is not the time to sacrifice the safety of our residents.

Joel Gandula (30 Fairway Avenue) said he has had a business (Immaculate Concepts) in Liberty for seven years and he has seen over that time how Liberty has changed. He said everyday he sees new faces in the community and that these hard economic times lead to activities that we need the Police force for more than ever.



Sierra Boxberger (Liberty High School Student/Swan Lake Resident) said that she spent a lot of time at her grandparent's house at 80 Dwyer Avenue as she was growing up and that her and her brother used to play a game guessing how many times the Liberty Police Department drove past the house each day. Sierra then said last year while her grandparents were in Florida their house was burglarized and the police solved the crime. She said if you take away any of the Police Officers you will take away everyone's peace of mind.

Dan Parkhurst (28 Washington Street) said the biggest issue in our community is the amount of Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders. He thanked the Police for the great job they have been doing and said he is willing to pay for the Police in his taxes.

Mark Moore (Former Liberty Business Owner/Munson Diner and Monticello Resident) said he used to run the Munson Diner and the Liberty Police were always there when he needed them. He said he grew up in Newburgh so he knows what it is like to live in a crime-ridden community.

Harold Huggler (Liberty Resident) said as a Town of Liberty resident he would be willing to pay for a Town wide Police District.

Nick Piatek (56 Winslow Place) said it is a safe feeling knowing the Police Department is there to protect the public.

Adam Ramirez (64 Yaun Avenue) said he deals with budget issues everyday and that with over 900 arrests last year it is a quality of life issue to make sure the police are maintained in the budget. Adam said the Police have a great bond with the residents of the Village.

Louie Petraglia (Business Owner/Floyd and Bo Bo Bakery) said that he moved here in 2007 to start a business. He invited anyone to sit in his bakery on a daily basis and observe the activity on the street.

Sonny Patel (Owner/Village Wines and Liquors) said we must find other ways to cut the budget so all the residents of the Village can be safe.

Mildred Daye (Village Resident) said she has health issues including bipolar disorder and that Liberty Police have helped her on many occasions.

Pat D'Gata (Monticello Resident) said she travels into the Village of Liberty four times a week at 3:30 a.m. to go to her job. She said she always sees the Liberty Police on patrol and feels safe for that reason.

Jerry Dietz (Monticello PD Detective) said the Detectives on the Police force are the heart of the force. He urged the Board to keep them.

John Nichols (Town of Liberty Resident) said the Village is on a downward spiral and we need jobs and lower taxes to keep the residents here.

Lou Siegel (5 Central View) said it is important to get cooperation from the Town of Liberty.

Mayor Winters said the numbers for the budget are still being worked on.

Trustee McGuire said she understood cutting police officers and public safety is not good but with \$600,000 in uncollected taxes (for the 2010/2011 fiscal year) we may not even have a Village in another year.

Trustee Stoddard said she thought a two (2%) percent tax increase would be reasonable.

Trustee Lindsley promised the police and the public that the Board will work with them.

Trustee Alvarez said he is opposed to any police layoffs.

Daniel Buschman (Lake Street) urged everyone to attend the next Town of Liberty Board meeting which is set for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTORNEY** Attorney Chapman said he would make his comments on the agenda items  
**COMMENTS:**that need it.

**TREAS. REPORT:** Treasurer Zurawski had no comment.

**TABLED BUSINESS:** **UPDATE ON REVONAH HILL WATER TANK**

Mayor Winters said a letter has been received that funding for 2011 is unavailable and a letter has been sent to George Popp at the USDA requesting the project remain active for possible fiscal year 2012 funding.

**UPDATE ON GREEN LANE SEWER PROJECT**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried authorizing Tony LaSaponara of TAM Enterprises to discuss a fifty-foot right away with the property owners on Green Lane.

**PROGRESS ON REVIEW IN NON-UNION PERSONNEL POLICY**

Trustee Stoddard said that Clerk/Treasurer Zurawski got a copy of the Town of Liberty Personnel Policy and she thought that it might be a good idea to compare it to ours so that as more departments come together it would be similar.

This item will remain tabled until the next Regular Board meeting.

**CONSIDER VOTE ON – LOCAL LAW #1-2011 – JUSTICE COURT**

Motion by Trustee McGuire, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried approving Local Law #1-2011 which will remove Chapter 82 entitled Village Justice from the Code of the Village of Liberty.

This local law was put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

MAYOR WINTERS	-	YES	
TRUSTEE MCGUIRE	-	YES	
TRUSTEE LINDSLEY	-	YES	<u>ADOPTED</u>
TRUSTEE STODDARD	-	YES	
TRUSTEE ALVAREZ	-	YES	

**CONSIDER GOING OUT TO BID FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Trustee McGuire, seconded by Trustee Stoddard and unanimously carried approving to go out to bid on the following surplus equipment:

1998 1 TON FORD VAN  
1998 INTERNATIONAL DUMP  
2001 DODGE PICKUP 4 X 4

The Bid Opening will take place Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR OFFICIALS IN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**RESOL. #** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously  
**9-2011:** carried approving Resolution #9-2011.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Liberty/ Location Code 40202 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected official Trustee Luis Alvarez and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Trustee Luis Alvarez - 1 Hour per week

**CONSIDER SURPLUS SALE TO JENNIFER ADAMEC – TAX MAP #  
112-4-23 AND 112-4-24**

Attorney Chapman reported that this matter will be going in front of the

Planning Board on Thursday night (April 14<sup>th</sup>).

**CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2-2011 LOCAL LAW/FIRE LANES**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:55 p.m. to consider proposed Local Law #2-2011 regarding fire lanes in the Village of Liberty.

**CONSIDER VARIOUS FEES FOR VILLAGE**

This item will remain tabled until the next Regular Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDER MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TOL RE: JUSTICE MATTERS**

Attorney Chapman said he would like to amend the language in the proposed agreement and discuss it with Town Attorney Kenneth Klein.

The Board briefly discussed the former fire truck bay and preparing it as a waiting room for the Court.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO COLLECT 2011/2012 TAXES IN TWO INSTALLMENTS**

**RESOL.# 10-2011:** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously approving Resolution #10-2011.

**RESOLVED**, that effective for the 2011-2012 Village Fiscal Year, Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 1434, and until rescinded, the Village of Liberty hereby authorizes payment of taxes in two installments; be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the first such installment shall be due and payable between the period of June 1 of each year and including July 1 of each year; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the second such installment shall be due and payable no later than August 31st;

**RESOLVED**, that both such installments shall be equal, except the second shall bear interest at an annual rate provided for in Section 924-a of the Real Property Tax Law, on the amount of the second installment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall not effect the obligations of any taxpayer in relation to sewer or water charges, rents or other costs payable by the taxpayer.

**CONSIDER BID FOR AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the bid from Erts Mechanical Inc. dba Erts Plumbing, Heating & A.C. of Liberty, New York in the amount of \$6,800.00.

This is the only bid received.

**CONSIDER MEMORANDUM FROM DAVID BODENSTEIN/MIKE PRIES INSURANCE**

The Board reviewed the e-mail from David Bodenstein/Mike Pries Insurance and said at this point they could not take the Houston Causality market back from the McKane Group as they had already authorized him to use this market.

**CONSIDER SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**RESOL. #** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously  
**11-2011:** carried approving Resolution #11-2011.

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTY  
2011 SPRING CLEAN UP**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY – NO COMMERCIAL**

All items for clean up must be taken by Village Residents to the Village of Liberty Street Department garage on Elm Street (by M&M Pontiac Buick Cadillac). No items will be accepted without a permit, which must be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office. The permit can be obtained Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**METAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO** large stumps or rocks. **NO** household garbage. **NO** batteries. **NO** tires. **NO** hazardous waste. **NO** yard debris. **No** Fuel Tanks, Oil Drums and Propane Tanks. **NO** Electronic Equipment except VCR's

Village crews **will not** make pick-ups at individual residences and the Sanitation Department will **not** take items left out for clean up.

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 A.M-2:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

This program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

**CONSIDER LOANS FROM WATER/SANITATION TO GENERAL FUND RE: WORKING CAPITAL**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Alvarez and unanimously carried approving a loan to General Fund from the Sanitation Fund in the amount of \$40,000 to cover April's working capital, if needed.

**CONSIDER CDBG EMERGENCY LOANS FROM APPLICANTS**

This item was tabled until the Worksession Meeting to be held April 25, 2011.

**CONSIDER CDBG LOAN – THE SHOE BOX – DEBORAH/SAMANTHA BURGER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000**

This item was tabled until the Worksession Meeting to be held April 25, 2011.

**CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING RE: CDBG LOAN APPLICATION WWTP UPGRADE**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Block Grant funding and options for the application.

This application will be used to apply for a redundancy system for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This system would be a backup system for the UV Filtration System, which is currently only operating at fifty (50%) percent. This system is used from May to October of each year.

**CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING RE: TAXI LAW CHANGE**

The Board of Trustees said they would review the proposed change to the taxi ordinance that Attorney Chapman drew up. If they are in agreement with the changes they will set a Public Hearing at their next meeting (scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>), which would be held in May.

**CONSIDER SETTING ADDITIONAL WORKSESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2011/2012 VILLAGE OF LIBERTY BUDGET.**

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried to hold Budget Worksession Meetings for the 2011/2012 budget on:

Thursday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing Meeting for the 2011/2012 Village of Liberty Budget on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ALAN SCOTT (IDA) TO ACT AS PROGRAM MANAGER**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously carried authorizing Allan Scott, CEO of the County of Sullivan IDA to work as Program Manager for the U.S. Department of Commerce Red Meat Facility Grant #01-01-08929.

**CONSIDER SETTING SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON 2011/2012 BUDGET**

The Board decided they would vote on the 2011/2012 Village of Liberty Budget at their Worksession Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSIDER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 30, 2011**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving a parade permit to hold a **Memorial Day Parade** on **Monday, May 30, 2011** at 10:30 a.m. sponsored by the Town of Liberty and the American Legion.

**TRUSTEE  
REPORTS:**

Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

Trustee Alvarez said he has been discussing the 2011/2012 budget with the Police Chief Robert Mir.

Trustee Stoddard discussed the following issues:

- ❖ Said Alice and Judy have been sending delinquent tax letters to everyone that has not paid their 2009 and 2010 taxes.
- ❖ Said she and Judy attended Esther Wolfs's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration and presented the Proclamation to her. She said she is a wonderful very sharp lady.

Trustee McGuire said she was frustrated with the public not understanding the budget.

Trustee Lindsley thanking everyone for coming and said they will get the budget done.

Mayor Winters – No Comment

**APPROVAL** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and  
**OF BILLS** unanimously carried approving Voucher #11-007 to Voucher #11-087 in the  
**FOR PYMT:** amount of \$106,688.10.

#### Post Audit Vouchers

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #11-000 to Voucher #11-006 in the amount of \$272,073.56.

**EXECUTIVE** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and  
**SESSION:** unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 11:15 p.m. to discuss a the fines imposed by the NYSDEC.

Motion by Trustee Alvarez, seconded by Trustee Lindsley and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 11:20 p.m.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:21 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JUDY ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER**