

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2010 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, and Trustee Corinne McGuire Also Present: Robert Krahulik, Attorney for the Village and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Luis Alvarez and Trustee Shirley Lindsley

ALSO PRESENT: Jeremy Gorelick, Thelma McIver, Dale Vandenberg, Pastor Derrick Riley, Betty Banks and Henrich Strauch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire 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

- Letter from McCabe's Re: Renewal of Liquor License 9/20/2010
- Letter from North End Bar Re: Liquor License 10/19/2010

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

Henrich Strauch - Liberty CDC

Henrich said the Main Street Grant Program would be discussed in a Public Meeting on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. This program covers the area from the Public Library on North Main Street to Barbuti Furniture on North Main Street. He said there would be applications, general information, as well as lists of contractors, engineers and architects available to assist property owners.

Dale Vandenberg - Hillside Greenhouse Proprietor

Dale said he wanted to clarify his conversation with the Board that he had at the last meeting (October 12, 2010). He said they were actually his thoughts and he felt he misrepresented himself as a member of the

Chamber. He stated in his opinion Henrich Strauch (Liberty CDC) does excellent work. He also let the Board know as a point of information he thinks the Chamber will be drafting a letter to the Board emphasizing the need to fund all businesses in the Village.

Jeremy Gorelick - Liberty Chamber of Commerce

Jeremy informed the Board that the Liberty Chamber of Commerce has decided it is important to maintain a presence at the Town and Village of Liberty Board Meetings and he will try to attend all the meetings.

Jeremy said he has looked into the grants for the parking lots and there is a total of \$72,000 available and they will all need extensions. He said George Stang has already worked on the \$50,000 A.L.I.V.E. portion and as soon as the Village answers the e-mail for a point person he will continue to work on the issue.

The Mayor thanked Jeremy for all his hard work and told him the Board appreciates all his efforts. He suggested the point person be Henrich Strauch or Judy Zurawski.

ATTORNEY Attorney Krahulik had no report.

COMMENTS:

TREAS. REPORT: Treasurer Zurawski said the New York State Comptrollers Office is at the Village doing a risk assessment. She explained once they complete the Assessment they will decide if there are areas that will need an audit.

TABLED BUSINESS: **UPDATE ON ADA COMPLIANCE – COURT ROOM DOORS**

Mayor Winters reported that the Village is fully ADA compliant and that a waiver was received on the courtroom doors.

UPDATE ON REVONAH HILL WATER TANK

Mayor Winters said this project is in a holding pattern until funding can be obtained.

UPDATE ON GREEN LANE SEWER ISSUE

Mayor Winters said this matter is also in a holding pattern while the Village waits for funding. He said the funding should be determined in February (2011). He informed the Board and public that the temporary fix has issues due to the heavy rains and that a permanent solution will have to be completed.

ALAN GOLDSTEIN - GREEN LANE EASEMENT

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the payment of up to \$750 to Alan Goldstein's attorney, Richard Gross, for review of the easement issue on Green Lane.

Mayor Winters said once everything is recorded in the Clerk's Office the payment of \$2,000 to Alan Goldstein for the sewer easement can be released.

CONSIDER TWO BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS PER MONTH

This matter was **tabled** until the full Board is present to vote on the issue.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF REVIEW OF NON-UNION PERSONNEL POLICY

Trustee Stoddard said a meeting would be held Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the personnel committee to discuss the update of said policy.

The personnel committee consists of Trustee Stoddard, Trustee Alvarez, Clerk/Treasurer Zurawski and Code Enforcement Officer Pamela Winters.

NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER ACCOUNT HARRISON SOULES ACCOUNT #2-7400

This item was tabled until the December 14, 2010 Board Meeting so the Board can do further research on this matter.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the purchase of a laptop computer for the Clerk's Office in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

Trustee Stoddard thought this purchase would make it easier for the Clerk/Treasurer as she would be able to use it for minutes and other matters.

CONSIDER BINGO LICENSE FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the ***Bingo License*** for ***St. Peter's Church*** located at 264 North Main Street.

This license is for the time period of January 3, 2011 to December 12, 2011.

CONSIDER GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSE – ST. PETER’S CHURCH

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the ***Games of Chance License*** for ***St. Peter’s Church*** located at 264 North Main Street.

This license is for the time period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

CONSIDER VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4-2010 – FLOOD INSURANCE

The vote on Local Law #4-2010 was tabled until the N.Y.S.D.E.C. can review the law.

CONSIDER AMENDED WATER/SEWER PERMIT

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving the amended Water/Sewer Permit as drawn up by the Clerk’s Office. See Exhibit A attached for the amended form.

CONSIDER QUOTES TO FIX OR REPLACE AIR CONDITIONER IN CLERK’S OFFICE

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried to go out to bid for a new air conditioning system for the Clerk’s Office.

The bid opening will be January 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Jeremy Gorelick informed the Board of a program that Rural Housing is offering. He said they receive items from Home DePot and Lowes that cannot be sold, which are stored in a warehouse, and they may have an air conditioner the Village could use. Clerk/Treasurer Zurawski said she would check with Shari Trust to see if she might have any in her stock.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF J-CAP 2010 APPLICATION

RESOL.# Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and
#33-2010: unanimously carried approving Resolution #33-2010.

RESOLVED THAT, the Village of Liberty Board of Trustees authorizes a Village of Liberty Justice Court application of \$25,000 for funding under the 2010 New York State Justice Court Assistance program to cover construction expenses.

Henrich Strauch (Liberty CDC) explained this grant, if awarded, would allow the Village to complete the conversion of the “Storage Space” on the ground

floor of the Village Municipal Building into office space for the court to be used either by the Village Court or jointly by the Village and Town Court personnel.

**TRUSTEE
REPORTS:**

Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

Trustee Stoddard said Judy Zurawski is in the process of filling out the credit card application to use credit cards in the collection of Village taxes.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR WINTERS TO SIGN THE APPLICATION
FOR CREDIT CARD USAGE IN THE COLLECTION OF VILLAGE TAXES**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried authorizing Mayor Winters to sign the agreement and application for credit card usage in the Clerk's Office for the collection of taxes.

Trustee Comments Continued...

Trustee Stoddard discussed the NYS Retirement Stabilization Program and the possibility of the Village using the program. Trustee Stoddard said she would check into the matter and report back to the Board.

Trustee Stoddard mentioned that the Board of Trustees (and their spouses) are invited to the P.B.A. Christmas Party.

Trustee McGuire said she would like to the Village to continue to pursue their options in combining their court with the Town of Liberty court. She said once a rental amount can be determined for the Town of Liberty further progress can be made.

Trustee McGuire also informed the Board that the Village is now getting paid for 50% to 60% of the warrants.

The Board discussed the options regarding the courts and the revenue that is generated by the Village Court.

Mayor Winters said he would like to have some Informational Meetings, before beginning work on the 2011/2012 Village budget, for the public to show just where are tax dollars are spent and to get feedback from them regarding these issues for future budgets.

APPROVAL Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and
OF BILLS unanimously carried approving Voucher #10-514 to Voucher #10-602 in the
FOR PYMT: amount of \$114,259.74.

Post Audit Vouchers

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee McGuire and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #10-505 to Voucher #10-513 in the amount of \$395,196.66.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER