

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 8, 2010

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of March 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 Shirley Lindsley, Trustee David Simon, and Trustee Dawn Green. Also Present: Langdon Chapman, Attorney for the Village and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Corinne McGuire

ALSO PRESENT: Joan Stoddard, Elizabeth Montag, William Cogswell, Ron McGrath, Stephen Green, Peter Belgard, Kuszar Grace, Felix Colon, Mariah Proyect, Jessica Lambert, Margaret Lindsley and Christian Serapro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Green 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

- Liberty CDC Board Minutes 2/3/10
- Letter from McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Re: Engineering Services
- E-Mail to Chief Mir Re: Commending Dispatcher Lovelace 2/21/2010
- Letter from Office of the State Comptroller Re: Justice Courts 2/11/09
- NYCOM Main Street Economic Development Workshops

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

Ron McGrath – Liberty Chamber President

Mr. McGrath informed the Board that the Chamber would like to expand the July 4th Festival as well as the Harvest Festival. He said they have secured approval from the NYSDOT to use South Main to Lake Street for vendors. He presented a letter to the Board about this matter and the map that will be used to reroute traffic around the Village.

The Board was in agreement on this matter and wished him luck the festivals.

Mr. McGrath also said the Liberty Chamber would like to sponsor a flea market in the Municipal Parking lot behind the Elks in the summer months on Saturday and Sunday.

The Board stated they thought this was also a great idea.

Attorney Chapman said he would review the Villages Code to make sure it was within the law.

Mr. McGrath said that if the Chamber was going to profit from this venture they would probably share in the cost of the changing the law, if necessary.

Peter Belgard – Drainage Issue

Mr. Belgard (Owner of 184 North Main Street) presented the Board with the following letter:

He asked for the Boards support in opening the storm drains so that proper drainage can be completed.

Mayor Winters explained the sidewalks are private property, however he would have Peter Parks work with Mr. Belgard to see what services the Village can offer. He also told Mr. Belgard to stop in the office to obtain any necessary permits to do the work.

Kuszar Grace – Basketball Court in Municipal Park Lot

Mr. Grace asked the Board if he can meet all the stipulations they gave him regarding the basketball court (he would like to put in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the old Fleet Bank Building, 59 North Main Street) was it OK to proceed.

Mayor Winters said it was OK to proceed if all the stipulations are met.

ATTORNEY Attorney Chapman had no comment.

COMMENTS:

TREAS. REPORT: Treasurer Zurawski reported on the following:

- Reported to the Board that she submitted a bill to the County for the worst forty-eight hours of the blizzard in hopes of receiving some reimbursement from FEMA. She told the Board that the worst forty-eight hour period cost the Village \$24,000.00.
- Said Tax Collection is still lagging from last year this time, with approximately \$66,000 less collected this year.
- Said she is busy gathering information for the 2010/2011 budget.

TABLED BUSINESS: UPDATE ON ADA COMPLIANCE

Mayor Winters said the handicapped accessible bathrooms are almost completed. The next thing the construction company will do will be a drop down writing area in the Clerk's Office and the final step will be the door.

UPDATE ON PREPLANNING GRANT FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Winters said the Village is working with Environmental Facilities Corp., RCAP Solutions and Delaware Engineering to come up with a Scope of Work packet. He said it is close to being completed.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM H. RAMPE RE: ALBION STREET BUILDING LOT

Mayor Winters said this item would remain tabled until more dialogue is received from Mr. Rampe.

CONSIDER RENAMING LAPOLT PARK

Mayor Winters said that the Board had been approached to consider the renaming of Lapolt Park to LaPolst Peace Park.

The Board was in agreement that they **do not wish** to rename the Park.

NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR WORKSESSION MEETING 2010/2011 BUDGET

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Green and unanimously carried to hold a Budget Worksession Meeting for the 2010/2011 budget on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING AMENDMENT

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Simon and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:55 p.m. to consider Local Law #2-2010 amending the Zoning Law (set back requirements).

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mayor Winters opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

Trustee Simon – No Comment

Trustee Green – No Comment

Trustee Lindsley thanked the Village employees for the wonderful job they did during the recent storm.

Mayor Winters also thanked the Village employees for the excellent job they did during the recent blizzard.

Mayor Winters said the citizens, Carol Sampson and Everinton Williams, that helped with the baby they found wandering in the street did a wonderful job and he would like to honor them at the next Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PYMT Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Simon and unanimously carried approving Voucher #9-863 to Voucher #9-949 in the amount of \$140,123.00 with the exception of Voucher #9-936 payable to TAM Enterprises in the amount of \$550.00. This voucher will be held until Peter Parks can review the proposal and talk to the company about this charge.

Post Audit Vouchers

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Simon and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #9-857 to Voucher #9-862 in the amount of \$229,005.80

K-9 Bills for Payment

Motion by Trustee Lindsley, seconded by Trustee Green and unanimously carried approving the following K-9 Bills for Payment:

Galls – \$172.79

Monhagen Veterinary Hospital - \$1,058.33

AJOURN: Motion by Trustee Simon, seconded by Trustee Green and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER