

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 10, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Glenn Thomas, Joseph Dick, Frank Libordi
Peter DiRaimondo
Clerk Kristene Libordi & DC Deborah Pomeroy
Fire Chief Michael Robbins
Historian Walt Rutski
Architect Rex Simpson

Mayor Falci opened the meeting at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Glenn Thomas to accept the June 22 and July 13, 2009 minutes. Motion was second by Mayor Falci and carried.

Trustee Libordi noted that last month the board should not have gone into Executive session since it had already been discussed in an open meeting (Trustee Dick signing and voting regarding fire dept issues). Trustee Libordi asked if Trustee Dick was going to continue to sign the bills. Trustee Dick said he won't sign the fire bills and take him off the financial committee. The Mayor will talk to Trustee Dick before appointing another Trustee to the financial committee.

TREASURER REPORT

Motion made by Trustee Libordi to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Trustee Peter DiRaimondo and carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Smith was not in attendance.

A two week patrol schedule was handed in to the Mayor and Trustees. Trustee Libordi mentioned that he had residents who have seen our police car at the Wal-Mart plaza and downtown and asked if this is allowed. The Mayor replied that they can patrol the Wal-Mart plaza but not sure why they are downtown. The officers have been told about the trips to the Hess Mart.

Trustee Thomas asked why the police car does not have the new tires. He was told it would be taken care of last week.

Trustee DiRaimondo questioned why there is only one weekend night covered. It was explained that the Police department is giving one weekend night per week which was not done in the past.

The Mayor reported two complaints: large trucks going down Seneca Rd. and cars still running the stop sign at the intersection of Elmwood Ave and Third St.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mayor Falci read the following report from Supervisor Zdanowski who could not be in attendance:

Installed a catch basin at 51 Third St.

Installed 180' of 12" drain pipe from 51 Third St. to the end of the street.

Black top and installed guide rail, two catch basins and pipe on Third St.

Routine maintenance and pump station maintenance.

Crack filling on Seneca Rd.

To complete project on Third St. they need to raise the existing guide rail and pave one more ditch.

Rural Ave. needs to have a pot hole repaired as well as shoulder repair on McKinley Ave.

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to accept the Maintenance report, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

During this portion of the meeting the Mayor heard from CEO Jim Schieder regarding his giving a monthly report. The Mayor directed the Clerk to add Code Enforcement to the Monthly agenda under "Monthly Reports". Mr. Schieder read the following report (July – August) that he will forward to the Clerk:

- 1 variance
- 15 permits totaling \$1169
- 5 Informational visits with 73 phone calls
- 2 warrants issued
- 1 order to remedy
- 1 condemnation
- 42 permit site inspections
- 12 complaint violation
- 4 Certificates of Occupancy
- 2 Certificates of compliance

FIRE REPORT

Chief Mike Robbins gave the following report:

- Awarded the DEC grant for forestry equipment \$2000.
- Participated in Cub Scout day camp
- Picked up rescue truck and Jaws of Life
- Gear racks are now at the fire hall
- Eric Massa's office (Congressman) has been contacted to write letters of support for FEMA grants.
- For month of July 181 training hours
- August 15 & 16 will be EVOC classes
- One parade on August 22, 2009 at 5PM in Wayland
- Calls total – 4 with 2 in the Village and 2 in the Town.
- The roof in the back of the building needs repair

Treasurer's report showed \$5919.98 in the General Account as of the beginning of July.

Total payouts of \$490.75 with an ending balance of \$5628.83. Total in the Activities account \$3744.898 with no activity.

President Walt Rutski reported that the Fire Auxiliary (support group of the fire department) had their first informational meeting with a total of 8 members. On Aug 24th, they will have their first official meeting and elect officers. Auxiliary members are considered social members of the Fire Department.

Motion made by Mayor Falci to accept the fire report, second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Historian Walt Rutski gave explanations for the pictures on display this month:

- Canisteo River bridge south side of village 1900
- Group picture of DPW, Police and Fire department very early '70's
- Hornell Country Club 1934 looking at Bald Hill from across the Valley
- Steam tractor on Maplewood Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

BIDS ON '98 DUMP TRUCK

The following bids were opened and read:

- Mike Ordway - \$6500
- Jim Testani - \$6001
- Jason Emo - \$6500

The board requested that the two \$6500 bidders rebid with a deadline of August 17, 2009 by 8PM.

The Clerk was directed to call the two high bidders and advise them of the board's decision.

Three bids not considered – they were turned in late.

FIRE HALL UPDATE

Mayor Falci continues to work with Steuben Trust and Robert Ranger on the bonding process. Architect Rex Simpson continues to work with contractors on the specs. He will have a pre-bid meeting on August 21st at 10 AM. The board will determine when they will open the bids after the August 24th noon deadline. Most likely during the same week.

ZONING ISSUES

Mayor Falci noted those homes or buildings in the village that will be closed or torn down depending on code violations. Mr. Levinson (302 Seneca Rd, property) would like to do something to open the property again. It has been closed and vacant for several years.

WOODCHUCK PROBLEM

The Mayor met with Mrs. Bernice Greenthal, Rural Ave. and other residents who are currently having problems with woodchucks. The DEC stated that residents can trap and kill them. They cannot however, be relocated to another area. The Village hall will have a list of certified trappers that residents may call. Prices starting at \$35 per animal. The board recommended that the Mayor contact Scott Smith from the DEC with suggestions on who to contract for the removal of various rodents and such in the Village. Trustee Thomas noted that there is also a problem with snakes on the bridge north of the Village. They are a concern to those residents walking over the bridge.

STREET MAINTENANCE

The Village will be black topping on Third St this summer as well as work on Rural Ave.

OTHER

TAX COLLECTOR

A concern was addressed to Trustee Thomas from a resident that checks from residents for Village taxes should not be made in payment to Kristene Libordi but rather Kristene Libordi/Village Clerk. Trustee Thomas made a motion to change the "pay to" for Village taxes from Kristene Libordi to Kristene Libordi/Village Clerk. Motion was second by Mayor Falci and carried. Trustee Libordi abstained.

TRUSTEE DICK SIGNING BILLS

Trustee DiRaimondo asked why Trustee Dick could not sign the Fire department bills. Trustee Libordi stated that Trustee Dick could sign the bills but had chosen not to sign. He can not vote on Fire department issues because he is a board member and a fire department member. Mayor Falci stated again that he will talk with Trustee Dick and would like some time to think about reappointing another Trustee to this committee.

SEX OFFENDER ISSUES

Trustee Libordi handed out a draft showing a stronger Miranda Law for the Village. Attorney Shults will receive a copy. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

GRANT WRITER

Mayor Falci will sign the contract with Mary Smith for grant writing. Village attorney Eric Shults has approved the contract.

CITY YARD SALE

Bernice Greenthal suggested that next year's city wide yard sale does not coincide with the Arkport Summerfest yard sales.

