

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor John Falci  
Trustees: Deputy Mayor William McNelis, Glenn Thomas,  
Joseph Dick & Frank Libordi  
Clerk Kristene Libordi  
DPW Greg Zdanowski  
Officer Marcus Smith  
Fire Chief Phil D'Amato  
CEO Jim Scheider  
ZBA Chairman Doug Dunn  
ZBA Pete DiRaimondo  
Historian Walt Rutski  
Fire Dept – President Jeremy Smith & Asst Chief Charlie Chick  
Evening Tribune Justin Head

Meeting was opened at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

**MAYORS OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Falci read a thank you letter from Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Tenney thanking the Mayor, Board and Fire fighters for all the assistance given during and after the fire at their home. Letter was read from Marvin Conley Secretary/Treasurer of the American War Dads Post 2250. Thanking the Village for taking care of the monument at Brillo Park. Enclosed was a check in the amount of \$100. The board would like the check used for the park possibly for wreaths.

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the August 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting were not available.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Motion was made by Trustee McNelis to table the Treasurer's report till next month. Motion second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

Officer Smith reported for the month of August:

Complaints – Criminal	2
General	5
Arrests - Vehicle & Traffic	2
Assist other Police agency	2
Hours worked	80

Speed trailer was used for traffic survey. Average speed was 30mph. 85% of vehicles that traveled down Seneca Rd. were traveling 33mph or less. Highest speed was 44mph. It also showed a total of 15,000 cars during a 3 day survey. Average speed traveled was 29.3 mph.

Trustee Libordi asked if Officer Smith could speak to Pike contractors regarding the flashing lights on Bethesda Dr. Some of the lights are not working that are covering trenches.

Motion to accept the police report was made by Trustee Thomas, second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Supervisor Zdanowski reported for the month of August:

- Milled high spots on Seneca Rd. to remove bumps
- Repaired catch basins on Wightman Ave.
- Black top patch around Village Hall
- Cleaned catch basins
- Maintenance done on pump station
- Sewer maintenance

Trustee Libordi asked if we would have the new salt spreader for winter. Supervisor Zdanowski has a price of \$7,292 from Auto Spec. Service. The board asked for 3 bids to be presented at next month's board meeting. Trustee Dick asked if there was a cost for a hook up and Supervisor Zdanowski said no. Motion made Trustee Thomas to accept the maintenance report, second by Trustee McNelis and carried.

## **FIRE REPORT**

Chief D'Amato reported calls for the Month of August:

Village	3
Town	7
Mutual Aid	2

Boot drive on Seneca Rd this Saturday. Money to be used for new pagers.

The grant for a new tanker was denied. Two structure fires over the weekend and the Chief wanted to thank the Village fire fighters for the work performed. Trustee Dick asked why the newly purchased reflective vests were not the 5.08 coded. He stated that if used for road control, the state mandates they have to be up to the code. Chief D'Amato was not aware of the change to code. Trustee Libordi asked if it was mandated for 2008 or 2009. Trustee Dick said 2009. Trustee Thomas noted that we should be grandfathered. Trustee McNelis motioned to accept the Fire report, Trustee Libordi second and motion was carried.

## **HISTORIANS REPORT**

Historian Rutski reported:

Found a map from the Pittsburg Realty Company and the original pamphlet that goes with it - dated 1912. Apparently the company went out of business before any development could be done. A company official is said to have taken off with the money. The recent picture on the wall was given to Historian Rutski by his grandmother and it a sketch of an area located in the Village. He has also put in the display case a list of all Mayors and Trustees from 1924 thru 1971. He and the clerk are compiling a list that will continue to the current date of officers.

## **OTHER**

### **STOP SIGN**

Mr. Bebout from Elmwood Ave. requested that the stop signs on Elmwood and Second St. be moved to the 4 corners of Elmwood and Third. Mr. Bebout and the Mayor did not think moving the stop sign up to the Third St. intersection would hinder those going up Heather Heights in the winter. Mayor Falci will talk to Officer Smith and get his opinion.

Mr. Poplawski would like to see the "No Trucks" sign on Bethesda moved to the Village side of Bethesda Dr.

#### WATER LINES – TOM HOGAN

Resident Tom Hogan & Ron Ordway would like city water. Dave Oakes from the City of Hornell noted that there has been a tremendous amount of problems in that area with the water. The Town & Village had estimated a cost of \$7000 for all material and labor to connect the residents to the water. The Village and Town would split the cost. Since that time the Dept of Health has gotten involved and wants an engineering study. An engineering study would add at least another \$4000 to the cost. The Mayor suggested the board consider this cost for next year's budget. Supervisor Zdanowski noted that until a study is performed, we don't know what the cost will be. By October the Mayor will have a better idea of costs for the engineering study.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY

The Mayor is still getting information on adding on to the existing Fire Hall. Walt Rutski is working on a plan for building a combination Fire and Village hall on the area of the existing parking lot and purchasing some of the land from a resident who owns land next to the parking lot. It is possible that the home may be for sale. The old original school house, which is now the fire department, would be saved and the existing Village hall would be torn down making room for parking.

#### CODE ISSUES

Some property in the Village that has been condemned – two garages (condemned) and one house (marked as unfit for human habitat).

The humane society has taken at least 12 cats from the home on Gifford St.

Basically the Village is trying to clean up the rental properties so that they are safe and up to code.

#### STREET LIGHT ON THIRD ST.

Residents on Third St. requesting an additional light at the end of the St. There would be no charge for the installation of the light. It would cost the Village an annual electric charge of \$132.

Mayor Falci made a motion to accept putting an additional street light on Third St. Motion second by Trustee Thomas and carried. Trustees Libordi and McNelis abstained from the vote. Trustee Dick voted yes.

Trustee McNelis noted that a number of lights on Cleveland Ave are being covered by trees. The clerk will notify NYSEG that trees need to be trimmed around street lights.

#### TOILET IN FIRE HALL

John Kuhn Plumbing estimate for putting in a new toilet and repairing the floor for a total of \$480. This is a replacement of one that was taken out a number of years ago.

Mayor Falci made the motion to take the \$480 out of A1620.4 for a new toilet. Second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

## COMPUTER FOR POLICE DEPT

Board approved the police dept to bring quotes to next months board meeting for a new computer. The Mayor made the motion for the clerk to spend \$39.95 on additional memory for her computer. Second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

## MR. DESSENA – SEWER BILL

Mr. Dessena 464 Seneca Rd. would like an explanation for the additional charge on his sewer bill for his side yard. He is charged an additional \$12.65 for that yard. Since it is not a separate parcel he does not feel he should pay. Mayor Falci explained that vacant lots that have a sewer hook up are charged 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the sewer unit charge. Mr. Dessena said it is not a vacant lot but his side yard. He is not taxed separately for the lot and does not pay an additional water bill for it. He would like this additional charge removed.

Resident Rich Scavo noted that the board would have to go thru the whole village before making this adjusted – other properties are charged the same.

The Mayor would have to talk to CEO Jim Scheider and ZBA Chair Doug Dunn. Possibly the code would have to be changed or updated.

Resident Mr. Bebout asked when a house is condemned how long before something has to be done. Mayor noted the home owner has legal rights and he has 15 days to come up with a plan to bring it up to code. If not then we go to the next step.

Trustee McNelis questioned how long the apartment building on 302 Seneca Rd. will sit before the property owner brings it to code. The Mayor said the owner has brought it to code to sit vacant. Trustee Libordi stated that if the property owner makes a good faith effort to fix an apartment then it could take some time to fix all the apartments in that building.

Chief D'Amato asked why the building on Wightman Ave has not been taken down. It is almost falling down and is dangerous. Mayor Falci will contact CEO Scheider.

Kathy Dessena from the Humane Society updated the board on the cat situation on Gifford St. They removed 12 cats from the home and took as many females as they could find to prevent further growth of the population. She gave the board a list of the costs for removal of the cats.

Jeremy Smith President of the Fire Department asked if the Board had the opportunity to look at the Jr. Firefighter program. Trustee Libordi asked if it was the final format. Jeremy said yes. He thanked the fire department for submitting it to the board. All by laws have to be submitted to the board. Mayor Falci noted that if the board adopts it then the fire department adopts it in their by laws. Then the program is initiated. The Fire department is currently working on updating bylaws and bringing them in to compliance with Village code.

Mayor Falci made a motion to accept the proposals of the Jr. Fire department and they have permission to adopt it into their by laws.

Trustee Thomas seconds the motion and carried.

## PAY BILLS

Motion made by Trustee Thomas and second by Trustee Dick to pay bills. Motion carried.

Trustee Thomas noted a bill that was not paid by the fire department to Galls. It was dated March 15, '08. This bill was charged to the Village & should have been charged to the Fire Departments account. Chief D'Amato will take care of it.

Chief D'Amato asked if he could present Daniel Douglas as a new member of the Fire Department. He has passed all requirements.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas to accept Daniel Douglas, second by Trustee Libordi and carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board went into executive session at 8:50PM  
Discussion on an employee contract and legal meetings.

At this time CEO Jim Scheider thanked Kathy Dessena and the Humane Society for the work they have done in removing cats at the home on Gifford St.

Trustee Dick made a motion to go into executive session, Trustee McNelis second and carried.

Board came out of executive session at 10:00PM. Meeting was adjourned

Village Clerk  
Kristene Libordi