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REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on February 18, 2009 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Cordier, Trustees Cranna, Ezrati and Leedy.

Absent: Trustee Staffiero, Laura Queen, Village Clerk

Public: Fire Chief Bobby Staffiero, Christine Chale, Village Attorney.

The Mayor presented the Clerk's report. Approval of the January 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Notes were deferred to the March 19, 2009 meeting of the Board.

The Mayor presented the Treasurer's Report. He summarized Abstract #9, noting that this abstract included \$130,135.00 in payments to suppliers – Merrill Construction and Crawford Engineering – for services associated with the replacement of water mains on Washburn Street that were paid with funds received from a CDBG grant received on February 2, 2009. The rules of the grant require that the suppliers be paid within three days of the receipt of the funds.

In addition to Abstract #9, which is an accounting of the vendors to be paid since the January meeting of the board, the Treasurer's Report included a schedule of Budget vs. Actual for the Fiscal Year to date. Trustee Ezrati noted that a few funds had exceeded their budgeted amount and asked that the Treasurer present a Budget modification plan for the next meeting. Trustee Cranna asked that the Treasurer be present at the coming meeting of the Board.

Trustee Ezrati presented the Zoning Administration/Building Inspector Report.

Mayor Cordier then proceeded to the Regular Business of the Board.

Mayor Cordier presented Resolution #4-2009, which calls for the Board to approve the United Public Service Employees Union Agreement that had been negotiated with the UPSEU by Mayor Cordier and Trustee Staffiero. The Mayor noted that the agreement resulted from one and a half years of negotiation during which he and Trustee Staffiero sought to achieve a balance between fairness to village employees and the interests of the property taxpayers in the Village. He noted that David Wise had served as the Village attorney with respect to the agreement.

Approval of Resolution #4-2009 was moved by Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Ezrati. The Board approved the resolution unanimously by voice vote.

Trustee Cranna congratulated Mayor Cordier and Trustee Staffiero for achieving the agreement. The mayor noted that Trustee Staffiero had been very helpful in achieving a good fair agreement.

Mayor Cordier spoke briefly about efforts that he is making to lower costs in the coming budget. He requested help from all of the Trustees and other interests in being conscious of the need to keep this year's budget moderate.

Mayor Cordier presented Resolution #5-2009, which authorizes the Village to solicit public quotes for a program audit of the Montgomery Street Reconstruction. The program audit is required because the Montgomery Street Reconstruction cost approximately \$500,000 and was paid out of grants from the state of New York. The solicitation of public quotes for the audit is designed to minimize the cost of the audit.

Resolution #5-2009 was moved by Trustee Cranna and seconded by Trustee Ezrati. The resolution was passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Board.

Mayor Cordier provided the Board with an update on the status of the sewer plant reconstruction that was required by damages that occurred to the plant during the ice storm and resulting electrical outage on December 12, 2008. At that time, the Mayor declared a state of emergency in conjunction with the damages that occurred at the sewer plant. The plant has been inspected by the Village's insurance company. The insurer has agreed to cover all costs of the repair with the exception of the replacement of the straps that hold the tank to its footings and the excavation that will be required. Engineering design for the repair is in process and a bidding process for the repair will follow.

Mayor Cordier notified the Board that he is pursuing refinancing of the bond anticipation note (BAN) in the amount of \$250,000 that has covered the financing of the costs incurred for the search for a new Village well in 2003-4. That search resulted in the drilling of the Woodmarc wells that provide a significant portion of Village water today. He noted that he and the village grant writer, Victor Cornelius, have identified the EFC as a probable source for low-cost, long-term financing of this debt.

Mayor Cordier announced that Tivoli High School is having a reunion in Tivoli on April 25, 2009. They plan to host events at the American Legion Hall. They also are exploring the possibility of obtaining and mounting the School Bell to commemorate the event. The Board engaged in a lively discussion on the likely age of the participants in the reunion.

Mayor Cordier asked Trustee Cranna to provide the Board with an update of a rental/landlord policy that is being drafted. Bryan noted that the policy will include information concerning village ordinances regarding noise, open containers, property upkeep, mass gatherings, garbage pickup, parking, and the social host law.

The mayor set the next meeting date for March 19, 2009 and called for Trustee reports.

Trustee Cranna thanked Jim Simmons and his crew for their work in stopping a water main break in early February. He noted that these employees had to work in extreme weather, into early morning hours to get the leak stopped.

He reported on efforts related to the 2010 census and noted that many jobs were available to work on this decadal effort. He also commented on activities at the Red Church. He noted that there still is an opening for a chair of the recreation committee. He announced that the annual Fire Department Dinner would take place on April 4, 2009 beginning at 6pm in the American Legion Hall.

Trustee Leedy summarized the Village court report noting that total fines and fees were \$1090. He also summarized the well report and noted the leak on route 9G. An additional leak on Feroe Avenue appears to be in the seal of the shut-off valve. He said that Jim Simmons, the DPW Superintendent, believes that the seal can be re-established and that replacing the valve can be delayed until summer, when it will be easier to dig.

Trustee Ezrati reported that she had met with the Fire Department directors and David Rogers of RBC Wealth Management on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 to discuss how the LOSAP funds would be invested. About \$9000 are available at this time for investment. The meeting proved helpful and David Rogers will now proceed with his investment plan.

Mayor Cordier thanked Trustee Ezrati for her help in drafting the Village response to the State audit. That response is due on February 23, 2009. The CAP or Action Plan will follow by mid-April.

Trustee Ezrati also reported to the Board that the Dutchess County Arts Council has again awarded the Tivoli Street Painting Festival a grant in excess of \$1,000. She and Joe Tobin of the Acoustic Medicine Show will attend an awards “potluck” on March 4, 2009.

Trustee Ezrati noted that she and Michele Grieg are working together to develop a review and implementation plan for the recommendations of the Architectural Review Committee.

Fire Chief Staffiero informed the Board of upcoming purchases by the Fire Department. He is researching these purchases currently and will present the Board with competitive bids on all items at the next meeting. He anticipates that these items are within the 2008-9 budgeted amount for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Staffiero also requested that Broadway be plowed first in the event of snow in order to have an emergency exit route available to the Fire Department. A discussion of logistical issues followed.

Chief Staffiero invited everyone to come to the Sunday breakfast at the firehouse on March 29, 2009. A full breakfast will be provided for a charge of \$6.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan G. Ezrati  
Secretary Pro-Tem