

**DRAFT
VILLAGE OF TIVOLI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2009**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on June 17, 2009 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Mayor Cordier called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Public: Fire Chief Bobby Staffiero, Village Attorney Christine Chale, Fred Cartier of PANDA, Tom Crisci, and Red Hook Police Officers Patrick Hildebrand and Jim Truitt.

The Mayor asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Mayor presented the minutes for of the May 20, 2009 Board Meeting. Trustee Cranna moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Manna seconded the motion. After a brief review of the minutes, the Mayor called for a vote. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Clerk's Report: Tivoli Yard Sale Day is July 25, 2009. Applications for the sale and to be on the sale map are online at the Village Website and in the Village Offices. Tivoli T-ball and softball begin in July – the first full week after the 4th of July.

The Mayor then presented the Treasurer's Report, including Vender Balance Summary Abstracts #13 in the amount of \$41,292.75 and #1 in the amount of \$90,983.01 and the Expenses by Fund Report. The Mayor then presented the balance of the Treasurer's Report, including Transactions by Account and the Budget to Actual balances for the FY through May 2010. Mayor Cordier asked for a motion to pay the current Village bills. Trustee Leedy moved that the bills be paid as presented and Trustee Manna seconded the motion. A discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Trustee Ezrati presented the Zoning Administration/Building Inspector Report. Four permits were issued for a total \$560 in fees. There was also four letters of complaints issued by the Zoning Enforcement Office for improper trash removal.

Mayor Cordier then proceeded to the regular business of the Board:

The aeration tanks at the sewer plant have been worked on for the past few weeks. It is labor intensive and weather (rain) has hampered the efforts. There has been progress made. Mayor Cordier and Trustee Manna visit the site several times a day.

The New York State Parks and Historic Preservation notified the Mayor that a grant in the amount of \$300,000 (matching funds) has been approved for the Waterfront Project. The Mayor has also applied for an additional grant from the DOS for a floating dock, restoration of the bulkhead, landscaping and for a parking lot. The Mayor is hoping to close on the CSX property as soon as possible. Scenic Hudson is funding \$40,000. for the acquisition of the property.

Bids from Flach Industries, A.W. Coon & Sons and Frank Vosburgh for the repair of the 9G water main break in February were reviewed. Vosburgh was awarded the bid as they submitted

the lowest bid of \$2,500 on a motion from Trustee Leedy and seconded by Trustee Ezrati. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The issue of water tower liability was discussed as the Village's insurance company noticed the graffiti on the tower during a recent inspection. It was recommended that a security system with a motion detector and/or camera be placed on the tower. Research will be done and three bids will be obtained. After the system is in place the water tower will be re-painted.

The Mayor noted that there has been a significant amount of feedback regarding the increase in the water/sewer rates. He explained that large debt was incurred to drill new wells and install piping. The rate increase was recommended in the recent audit. Currently, the water/sewer bills are due by the 15th of the month. It was determined that the Village has the authority to change the due date from 15 days to 30 days. A resolution will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the July meeting for this change.

PANDA contract negotiations with Time Warner are continuing. The contract has run out for the Village of Tivoli as well as the Towns and Villages of Red Hook and Rhinebeck. The Buske Group has been retained to negotiate the renewal.

A recent meeting with the Dean of Bard students went well. Student activities in the Village as well as small problems such as trash left out were discussed at the meeting. A Welcome to Tivoli Package and a Landlord/Renter Handbook was provided to the Dean and will be distributed to the students and their parents. Copies will also be available in Village Hall for all new residents in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Cranna noted training meetings will be held on June 23 and 29 in Poughkeepsie at 7:00pm by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department about alcohol beverage control which is geared toward liquor and convenience stores and underage drinking. He also thanked the Red Hook Police Department for their work in the Tivoli Village.

Trustee Manna reported that he has been working on the mapping and numbering of all fire hydrants located in the Village. He is also seeking volunteers to paint the hydrants. He has also been overseeing safety inspections of the park and is keeping log books to record the progress.

Trustee Leedy presented the Water/Well Report. There was a water main break on Woods Road that was repaired. There are currently fifteen water meters that are not working properly which results in lost revenue for the Village.

Trustee Ezrati reported that there were 16 fire department calls in May. The Firehouse Chicken barbeque will be held on July 11 at 1:00pm. They will begin serving at 3:00 pm. Trustee Ezrati and Tom Crisci participate jointly on the LOSAP Board. The board encourages active and new participants. Four new firefighters were added to the Tivoli fire department this year. Tom Crisci noted that there are 29 active firefighters, 24 that completed activity requirements in Tivoli.

Trustee Ezrati also attended an Architectural Review Meeting. Michelle Grieg is working with the committee to preserve historical planning. Michelle provides expert oversight to the conversion of the rules into law. She is also working on a pattern book which will show typical Tivoli architectural styles. The Zoning Board did not have a meeting this month. The Street

Painting Festival is set for September 26 – September 27 is the rain date. Brochures will be available soon.

Kathy O'Connor of PANDA Update:

PANDA is offering a two day “elementary” video course in hopes to broaden its base of producers. The class will be held in the Tivoli Library on July 7 and 14. The PANDA Studio is now open Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Copies of PANDA programs are available on a DVD for \$10.00.

The Planning Board addressed a lot line issue in the Village. The Zoning Board did not meet this month. The Street Painting Festival is set for September 26 – the rain date is September 27. Brochures will be available soon.

Public Comments:

Patrick Hildebrandt and Jim Truitt from the Town of Red Hook Police Department were in attendance. Tivoli Fire Chief Bobby Staffiero recently held an extrication drill using the Jaws of Life. There have also been training sessions of pump operations. Tom Crisci expressed concerns about the Village's water quality.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Cranna, seconded by Trustee Leedy.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gonnella
Village Clerk