

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2009
VILLAGE OF SPECULATOR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Speculator Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall, 112 Elm Lake Road, Speculator, New York, on September 28, 2009.

PRESENT: Neil P. McGovern, Mayor; Cheryl Paestella, Del Cook, and Munro Collie Smith, Trustees; Roger E. Blanchard, Jr., DPW Supt.; Florence Braunius, Wastewater Chief Operator; and Bonnie J. Page, Village Clerk-Treasurer. Trustee Rudes was absent.

GUESTS: Katie Smith, Village Attorney; Robert Hoffman, resident; and Pete Klein, representing the Hamilton County News.

Mayor McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and began the pledge of allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

MINUTES

Trustee Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24th meeting as presented. Trustee Paestella seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Cook, Smith and McGovern – aye; nays – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No proposals were received for the Oak Mt. concession. Some discussion ensued on re-advertising and the Board agreed to put another ad in the newspaper.

ROGER E. BLANCHARD, JR., DPW SUPT.

Mr. Blanchard said they are hauling sand for the winter. They are also working on the newer part of the cemetery and will be cutting trees and pulling stumps between the old part and the new. The Department will be taking the dock out in a couple of weeks. Mr. Blanchard asked if they could extend the summer help until the end of October. He said that one employee left at the beginning of September and it was budgeted for two until the October 1 and the Board agreed that if he's needed, the summer help could stay for a couple more weeks. There was some discussion on inspecting the trucks and the geese on the beach property. Mr. Blanchard said they continue to clear ditches as time allows.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Page noted receipt of a notice regarding the rates of the Volunteer Firefighters Benefits plan. She said the original notice said the cost would be increasing 23.4%. The current notice said that had been reduced to 6.4%.

When the NYMIR representative reviewed the policy on September 15, the Inland Marie audit shower a few items that were not covered on the policy so they were added resulting in an additional premium of \$59.00 which is in the abstract. Mrs. Page also noted receipt of the endorsement for the ski center. The added premium is \$2137.08 which is based on September 15 to the November renewal.

Mrs. Page noted receipt of the annual invitation to the Young Explosives customer showcase which will be held October 18 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Some discussion ensued and Mrs. Page reminded the Board that they offer 10% in additional fireworks for contracts signed before or at the showcase. Trustee Cook made a motion to approve the attendance of Trustee Smith at the showcase as noted. Trustee Paestella seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Cook, Smith and McGovern – aye; nays – none.

ABSTRACTS

Trustee Paestella made a motion to pay Abstract #8 in the following amounts: General Fund - \$11850.05, Water Fund - \$3464.66, Sewer Fund - \$4062.53 and Oak Mt. Special Revenue - \$3483.79. Trustee Smith seconded. The motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none.

Mrs. Page also reported on the recent NYCOM Fall Training School and offered copies of the information received.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Hall remains on the Old Business. Trustee Paestella said the Revitalization Committee had discussed having Gerry Amerine make the benches over the winter. Another meeting was scheduled for Sept. 29.

Regarding Oak Mt., Mayor McGovern said he'd met with Kevin Smith and requested that the "Smith" Commission get geared up and have vital employees get up to date on the Point of Sale system. He said there hasn't been a lot of response on the advertisement for the office manager for the mountain. Mayor McGovern said that the re-advertisement would be done and there were several other items that needed to be addressed. There was some discussion of problems in the past with updating the website with the conditions each day. Lisa Turner was keeping the other areas of the website updated. Trustee Cook offered to assist with getting the conditions updated on a timely basis.

There was discussion on the ski patrollers and ski school. Mayor McGovern said he'd spoken with Allison Braunius who is interested in sharing the duties of the ski school. He also said there should be further incentives for the ski school and patrollers personnel. There was some discussion on the agreements with the towns for the ski season.

Mayor McGovern asked the Board's input on the purchase of additional equipment for the ski shop. After some discussion, Trustee Smith said he would discuss the needs with Mr. Morrison and find out what should be purchased and the cost. There was discussion about the electric at the

mountain. There was also a lengthy discussion about the credit card system and cleaning the new lodge for the party planned on Oct. 17th. A work day at Oak Mt. was set for Sunday, October 11th.

Katie Smith, Village Attorney, reported that Lawrence Smith (who proposes to purchase the pump house property) asked that the Village take the pipes out of the old pump house. After some discussion, the Board agreed that for the price he's paying he buys it as is.

Regarding the street light on South Shore Road, a fax was received from one of the families in the area asking that the light be placed in a particular place and all area parcel owners agreed on the placement. Mayor McGovern said he would take care of the request.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Mrs. Braunius reported on the Green Innovation Grant Program action items that she'd emailed to the Board. Two resolutions are needed and after some discussion the following resolutions were offered and approved.

Trustee Smith motion to authorize the acceptance of the grant monies regarding the application to the Green Innovation Grant Program and to authorize the expenditure of the local match as follows: \$1000 for pole camera and \$1500 for sewer camera. Trustee Cook seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none.

Trustee Paestella made a motion to revise the wording of a resolution made at the May 27 meeting of the Board of Trustees to read as follows: to apply for funding for a sewer camera for inspection of the sewer lines and laterals and a pole camera for inspection of manholes and pump stations for the purpose of inflow and infiltration abatement through the Green Innovation Grant Program and that under Part 617.5 subpart 25 of the Conservation Law, the project is Type II based on the fact that it is a purchase of equipment only. Trustee Smith seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none.

Mayor McGovern reported on a meeting with the Town of Lake Pleasant and State representatives regarding extending the sewer to the Village line and into the Town of Lake Pleasant and the requirements for same. Some discussion took place on the pre-eligibility determination received from Rural Development.

Mrs. Braunius said the operating plan for the Green Innovation Grant now has to be stamped by an engineer. Some discussion ensued. *Trustee Cook made a motion to authorize an amount not to exceed \$250 for the engineer's stamp necessary for the Green Innovation Grant operating plan. Trustee Smith seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none.*

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Smith presented a copy of a Local Law adopted by the Town of Lake Pleasant to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species into the waters of Lake Pleasant and recommended the Board review it for possible adoption in the Village. Mrs. Page was asked to make copies for the Board to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Smith made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter relative to Oak Mt. Ski Center at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Cook seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none.

Trustee Cook made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Paestella, Smith, Cook, and McGovern – ayes; nays – none. No action taken as a result of Executive Session and the regular meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J. Page, CMC, RMC, CMFO
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – October 13, 2009 (Tuesday)