

August 7, 2006
Village Board Meeting

Present: Jack Gilfeather (Deputy Mayor), Trustee Thayer, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Blundell

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather opened the meeting at 7:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blundell stated that in the July minutes the discussion of resource recovery he stated that the village could look for a grant to fund garbage bins.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to accept the minutes from 7-10-06, 7-13-06, and 7-17-06. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather took time out to acknowledge prior Mayor and Trustee Bob Bowman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Seymour read the treasurer's report for the month of July 2006.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 322,384.71
WATER FUND	\$ 10,991.11
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 622.88
PETTY CASH	\$ 50.00
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,313.01

Bills to be paid: General - \$ 116,159.58, Water Fund - \$ 13,380.02, T & A - \$ 5,655.72, Resource Recovery - \$ 6,745.76.

Before the remaining reports Deputy Mayor Gilfeather would like to address the sidewalks on Park Ave.

Sidewalks: Kathleen Hapeman of 11 Park Ave. has requested that the bids for sidewalks on the north side of Park Ave be eliminated. A petition with signatures from residents of Park Avenue was submitted in protest of the sidewalks on the north side of Park Ave. Mayor Cohen explained that the bids will be re-bid and this will include the south side of Park instead of the north. These bids will be opened on August 23, 2006. Ms. Hapeman would like to review the specs of this project. Don Finn of Park Avenue questioned why the land owners were not notified of these sidewalks. Trustee Seymour stated that he feels that sidewalks are safe for all involved. David Pearson of Park Avenue asked why the stop signs were removed and if it was possible for the white lines to be painted on the road again. Trustee Seymour stated that the white lines did not work well. Per Deputy Mayor Gilfeather the topic of sidewalks will be discussed in further detail in September.

Prince Street-Hedges

Kathy Douris of Phillips Street is complaining about her neighbors hedges creating a sight problem when exiting from her driveway. A survey will be done at the said address to decide

whether the property is in the Village right of way. A letter was submitted from the Village Attorney requesting the Village Board not make a decision until he has time to review the survey. This will be discussed on September 23rd.

LUNA 61

Debra Maisel owner of Luna 61 was present to complain about the highway department cutting down her flower garden at the Luna 61 which is located at the intersections of Cherry Street and East Market St. Ms. Maisel feels that the flowers were cut to short and would like the village to reimburse her for damages. An estimate was submitted from the Phantom Gardner for \$ 2073.73. Deputy Mayor Gilfeather would table this discussion until September 23rd.

Trustee Seymour asked Clerk Cole to research other landscapers and get another estimate. Trustee Blundell has asked Ms. Maisel to put her complaint in writing just in case this becomes a legal matter.

POLICE

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the police report for the month of July:

54 registered complaints, 79 uniform traffic tickets, 16 parking tickets, 7 accidents investigated, 4353 miles patrolled. Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read a letter of recommendation that was submitted by the Officer in Charge Ryan Griffin for hiring two new part time police officers. This appointment will be tabled until September 23rd also.

HIGHWAY

Trustee Thayer reported on August 30th the following road will be nova chipped – Maizeland to Linden and Fisk to Thompson. Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to purchase an air conditioner for the highway department office which is not to exceed \$150.00. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of July: 9 Building permits, 10 certificates of occupancy, 11 certificates of compliance, and 1 municipal search. \$ 745.00 was collected in fees for the month of July.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour stated the Hudson Valley Greenway project 2006 Vision VIP Award was not awarded to the Village Green this year.

WATER

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the water report for the month of July 2006: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, located shut off at 14 Phillips St. and 10 Tobacco Lane for repairs, New water meters were installed at 10 Tobacco Lane and 7405 South Broadway, Shutoffs were replaced: 57 East Market St., 22 Cambridge, 60 Garden, 54 Garden and 40 Cherry St., valve box was dug up and replaced on Church Street Ext., average daily usage was 293,710. Also, to be discussed in September will be to raise the water rates.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of July: Commingle 5.56 T @ \$ 128.24, cardboard .08 T @ \$ 8.30, newspaper 8.76 T @ \$ 90.85, garbage 26.24 T @ \$ 2182.90.

CELEBRATION

Trustee Blundell stated that the final details for Hardscrabble Day are being ironed out. The poster for Hardscrabble Day has been submitted. WKZE will do the advertising. The US Post Office will have a special postal stamp. The Red Hook School district is also having a sports weekend (Home Coming) on September 16th. At this time there are fireworks scheduled for after a 7:00 pm football game.

MONINARO ENDORSEMENT

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather is asking the Village Board to endorse Marc Molinaro for the position of Assemblyman. Trustee Blundell is not sure if the Village Board should endorse a single candidate. He feels that it is not the position of the Village Board to endorse a candidate, but personally as a resident, would be acceptable. Per the Village Attorney Jeff Martin it is not proper for the Village Board to recognize any one candidate. But is would be acceptable for each board member to endorse someone as individuals. Trustee Gilfeather has agreed to personally endorse Marc Molinaro for the 103rd Assembly District. Trustee Seymour – yes, Trustee Thayer – yes, Trustee Blundell – no

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather announced that Ken Kearney (developer for Senior Housing) has received the financial funding for Phase II.

Trustee Blundell announced that the NYS DOT rejected our application for a grant to fund restoration on the brick wall on West Market St.

Trustee Blundell has requested that a letter be sent to the Sheriff's Department for the use of the traffic trailer.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather announced that ENCON has completed the clean up at the Perx property.

There will be a meeting on August 23rd at the Town Hall at 7: 00 to meet with the Inter-Municipal Task Force. The Village Board has a board meeting that same night at 7:30, each board will do their best to make this meeting.

Trustee Seymour has asked the Clerk to contact the insurance company to see if there is any liability for the village highway department to maintain the sidewalks on residential streets.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather asked the Clerk to call other Village's in the county and find out water rates. This will be discussed at a future board meeting. Trustee Seymour has requested that Bucky Coon evaluate the meter readings - how much is the loss factor compared to the water in the tank.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather has submitted a request from the police department for the purchase of a new police car at a cost of \$ 30,733.68. Trustee Seymour questioned why is there such a large motor. The decision of this purchase will be adjourned until August 23rd.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to approve the remaining balance of \$ 27,310.15 to pay off the garbage truck. All repairs to the truck have been satisfied. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer