

**VILLAGE OF PARISH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 19, 2009**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Heagle opened the meeting at 7 PM. All said the pledge.

**Present:** Leon Heagle, Mayor  
Neil Chatterton, Trustee  
Scott Allardice, Trustee  
Patricia Lewis, Trustee  
Robert Ventre, Attorney  
Kevin Dwyer, Treasurer

**Excused:** Daniel Dalin, Trustee (arrived @ 8:25pm)

**Also Present:** Evelyn Newton and Eleanor Kinney, Parish Library Board of Trustees; Jamie Crutchley, The Right Step Dance Studio; Chuck Johnson, The Gristmill Restaurant; MaryLou Guindon; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Representative.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Trustee Chatterton to approve the minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as they are, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**Reports:**

**Legislator Barry Leemann:** Tabled, Legislator Leemann not present.

**Building Inspector & Code Enforcer, Harold Babcock:** Mayor Heagle stated the temporary CEO is Bob Dalton while Harold Babcock is on leave but after the 21<sup>st</sup> of August Bob Dalton will be on vacation. He said that Harold's court issue was postponed till November. Harold stopped into the office after his court appointment and said he was thinking of resigning and the Town Clerk asked him to wait one week and think about it. Mayor Heagle said he would try to call him. He said he would also call Supervisor Stelmashuck about this issue.

**Sewer Plant Report, VRI, Inc.:** Mayor Heagle reviewed the VRI report with the Board. Chuck Johnson said the Gristmill picked up the tab for Klebs Septic with the sewer pumping at the Gristmill. Mayor Heagle said there would be bills for \$870 for the VRI over-time and \$546 for the pump repair. Bat Com is coming in to look at the analyzer as it keeps overheating. A letter was sent to 2 residents regarding grease in the pump station on Montgomery Street. Mayor Heagle had 2 pictures of the grease removed from the pump station. Mayor Heagle stated that last month there was discussion on the WWTP truck, which is 9 years old and in need of repair or VRI offered to lease a truck at a cost of \$400 a month to the Village. Mayor Heagle had a picture of the truck they want to lease. Mayor Heagle stated the only issue he had was if the Village is paying \$400 a month and VRI uses the truck elsewhere. He said they have to take into consideration the costs for Seiwert. Discussion followed. It was suggested to have Ken Scherrieble come in to discuss the issues with the Board. Trustee Allardice asked about the Gristmill bills and who was responsible for paying them. Attorney Ventre stated with Montgomery Street to bill the residents and if they want their own pump station the homeowner would have to foot the cost and be responsible for the pump and any costs. Chuck Johnson said that in September 1996 the old grease trap went in at the Gristmill and they have Klebs come in to clean out the pump station regularly. Chuck had no idea the grease trap was falling apart and they all worked very quickly to correct the problem. Chuck stated that he and David were pleased with VRI's help but they felt that Klebs should have told them about the deterioration of the grease tank. Trustee Allardice asked if the Gristmill had the 800-phone number for VRI. Chuck stated they went from a 300-gallon tank to a 1000-gallon tank. Discussion followed. Mayor Heagle said they would have to have a discussion on how to handle the costs incurred from grease in the pump stations.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Lewis to accept the report from VRI for July 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Chatterton, carried.

**Tug Hill Representative, Paul Baxter:** Paul stated he was in the process of setting up a training session for Planning and Zoning Boards sometime the end of September in Central Square. He said that Tug Hill was also setting up a session on ATV/snowmobile issues in the Northern Oswego counties. Trustee Allardice brought up the park & ride for cars and snowmobiles on Co. Rt. 26 by exit 81 that will be part of

the Rte 69 project. Paul stated the Tug Hill Local Leaders Institute meeting is coming up; registrations are due the 1<sup>st</sup> part of September. Trustee Allardice asked Paul Baxter about the Syracuse.com website that has municipalities on it including Altmar. Discussion followed.

**Recreation Committee:** Mayor Heagle stated that Summer Recreation would be over this week. He said he has not heard anything on a recreation director as yet.

**Chamber of Commerce, Dan Dalin:** Tabled, Dan Dalin not present.

**Task Force Committee:** Mayor Heagle stated he thinks they might be looking for a new chairperson for the Committee.

**Water Committee, Scott Allardice:** Mayor Heagle stated he is not sure where Tim Burley is on this but he is working on it.

**Grievances or Concerns of the Public:** Mayor Heagle opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Neil Chatterton said somehow they have to find a better way to make maps for property lines. He said they read + or minus 10 feet. Mr. Chatterton said he has hired a surveyor because he and his neighbor are having problems. Mayor Heagle said the new assessor is having issues with this also while assessing the Town. Attorney Ventre said aerial maps are not that accurate. Discussion followed. Mr. Chatterton asked if property taxes he pays are to the center of the road and does he own that. Attorney Ventre said he didn't think so, he thought it was to the right-of-way.

Letter – From the Litigation Planning Team. The Town and Village are in compliance.

Letter – From Kellie Lukaczyk from National Grid regarding the service charge added to bills.

Letter – MaryLou Guindon gave Mayor Heagle a letter from a former resident of Parish and he read it to the Board, but he felt there was nothing that could be done. The letter was regarding the poor condition of the Village and Town. Discussion followed. Mayor Heagle said there are 2 houses in the Village that they have a problem with. Attorney Ventre said the bank is willing to release the mortgage on the Hoyt property. Mayor Heagle said the Village could pay to take the house down and the cost can then be put on the tax bill and the county would have to pay it the next year but the village would have to come up with the money up front for a year. The issue is the asbestos in the house. Trustee Allardice asked if the village had to find out if there is asbestos in the house. Attorney Ventre asked how much it would cost to have someone come in to determine if there is asbestos. Mayor Heagle said about \$8,000. There was further discussion.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Sewer Treatment Plant Restoration/Update on engineering on Treatment Plant:** Mayor Heagle said they did get the bill for fixing both issues at the sewer plant and N. Railroad St. by Henderson Brothers. He said the insurance company covered the welding of the tank at the sewer plant. Mayor Heagle received a letter from the USDA regarding the \$12,600 pre-development grant. He said Tim Burley and Mary Chappell are working on the correct way to disburse the funds. He said that Tuesday he and Kevin have a finance meeting and Wednesday another computer meeting regarding the funding. Mayor Heagle said he finally got on line today to register the DUNS number with the state and federal government. He said they would probably have to have another meeting soon so they can stay on focus and they need to appoint an administrator.

**Proposal on culvert and ditch on Union Street:** Mayor Heagle said he would send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Ongley letting them know where the right of way will be for the culvert.

**Timber theft on former dump:** Mayor Heagle stated the trial would be on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> here at the local court.

**Action on Hoyt Property:** Mayor Heagle said the Board needs to make a decision on the house within the next month.

**Action on Zoning Regulations:** Attorney Ventre said they still have to set a date.

**Pad for fuel oil tank in cellar:** Mayor Heagle said the pad and stone for a French drain were put in today and that they found 2 floors down there. He said they have to get the tanks up on the pad now so they can be refilled.

### **New Business:**

**Recognition committee:** Tabled, Dan Dalin not present.

**Code of Ethics & Investment Policy:** Attorney Ventre said they are not ready yet and to schedule it next month as a resolution.

**Discussion on WWTP truck:** Already discussed.

**Audit:** Mayor Heagle said the Annual Report is finished and filed and it is up to the Board to do an audit or cause one to be done.

**Stimulus money:** Already discussed.

**Library – use of building and paving of parking lot:** Mayor Heagle stated he received a letter from the Library asking to use the gym if it rained on August 24<sup>th</sup> for the Snow Belters. He said the Planning Board would be using the courtroom that night for their meeting. The Board agreed to let the Library use the gym. He also received a letter asking for permission to pave the Library parking lot. Eleanor Kinney said the Library received a matching grant for the paving.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Chatterton to let the Library pave the parking lot, but that the fuel tank be taken out first and that they consider the drawings for the new design in the Route 69 project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Dalin, carried.

**New office telephone:** Mayor Heagle told the Board the clerk needs a new telephone, as there are issues with the old one.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Lewis to approve the Village Clerk getting a new telephone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**The Right Step Dance Studio – Use of Gym:** Mayor Heagle read a letter to the Board from The Right Step Dance Studio asking for use of the gym on Wednesday nights from 5 to 6:30 pm for the month of November and the first week in December. Attorney Ventre said there should be a fee. There was discussion on December because of the food pantry and Elves at Work and locking up after the program.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Chatterton to charge \$25 for each use of the gym on Wednesdays for the month of November and the first week in December and for the Right Step Dance Studio to give the Village office a copy of the Insurance coverage, with renewal for use of the gym in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**Gristmill Restaurant Building Sewer Permit:** Already discussed.

**Annual Sewer Report:** Mayor Heagle read the report to the Board and discusses the 3 items that need addressing. He said Ken Scherrieble may have already done item 2 and item 3 is already done. He also received a letter on 7/23/09 from Thomas Vigneault, P.E. of the DEC, regarding the “as built” drawings for the Chlorination/Dechlorination and the I&I review. Mayor Heagle said Tim Burley is responding to this. Mayor Heagle opened it to the Board for discussion.

**Furnace:** Mayor Heagle said he did talk with Burley–Guminiak & Associates and Bill Backus about the furnaces. It was suggested they keep the boiler that heats the rest of the building and replace the one for the gym. Discussion Followed. Mayor Heagle said they couldn’t really put a forced air unit in. He will take with Bill Backus again. He is hopeful that next month they will have some bids. Mayor Heagle said he did purchase the legs for the fuel tanks in the cellar.

**Drinking fountain:** The button when turned on will not turn off on the drinking fountain in the gym hall and needs to be replaced. It will need to be moved when the clerk’s office is remodeled.

**Village Property on Bengal Road:** Mayor Heagle said he should talk with Attorney Ventre. He received a call from someone interested in buying the former dump property to build a house on. Attorney Ventre had several question but felt it is not worth the issues that could arise for the amount of money for the property.

#### **Payment of Bills:**

**General Fund** in the amount of \$ 7,303.33

**Motion** was made by Trustee Lewis to pay the General Fund bills for vouchers 301 through 343 for a total warrant of \$7,303.33, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**Sewer Fund** in the amount of \$20,485.87

**Motion** was made by Trustee Chatterton to pay the Sewer Fund bill for vouchers 301 through 322 for a total warrant of \$20,485.87, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lewis, carried.

**SRCG** \$ 1,000.00

**Motion** was made by Trustee Dalin to pay the SRCG the Village share of the 2009 Tug Hill resident & landowner survey project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Dalin at 8:55 PM to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of disputed contractual matter and litigation relative thereof, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Chatterton to come out of executive session at 9:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lewis, carried.

**Motion** was made by Trustee Dalin to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Allardice, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia French,  
Village Clerk