

**JANUARY 11, 2010
VILLAGE OF SPECULATOR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Speculator Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall, Elm Lake Road, Speculator, New York, on January 11, 2010.

PRESENT: Munro Collie Smith, Mayor; Letty Rudes, Cheryl Paestella, and Del Cook, Trustees; Florence Braunius, WWTP Chief Operator, Katie Smith, Village Attorney; and Bonnie J. Page, Village Clerk-Treasurer. Trustee Tracy was absent

GUESTS: Sarah Kraemer & Justin Hladik, Reality Check; and Robert Hoffman and Christen Jones, residents.

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

MINUTES

Trustee Paestella made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28th meeting as presented. Trustee Rudes seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Paestella, Cook, and Smith – aye; nays – none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearings for Local Laws #3 (Aquatic Invasive Species) and #4 (Meter law). There were no comments by the attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Kraemer and Justin Hladik presented information to the Board of Trustees on Reality Check which is a program targeting efforts stop smoking in teenagers. They asked the Board to support their efforts to encourage removing smoking from movies.

Trustee Rudes made a motion to adopt the Reality Check resolution as made a part of these minutes (Attachment #1). Trustee Paestella seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Paestella, Cook, and Smith – aye; nays – none.

Mr. Hoffman said the school has offered ski lessons through the youth program and there are some families that are having a hard time coming up with the \$5.00 rental fee. He asked that either the Youth recreation program through the Town come up with the fee or the fee be waived entirely. Mayor Smith said he expected there to be a meeting of the Youth Recreation program to discuss this matter. Ms. Jones said that there isn't much for the kids to do this time of year and with the rental fee and their financial condition, they just can't afford it right now. She said several of the school children wouldn't be able to ski if the rentals aren't free.

FLORENCE BRAUNIUS, WWTP CHIEF OPERATOR

Mrs. Braunius provided a written report (Attachment #2). She said the water break on Christmas Day highlighted the need to complete the loop in the system in that area and described how it might be done. She noted the meters will be read next week and mentioned that the Archives grant money had not been released. On the GIGP grant, she said the agreement with NYS EFC had to be revised and executed when they email it again.

The hauled waste agreement between the Town of Lake Pleasant and the Village was reviewed. Mrs. Smith brought #10 to the Board's attention. She said that it would be continued annually until it needs to be discontinued. It was suggested that there be language stating that upon written notice that either party can discontinue the agreement. Some discussion ensued.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Page submitted written year-end and month-end reports she'd completed to date: 5/31/09 year end on file at the Village Hall, 6/30/09, 7/31/09, 8/31/09 and 9/30/09 Bank Reconciliations, Operating Statements, Summary of Cash Accounts (Attachments #3). She said she would be busy with year end payroll reports and the water-sewer billing over the next two weeks.

ABSTRACTS

Trustee Rudes made a motion to pay Abstract #15 in the following amounts: General Fund - \$12589.15, Water Fund - \$3425.73, Sewer Fund - \$46077.54 and Oak Mt. Special Revenue - \$11731.68. Trustee Cook seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, Paestella and Smith – ayes; nays – none.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Smith said the Village Hall remains on the Old Business as does the National Grid gross receipts tax.

Mayor Smith said he had a request from John Morrison to hire Carolyn Braunius for the ski shop to cover when Dan Cook was unavailable and for the busy times. *Trustee Cook made a motion to hire Carolyn Braunius for the Oak Mt. Ski Shop at the rate of \$10.00 per hour for the ski season. Trustee Rudes seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, Paestella and Smith – ayes; nays – none.*

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Paestella announced that the Revitalization Committee had joined with the Town of Lake Pleasant in applying for a grant and the grant was awarded. The Committee would have to come up with \$12,600 as their part of the grant and fund raising had commenced. She indicated that the money had been committed by private donors. A landscape designer will be hired to plan out the areas in the Village that should be addressed. Trustee Paestella said there is a landscape designer in Saranac Lake that may be available for this project. Robert Camoin wrote the grant as his contribution to this project.

Trustee Paestella also said the benches are being constructed although there were some adjustments that need to be made. Some discussion took place on installing the donor plaques, etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Trustee Cook made a motion to close the Public Hearings on Local Laws #3 and #4 and to adopt same as presented and made a part of these minutes (Attachment #4 & 5). Trustee Rudes seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, Paestella and Smith – ayes; nays – none.

Trustee Rudes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Cook seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Paestella, Cook, and Smith – ayes; nays – none.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – January 25, 2010

Attachment #1 – Reality Check Resolution

Attachment #2 - Water-Wastewater Report

Attachment #3 – Monthly Reports 6/30, 7/31, 8/31, 9/30 Bank Reconciliations, Operating
Statements and Cash Accounts

Attachment #4 – Local Law #3 of 2009

Attachment #5 – Local Law #4 of 2009