

**NOVEMBER 9, 2009
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 November 9, 2009.

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

GUESTS: Robert Hoffman, resident.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Page noted receipt of a donation of \$10,000 from Gospel Volunteers. Mayor McGovern had responded with a note of thanks.

MINUTES

Trustee Rudes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26th meeting as presented. Trustee Cook seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, and Paestella – aye; nays – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

FLORENCE BRAUNIUS, WWTP CHIEF OPERATOR

Mrs. Braunius reviewed her written report which is made a part of these minutes (Attachment #1). She said there has been a small percentage of decrease in percentage of specific capacity and recommended that the Board set aside money to have the wells cleaned and redeveloped when the decrease reaches 25%. She noted the expensive repairs to the pickup truck and suggested considering replacing the truck in the next year's budget.

She also noted that the announcement of the 2009 Archives grant money will allow the Village to have about 70% of the Village water customers with radio read registers. 50% of the award will be received within the next four weeks and the department is developing a list of locations for the installations.

Mrs. Braunius reviewed the matter of taking the water from the Town of Lake Pleasant floor drains. The Village will have to consider the procedure for accepting the water and what the Town will have to pay for this service. Some discussion ensued on how the water would be transported. It was noted that a fee would need to be developed along with an agreement between the Town and the Village.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Page noted that the first election notice will be in the November 11 edition of the Hamilton County Express. Two trustees will be up for election. She also noted she had completed the annual report of Boundary and Annexation Survey which is now done online.

ABSTRACTS

Trustee Paestella made a motion to pay Abstract #11 in the following amounts: General Fund - \$15386.87, Water Fund - \$2677.26, Sewer Fund - \$20124.08 and Oak Mt. Special Revenue - \$3761.85. Trustee Rudes seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, and Paestella – ayes; nays – none.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Hall remains on the Old Business. Trustee Rudes reported Mr. Germain said the Expo was a huge success. She also said the excavating work that was authorized had been completed and Mrs. Tracy has been ordering stock for the ski shop.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Rudes said the Fire Department has an offer for \$5,000 for the old fire truck. Trustee Rudes made a motion to accept the \$5,000 contingent on the offer coming from another fire department and the money will be appropriated for use for the new truck. Trustee Paestella seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Cook, and Paestella – ayes; nays – none.

Mrs. Braunius said that over the years the Village has received help from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for many years from Phil Smith and Tim Miller and suggested that the Board send a letter thanking them for their many years of assistance. The Board agreed that this would be done.

Trustee Paestella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Trustee Rudes seconded and the motion was passed by the following vote: Rudes, Paestella, and Cook – ayes; nays – none.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – November 23, 2009