

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
JUNE 22, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustee: Glenn Thomas, Joseph Dick, Frank Libordi
Peter DiRaimondo
Clerk Kristene Libordi
ZBA Chair Doug Dunn
Fire Dept: Chief Michael Robbins & President Walt Rutski
Jim Bebout

Mayor opened the meeting at 6PM.

REX SIMPSON

Mayor Falci noted that in the April 27 minutes he was given permission to hire Rex Simpson based on the out come of the referendum. That contract has been signed. Mr. Simpson asked at that time if we had to pay prevailing wage and the answer is yes. This may add some to the cost but would be a small amount. Rex should have blue prints ready to go out by the end of June. The Village should charge \$100 per copy which will be returned when the prints are returned.

MARY SMITH – GRANT WRITER

The Mayor and Walt Rutski met with Mary Smith. She works for a \$500 retainer per year. When she provides specific work and takes a % of the grant. She will write a contract for approval at the July 13th meeting. She explained that we can't get a grant and apply it to the fire hall bond – illegal. We can apply it to phase 2 such as updating the existing building. She told the Mayor that the Village will be considered for a grant based on: Debt load, per income per household and serious problems that need to be addressed immediately. The Mayor noted Seneca Rd as a problem. We have a chance to apply for the end of August grants to go towards a shelter in the new fire hall.

BOB RANGER

Mr. Ranger independent Bond agent has given the Mayor a contract for the Mayor to sign. It will be on the agenda for the July 13th meeting. The Mayor met with Mr. Bob Goll from Steuben Trust explained to the Mayor that the new regulations passed by the State regarding bonding, require the need to have someone like Mr. Ranger to assist the Village thru the bonding process. 1.75% of the bond goes to Mr. Ranger - \$8750.

Trustee Thomas noted that Mr. Ranger stated we put the money in a separate acct and set it up in phases to be paid at certain times. Mayor noted that the money to pay Mr. Range and Mr. Simpson will come out of the Bond money. Trustee Libordi asked if Mr. Simpson was clerk of the works. Mayor Falci said no - did not think we needed a clerk of the works. Trustee Thomas stated that Mr. Simpson would watch over what is going on.

JIM SCHEIDER – CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Falci told the board that Code Enforcement Officer Jim Scheider is certified and has his ID #. He attended a 24 hour course that the Town and Village paid for – cost split which gives him his certification. Trustee Thomas asked about the Rao and Boccia properties – he has received calls regarding the maintenance. Mayor Falci directed the Clerk to send letters to the following regarding maintenance: Grillo on Elmwood, Horton on Avondale, Levinson trees hanging over alley behind the church, 2 Rural Ave properties at end of St.

SUMMER HELP

Phil D'Amato will officially be gone as an employee as of July 2nd.

Mayor Falci made a motion to hire Joshua Zdanowski as summer help at the pay rate of \$8/hour for 5 days per week with no benefits. Motion was second by Trustee Thomas and carried.

The Mayor would like the board to consider using Gerald Ross as "on call" for any major emergencies that may arise. Walt Rutski will be "on call" for snow removal.

CONGRESSMAN MASSA

Congressman Eric Massa has asked to use the Village Hall for a July 5th Town Hall meeting from 1 to 2:30 PM. Deputy Clerk Deborah Pomeroy will open and close the building for this event. The Grant writer Mary Smith will attend

BERTHESDA DRIVE

There is a problem going north on 36 and turning east onto Bethesda Drive. Traffic that is turning that wants to go east beyond the Lowe's are in the wrong lane. The turn sign that the DOT painted on the road is not close to the Rt 36 turn off. The Mayor contacted the DOT to have that adjusted and they will not change it.

DPW BUILDING

Supervisor Zdanowski received figures from contractor Matthew Graham for repair work at the DPW. The board received figures ranging from \$6900 to \$28,150 for various repair updates. The Mayor noted that this would be looked at for next year. There is a roof problem that may need immediate attention.

ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

The clerk gave the board information from an electric supplier asking to be considered as the Village's electric supplier. At this time NYSG Solutions is the current supplier. The Clerk to check and see if we are locked in with NYSEG Solutions.

TRUCK

Mayor has received a bid from the Town of Hornellsville for the DPW truck. Mayor noted two options: keep the truck, auction, put it out for bid. The DPW would like to keep it and put salt spreader on it. Trustee Dick noted that there was a resale figure and it was to be used for the new truck. If we keep it now we have to come up with the money from a different fund to pay for the new truck. Trustee Dick noted the reason the DPW asked for a new truck was because this one was in need of constant maintenance. The board directed that the truck be put up for auction with a reserve of \$5000 to \$6000. The Mayor will talk to Supervisor Zdanowski.

PHIL D'AMATO

Phil D'Amato turned in his resignation letter from DPW. He is taking a weeks vacation and may work an additional 2 – 3 days when he returns. He still needs to turn in the garage door opener.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Robbins reported to the board that the lounge in the fire department is being torn down. Will make room for the brush truck when construction starts.

MR. & MRS HOFFMAN

Mayor reported that Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman own the house on Wightman Ave that houses Diane Fucci's hair salon. They are currently having problems with Mayor Hogan regarding the water bill. For the first time have received two bills for the residence with only one water meter. The Mayor called Mayor Hogan who said it is in our water contract. Mayor Falci told Mayor Hogan it is not in our contract. Mayor Hogan to get back to Mayor Falci. Mayor Falci told Mr. Hoffman to pay only one bill. If the City pursues this, then the Mayor will turn it over to Attorney Shults.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Mayor will talk to CEO Scheider regarding the Livingston roof and the driveway at McNelis house. The garage on Elmwood is condemned; the house is not condemned but uninhabitable.

The Mayor noted that the letters will go out to those people who need to mow their grass and if not the Village will cut and the Village will bill. Some of the uncut grass is on Village right of way but the property owner is responsible to maintain it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM on a motion by Trustee Dick, second by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

VILLAGE CLERK
KRISTENE LIBORDI