

Present: Mayor: James Cheney  
Trustee: Greg DeRuyter Trustee: Howard Hughson  
Trustee: Joe DeBrock Trustee: Brian Hemminger (absent)

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer: David Nieskes; Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer; DPW: Ken McAllister; Code Enforcement: Brad Dutcher

7:00 PM Regular meeting opened by Mayor Cheney with Pledge to Flag

REPORTS:

8 Banta Street:

1. Stainless steel sink: There was discussion about the sale of the stainless steel sink that was removed from the kitchen. It was decided to place it on Craig's list, with a minimum purchase price of \$1,000.00. Trustee DeRuyter will follow through on getting it on Craig's list.
2. New Door: There was discussion regarding installing a new door at the bottom of the stairs in the north section of the building. Code Enforcement Brad Dutcher said that it does not have to be a fire door. The new door would go from the floor to the drop ceiling. Members agreed to have the door installed after the beginning of the new fiscal year.
3. HVAC: Mike Price met with Halco last week to discuss the installation of the new HVAC system. Code Enforcement Brad Dutcher was instructed to contact Mike Price about the meeting and what took place at the meeting.
4. Cigarette receptacle: There was discussion about the cigarette receptacle at the entrance to the building and it was decided to purchase a different kind.

DPW:

1. No February report.
2. 11 William Street: DPW started cleaning up small brush.
3. Water leak South Wayne Street: will start working on that this week.
4. Bruzee: Ken met with David & Kathy Bruzee regarding their quality of water. This has been an ongoing problem. Ken's suggestion is to install a see through filter just inside their house as close to the meter as possible. This would be just a test to try to determine if the water is dirty before getting into their house or if it is bad inside their house due to galvanized pipe through out their house. This is not improving their water system but trying to attempt where the problem is located. A written agreement will have to be done before this would be installed. Also a letter will be drafted to send around the Pleasant Street neighborhood asking residents to notify the clerk's office when they experience discolored water.
5. DPW is fixing the dozer
6. Fire hydrant: The fire hydrant at the corner of Main and Church is leaking. DPW has put a plastic bag over it.
7. Clark Surveyor's: There was discussion regarding the agreement made with Clark Surveyor's to install monuments, etc. in the village. It was suppose to last 4 or 5 years and it has been about longer than that. Dave Clark figures 2 to 3 more years if the village continues to budget \$10,000.00 a year. Project estimate was \$80,000.00 - \$85,000.00 and the village has paid \$65,000.00.
8. Transfer Station scales: Ken McAllister is suggesting that we purchase a low profile floor scale for a cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Maybe once a quarter or once every 6 months, we could open the Transfer Station on an off day so residents could bring in large items, for example couches, chairs, etc. This scale would also be a back-up incase the main one breaks down. There was discussion and it was decided to purchase the scale out of this years budget, if possible.
9. Transfer Station can: There was discussion about getting a new can out of this year's budget instead of the upcoming budget. Ken will get an updated cost and Mayor Cheney and Clerk/Treasurer Nieskes will check this year's budget expenses.
10. Spring Clean-Up: This will be done before Memorial Day. It will depend on the weather.
11. Rest Haven Drive: DPW Superintendent McAllister informed the members present that there has been an issue with people parking on Rest Haven Drive. Cars have been parked there during snow plowing and any time. The board will consider changing the law. Trustee/Police Commissioner DeBrock will discuss this matter with Police Chief John Storer.

Water:

1. No February report
2. Mayor Cheney informed members present that Chatfield Engineers will be getting specs together for the painting of the water tower.

Wastewater:

1. No February report.

Code Enforcement:

1. No questions on February's report.
2. Brad is working on fire inspections.
3. Doors: The new doors that were just installed still need some adjustments. Mayor Cheney informed the members present that Carl Peake informed him that Marble Glass will be in this week to adjust the doors. The board agreed to cut a check at tonight's meeting but to hold the check until they get completely fixed.
4. Brad will be doing training next week.
5. Municipal agreement: Mayor Cheney will contact Newark's mayor to discuss setting up a municipal agreement between Newark and Phelps.

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Fire Department: 1. No February report

2. Old TP2131 truck: Trustee Hughson had a conversation with Fire Chief John Dole about the sale of the old pumper. John said there has not been any action on the sale and was wondering if possibly reducing the asking price. The board decided it was alright to reduce the price but to have Chief Dole discuss the price with the broker that the fire department is using.

Police: 1. No questions on February's report.

YP&R: 1. Trustee DeRuyter: Easter project will be held on April 3, 2010 and there will be an egg hunt.

Treasurer Rpt: 1. No real issues at this time

- Minutes:
1. Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hughson and carried by members to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of the February 8, 2010.
  2. Members received minutes of February 16, 2010 Planning Board meeting.

- Correspondence:
1. Phelps Community Historical Society: March issue
  2. Letter from Time Warner (02/26/10): possible changes in station.
  3. Letter from Sulphur Springs Festival committee inviting board to their festivities on June 5, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Members present can not attend.
  4. Letter from Phelps Town Clerk (2/17/10) informing the board that they are introducing Local Law #1 establishing a moratorium on mining operations in the Town of Phelps.
  5. Letter from Phelps Town Clerk (2/17/10) informing the board that they are introducing Local Law #2 amending a portion of Town of Phelps zoning map and will be holding a public hearing on April 12, 2010 on this matter.
  6. Letter (02/04/10) from NYS Laborer's Organizing Fund (Laborer's International Union of North America).
  7. Letter from Tri-City Retirement (3/08/10) wishing to have a late fee waived on their latest water bill. They were told by the clerk's office that unless it is a clerical error, which it was not, we can not waive late fees. They still sent a letter asking the late fee be waived. The clerk's office will send a letter, again stating it was not a clerical error and any un-paid water/ sewer balances will be turned over to the county to be placed on the upcoming 2010 village taxes.

New Discussion:

1. Mayor Cheney informed the board that he has an application in to the Planning Board for 3 Church Street.
2. BSB water hook-up: BSB has approached Joe Burchman, owner of auto sales next to BSB, if they could tap into his water line. There was discussion and the board determined that they should contact the Town because they are located in the township.
3. Budget workshop: There will be a budget workshop on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.
4. Peddler's permit: Clerk's office received a call from Sandy Dunn (Sauerkraut Committee) inquiring the status of obtaining a peddler's permit for sauerkraut week-end. Sofa Enterprises would like to have their people do the vendor selling on Main Street. This would be left up to their commit if they only want Sofa to do it.
5. Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hughson and carried by members present to raise A511R on the revenues and raise A1620.2R on the appropriations by \$28.46. It was budgeted to spend \$16,455.00 on new doors at the Community Center out of the Special Reserve account. This would close out that account. As of this date, there is \$16,483.46.

6. Budget: Mayor Cheney briefly discussed the budget:

- Tax Rate: \$5.41; down from \$5.55
- Total Assessment: \$75,426,188.00; up from \$71,798,615.00
- Revenues: The payment we receive from the Town for their share of the cost of operating the Transfer Station has been reduced because of the new system that has been installed.
- Village Building: The NYSEG amount has been reduced. There will be a new HVAC system installed in part of the building this year and hopefully that will reduce our cost.
- Youth Program: Added \$10,000.00 to assist the Community Center in possibly hiring of a director. With this addition, they will have to work on leasing out of village rooms.
- Transfer Station: reduced the hauling fee amount. With the new system, our hauling fees have been reduced.

- Old Discussion:
1. Status of easement with resident on Clifton Street: Brian to approach Clark Surveyors
  2. PCC Building – To Do List: Carl to review the list and report.
  3. Water Tank: Carl Peake is still getting cost from other companies.
  4. Ron Brand’s Code revisions
  5. Moving gate at Transfer Station
  6. Planning Board needs to look at zoning at Quarry Street

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Transfers: Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hughson and carried by members present for the following transfers:

TO:	FROM:	AMOUNT:
A1910.4	A1990.4	\$ 850.00
A3410.43	A1990.4	\$ 542.00
A1620.4*	A1990.4	\$2,500.00
A8010.42	A1990.4	\$ 125.00
F8340.4211	F1990.4	\$1,630.52

Vouchers: Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee DeRuyter and carried to pay vouchers:

Abstr#10	General	Ck #'s: 10658 – 10709	In the amount of:	\$132,972.24
Abstr#10	Water	Ck #'s: 10124 – 10135	In the amount of:	\$ 54,324.44
Abstr#10	Sewer	Ck #'s: 10225 – 10239	In the amount of:	\$ 14,962.19

Adjournment: 09:15 PM: Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee DeRuyter and carried by members present to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nieskes  
Village Clerk/Treasurer