

## **Village of Union Springs Board of Trustees Board Meeting November 17, 2015**

Mayor John Wade

Marion Case (absent)  
Diego Ruiz (absent)  
Dawn Locastro  
Bud Shattuck

Attorney Chad Hayden  
Bob Kneaskern, DPW  
Jeff Weaver, DPW  
Joanne Fleming, Clerk  
Howard Tanner, Code Enforcement

From the Public: (Town of Springport and U.S. Chamber of Commerce) Chairman; Andy Rindfleisch, Town of Springport Councilman; Doug Bower, Southern Cayuga County Little League President; Jodie Nickerson, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Jim Jeffers.

### **Hear from the Floor**

Andy Rindfleisch gave an update of how the **Bass Elite “Fish Festival”** is progressing; he asked the Board on behalf of Mike Mulone, Bass Elite Tournament Director if there could be a bourbon tasting event at the festival. Evan Williams is a major sponsor of the Bass Elite. The Board granted permission with proper special event liquor licensing from the vendor.

The local chamber has reached out to the County Chamber Director, Andrew Fish for support of the Bass Elite Event. Additionally, Trustee Shattuck suggested reaching out to Tompkins and Seneca Counties and ask for their support as they many of the anglers and national media use those markets for travel and entertainment.

Eric Rosenkrans and Bill Heary are moving forward with pursuing grant money for Sr. Citizen housing in the Village.

Doug Bower spoke about how the Town has been asked to contribute additional money from the Town’s budget for support of Frontenac Park. There is a great need to upgrade the restrooms and make improvements to the docks. The discussion then led to the need to re-establish the joint park committee. Doug is willing to work on such a committee. No other action was taken on this topic.

A comment was made that the Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant could address some of the issues with improvements to the park. The notifications of grant recipients are to be made in mid-December.

**Jodie Nickerson-SCCL baseball league** asked the Board members for financial support of the league, they are asking for \$750.00. This will be used to for the “diamond dust” which is a special seeding mix. The league has seen a great improvement since using this type of seed. In April 2016 they will order the seed and then turn the bill into the Village for reimbursement. They would also like to paint the dugouts and concession stand. The labor will be provided by the league and the paint and supplies will be donated.

Jodie then thanked the board for their time; she exited the meeting at 7:25pm.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**, a motion was made by Trustee Locastro and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Shattuck to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015.

**Clerk/Treasurer’s Report**

Discussed upcoming March 2016 Elections. Two Trustee positions and Office of the Mayor.(1 year term for Mayor). Trustee Locastro, Trustee Ruiz and Trustee Shattuck terms expire 3/2016.

Office of the Mayor seat is set to expire March 2016.

Clerk Fleming distributed the October 2015 financial reports for the General, Water, and Sewer Funds. The Board moved to accept the reports as presented.

No budget modifications were required.

**Audit of Bills Abstract #6**

A motion was entered by Trustee Shattuck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Locastro to pay the bills as submitted on Abstract #6. Motion passed.

- General Fund Vouchers #288-332 for \$20,816.45
- Water Fund Vouchers #287-332 for \$49,714.06
- Sewer Fund Vouchers #294-333 for \$16,765.64
- Trust & Agency (Payroll) Vouchers #301-331 \$7,161.11
- HK Fund (Treatment Plant Cap. Project) VCHR#318 \$337.50

**Howard Tanner, Code Enforcement Officer:**

Completed end of quarter reports 1204 Report, new code books will be coming from NYS free of charge. If Howard had not completed the report the Village would have had to pay a large some of money to get the books.

In discussions with the Town of Springport for Shared Services of the Code Enforcement Duties. This will have a cost savings for the Village of approximately \$1,000.

Union Springs Academy plans to re-build their sign that is located next to the Mill Pond on Route 90.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

**Union Springs Code Enforcement report  
Oct /Nov 2015**

**Permits:**

1532 = Chris Tanner 16 seminary street (garage) – Pending Headed to ZBA 11/18/15 @ 6:30pm  
1533 = Larry Hand 4 Spring Street (whole house remodel)

**Order to Remedy**

Larry Hand 4 Spring Street = Building and demolition without a Permit (corrected)  
Janet Grow 131 Cayuga Street =Accumulation of trash and refuse behind building

**Certificate of Occupancy**

Jarrett Powers 93 Cayuga Street (Remodel home)

**Certificate of compliance**

Kimberly Brown18 Basin Street (deck)

**Appearance Ticket**

Meranda Szozda 12 Arnold street (rubbish and Trash) new court date of December 2, 2015

**Updates**

- **Union Springs is on the list for new code books**
- **Larry Wolf case in Springport**
- **Code Enforcement Shared services**

Respectfully submitted 11/9/15  
Howard Tanner

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**Department of Public Work:**

- Kneaskern: EPA/VOC update, General Electric project to award bids at end of December
- Bob received the report from NYS DEC on the Mill Pond he is addressing the issue with the Engineers and has an upcoming scheduled to discuss options. One option would be to change the dam's classification.
- Weaver: working on sewer mains, flushing hydrants, replacing hydrants on an annual basis. One hydrant is in stock. Discussed using some of the GE settlement funds to pay for the hydrants.
- 2016 F550 Dump Truck discussion, Mr. Weaver explained the need for the truck. Mr. Weaver is working on putting an inventory list of equipment together that will list service dates, repairs, useful life remaining, etc.
- Municipal lease option is under consideration to be further explored at budget time.

### Mayor's Report

- Mayor Wade appointed Trustee Bud Shattuck as the Village's Deputy Mayor.
- Working on formalizing the Verizon wi-fi contract.
- The project with NYSYS in on hold until further notice.  
Dam at Mill Pond-DEC inspection/report  
Mayor Wade would like letters of thanks to be sent to the U.S. Fire Dept., Joseph Hart, the U.S. and the Community Band

### Village Attorney's Report

The utility easement that runs parallel to Creager Rd. was approved by the Union Springs School District. Mr. Hayden has the documents that need to be signed. Mr. Hayden has also asked Scott Colbert for an easement, there has been no response from him. One inch main is less desirable, Village to bear the cost of 2" pipe and then turn over both. Should be a minimum of 2" line. Anything in the right-of-way is responsible for repair. Village should pay for the 2" pipe. Bob Kneaskern recommends the purchase of 2" main ductile(water) pipe and tap, curb stop @ boundary of property. Distance is 400' for water and 700' sewer. Long term plan is to do the project in stages.

#### **-Resolution-**

Whereas, the Village wishes to extend water and sewer services to all residents of the Village, and

Whereas, the opportunity has arisen to extend water and sewer services to the last Village residents along Creager Rd, West of Grove Street, and

Whereas the Village has obtained consent for an easement for utility services from the Union Springs Central School District along the District's bus garage property west of Grove Street,

Now therefore be it resolved, that there be expended an amount up to \$5000 from the Water Fund Sewer Fund to pay survey costs and recording costs and matériel costs to extend utilities through said easement area. One Half to be paid from water distribution and one half to be paid from sewer distribution. Motion made by Trustee Locastro and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Shattuck. Passed.

Attorney Hayden commented that the Planning Board is recommending making the Mill Pond to be zoned as Park, it is currently zoned Residential . The Attorney cautioned the Board on changing the zoning as once it is designated Park land it must remain as Park forever. No action was taken on this issue.

Attorney Hayden advised the board that there would be no financial help from New York State concerning the Cayuga Indian Nation litigation. O'Connell and Aronowitz will argue the case in Manhattan in January. Mr. Hayden is negotiating the cost of the legal representation from the law firm of O'Connell and Aronowitz.

### Trustee's Report(s)

- **Locastro (Park Commissioner):** Bass Elite Festival
- **Ruiz (Sewer Commissioner):** absent
- **Case (Street Commissioner):** absent
- **Shattuck (Water Commissioner):** discussed water meter project schedule with DPW. Timeline for installation.

**Old Business:** Water meter upgrade/conversion, timeline.

**New Business**

- Budget training 12/1/15 @ 6pm. At 7pm a regular meeting will follow with an agent from the Finger Lake Group on the topic of health insurance for Village employees.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony: Dec. 5, 2015 @5:30pm
- Cayuga County Association of Villages in Cayuga County dinner meeting Tues., Nov. 24, 2015 @ Lasca's Restaurant, speaker Svante Myrick, Mayor of City of Ithaca. Clerk Fleming, Attorney Hayden and Trustee Case plan to attend.
- Timesheets must be signed by every employee.

**Executive Session:** if necessary, not needed.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- CCAV Minutes reviewed by the Board.
- NYMIR's Rate Adjustment for 2015-2016 notice, premium will increase by 3.5% in 2016.
- Tax Enforcement Notification from Cayuga County, property owners have until March 4, 2016 to catch up back taxes, if not paid by then property will go to tax sale auction in August.

**Any Other Business to Come Before the Village Board:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Dep. Mayor Shattuck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Locastro @8:55pm

**Next Meeting:** December 15, 2015 @ 6pm

Budget training session 12/1/15 @ 6pm

Meeting on Health Insurance options following the training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Fleming  
Clerk