

**Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Municipal Office Building**  
**April 22, 2011**  
**8:30a.m.**

Present: P. Howard Flanders, President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Howell-Sherman, Trustees; Alec Tuscany, Public Works Director; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Chris Preston, Waterbury Record; Mike Donoghue, Burlington Free Press; and Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk.

Public: Everett Coffey

The meeting was called to order at 8:35a.m.

**PHOSPHORUS UPDATE**

W. Shepeluk gave the Board an update on the phosphorus project and indicated that the Village will have to hold a bond vote at some point. The State expects the Village to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce phosphorus discharge into the Winooski River. The project started with in-lagoon treatment several years ago. The upfront costs of this method were low, but this process would ultimately be cost prohibitive to the rate payers and is not a good technology going forward. The Village asked the State to look at a different process and is working with the State on various piloting projects. The cost of one project is \$6,393,189 of which 87% is eligible for grants. The State currently does not have enough money to pay for their share of the project.

W. Shepeluk distributed three alternative wordings for a bond vote. The State would like the Village to have a vote as soon as possible. The wording of Article A considers the entire project cost at \$6,395,000 with \$4,803,740 to be reimbursed from grants and aid. Article B conditions the vote on a specific sum of \$5,609,666 to be available in grants and aid. Article C conditions the vote on 87.7% of the total project cost to be available in grants and aid. W. Shepeluk suggested that he and A. Tuscany discuss Article C with the State with some negotiation as to the percentage. P. H. Flanders expressed the desire to have some commitment in writing from the State.

A. Tuscany updated the Board on the electrical upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. At the 2010 Village meeting, voters approved to spend up to \$200,000 for upgrades. He indicated that some of the project may be related to the phosphorus project (\$54,000) and be reimbursable.

Commissioner Mears, Department of Environmental Conservation, would like to be involved in the permitting process relating to the phosphorus upgrade. N. Howell-Sherman made a motion that the Trustees acknowledge a potential conflict of interest and have no objection to having the Commissioner participate in the permitting of the project, and that the Municipal Manager send a letter to him with regard to the acknowledgement. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

The Village voters also approved a \$100,000 upgrade to the main pump station at the 2010 annual meeting. W. Shepeluk recommended refunding the notes and converting them to bonds. The Trustees were in agreement.

**SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING**

A discussion was held with regard to the Special Village Meeting to be held on April 26, 2011. W. Shepeluk indicated that over \$64,000 was cut at Village meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the budget presented at that meeting was not extravagant. He stated that it was assumed that the budget could be spent in equal monthly increments which is not the case. Discussion followed with regard to shifts and number of officers on duty. E Coffey asked how many real cases the officers have addressed over the past several months, and questioned whether they are using their time effectively. He asked if it was possible to get a breakdown of tickets issued, by officer. He also had questions with regard to an officer being at the Academy as a trainer and the use of the cruiser.

At the meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Trustees will make a motion from the floor which will open up the Article for discussion. The Village Clerk will warn a meeting for Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the TBPS cafeteria to prepare for the special meeting.

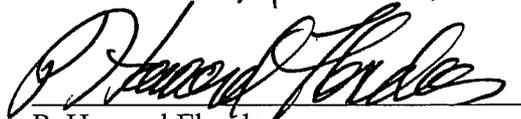
E. Coffey asked if a contract had been signed with Mary Fillmore, whom the Board met with on April 4<sup>th</sup>. No contract has been offered or signed. P. H. Flanders stated that the Trustees are interested in improving the relationship between the Board and the police department. E. Coffey also asked as to whether the police department had a union vote. W. Shepeluk answered that the officers voted 3 – 0 in favor of a union, but there has been no communication between union representatives and the Village at this point.

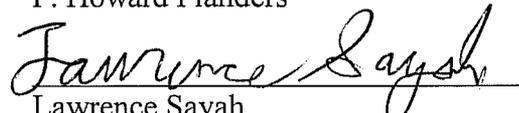
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

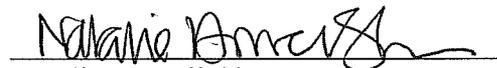
Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence  
Village Clerk

Approved on: April 27, 2011

  
P. Howard Flanders

  
Lawrence Sayah

  
Natalie Howell-Sherman