

Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Municipal Office Building
May 25, 2011
5:30 PM

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Howell-Sherman, Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Joby Feccia, Police Chief; Anne Imoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Public attendees: Chris Preston (Waterbury Record)

Meeting commenced at 5:33 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by N. Howell-Sherman to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2011. L. Sayah seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion and Follow up to Friday May 20th meeting on Public Safety and Businesses – N. Howell-Sherman discussed who attended the May 20th meeting on Public Safety and ideas that area businesses had. Some of these ideas were: installing cameras, motion lights, having police talk to kids at the local schools, possibility of a curfew. There were also concerns raised by local business owners about why there was no police coverage during the third shift.

Other Manager Items with W. Shepeluk- W. Shepeluk gave an update about the discussions of the Waterbury Police Department Union – There is a kick-off meeting on June 6th at 2 pm. W. Shepeluk recommends only one member of the Board of Trustees attend the meeting with him on June 6th. They would then brief the rest of the board after the meeting. Otherwise, the meeting would have to be treated as a public meeting and executive session would need to be utilized throughout the meeting. W. Shepeluk suggested that there should be a Board of Trustees meeting prior to the June 6th meeting to prepare for it. W. Shepeluk discussed how the petition was filed and how the union contract works when negotiating changes. The term of the contract, wages, schedules are negotiable items. Discussion followed.

N. Howell motioned to appoint L. Sayah to attend the meeting with the Police Union negotiation team. L. Sayah seconded the motion. Motion voted on and passed unanimously.

L. Sayah made a motion to have Natalie Howell-Sherman be appointed as the alternate board member to attend the Police Union negotiations meeting if L. Sayah cannot attend. N. Howell-Sherman seconded the motion. Motion voted on and motion passed unanimously.

Chief Feccia – Update on increased police presense and ride alongs - J. Feccia will speak with the other officers about scheduling ride alongs. Also discussed was the May 20th meeting and having cameras inside businesses and outside businesses to cover certain streets, the curfew idea, jay walking (\$99.00 dollar fine). J. Feccia also discussed the police training he attended: Law Enforcement killed or assaulted in the line of duty training. The training was facilitated by someone from the FBI and they discussed trends, things to look for and body language of these criminals.

Update on Phosphorus Removal Project – W. Shepeluk gave an update on this project and discussed the tentative funding sources for it. Waterbury might be eligible for some grant money for this project. He also described how the design by Stantech would work to get Waterbury phosphorus waste water discharge lowered. No action was taken.

Other items – Village of Waterbury refunding Resolution and Certificate and Tax Certificate. – W. Shepeluk stated that these are legal documents. They need to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and signed off by them. These can be reviewed and signed off at the June meeting. No action was taken.

Discussion on draft Merger Survey with Natalie Howell-Sherman and Anne Imhoff - the trustees reviewed the draft survey. Discussion followed: Should the survey be shorter, should there be two surveys? Target audience: Three components of the survey – 1)people that live in the town, 2)people that live in the village and 3)people that own businesses or property in either location but live in a different town. Also discussed was how to distribute the survey: via the “Survey Monkey” by email, going door to door, mailing, etc.

L. Sayah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion was seconded by N. Howell-Sherman. Motion voted on and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is June 8, 2011 at 4:30 pm, Waterbury Municipal Office Building.

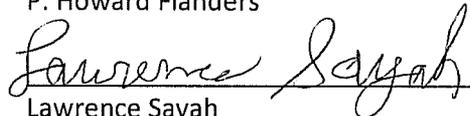
Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved on: June 6, 2011



P. Howard Flanders



Lawrence Sayah



Natalie Howell-Sherman

Minutes from May 20, 2011 Neighborhood Policing Meeting hosted by RW.

Attendees:

Officer Tim Burrows, Waterbury PD
Chief Joby Feccia, Waterbury PD
Cindy Lyons, RW
Jeanne Kirby, RW
Laura Parette, RW
Robert Siegel, RW
Lefty Sayah, Village Trustee
Bob Dain, Tiny Acorn
Sheila Seymour, Chila's Coiffures
Jen Kimmich, The Alchemist
Bob Butler, Waterbury Selectboard
Karol Smith, Waterbury Senior Center
Natalie Howell, Village Trustee
Everett Coffey, Village resident
Elise Braun, Village resident
Mark Frier, The Reservoir
Axel Stohlberg, Axel's Frame Shop & Gallery

If anyone would like the Crime Prevention 101 fact sheet from the August 2010 meeting contact RW. Also available at www.revitalizingwaterbury.org/media.php. Officer Burrows reminded folks of Neighborhood Watch program. Waterbury Police Department (WPD) is seeing an increase in thefts and crime. Kids and adults without jobs, increased price of gas and kids out of school/vacations adds to increase in crime.

Take note of little things out of the norm and report it. Don't let it go. If the WPD knows they keep an eye out. Without proof the WPD can't do much.

Current WPD hours-6:30am-4:30pm and 4:30pm-2am. There is no 3rd shift at this time. Bike patrol is done by Officer Burrows and the one part time officer. Foot patrol-try to cover an area but not too far from the station.

The Alchemist installed a surveillance system 4 years ago because of break-ins and employee theft. They have 10 cameras inside and outside the building. They post that they have video cameras. Motion lights are key. They have found them to be a huge deterrent. They have a recording device that stores data for a month. Temptation for staff to steal is reduced.

The Reservoir has a \$300 system that streams to a smart phone. Can program camera to work off motion. Finds it assists with fight disputes. The WPD has found it of assistance too. It is important to have protection for the recording system so it isn't destroyed or stolen by a criminal.

The Tiny Acorn spent \$400 on their motion detector system that calls direct to an alarm company.

Bob Butler spoke to the technology and how easy it is to have wireless cameras and not have wires running everywhere. Sources: www.surveillance-video.com . Costco has affordable systems too.

Sometimes there is a discount on your insurance.

Kids are out of school June 17. WPD recommends the citizens approach suspicious subjects if it is safe but also to inform the police of concerns. Try to build relationships.

It was suggested the WPD visit the schools and build relationships, let them know the WPD is there for them too and that they and community have a watchful eye on them.

If businesses see suspicious activity it would be best to spread the activity via email.

Railroad Street and the former Station Lumber building that sits empty is inviting. The back of the Stimson and Graves building draws a crowd. The lot behind Ocha is poorly lit. Thatcher Brook Primary School is dark at night, thus it makes it inviting for crime or partying.

A motion detector light under the dry bridge would be good idea.

Discussion about plans to mount community cameras. The Selectboard and Trustees have not considered a surveillance system. Likely this would be controversial. Property and business owners can avoid controversy as they are protecting their property and livelihood.

Rotary has a live webcam in the park.

Jen Kimmich suggested a lighting/camera campaign, raise money and install several systems at key places.

RW will continue to try and facilitate getting businesses to be proactive. A pilot project on Stowe Street may be a good way to get the ball rolling.