

**Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Main Street Fire Station
December 9, 2015**

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah, Trustee; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Joby Feccia and Anthony Mazzilli, Waterbury Police Department; Anne Imhoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Public: Everett Coffey, Mike Milne, Laura Flint, Peter Kulis, Dan Sweet.

Opening and Call to Order

P. Howard Flanders called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consider Any Modifications to the Agenda

Modifications of the agenda included adding the topic of Verizon using land to the end of the agenda and moving the 8:20 pm item to update and discuss the solar panel reflection concerns to the beginning of the meeting instead of at 8:20 pm.

L. Sayah moved to approve the agenda as revised. The motion was seconded by P. Howard Flanders and passed by those present.

Update on Solar Panel Income and Reflection Concerns

Mike Milne lives on Sweet Road and his home is directly impacted by the intense glare of the solar array from April to August every year. He gave an update on options that were discussed with him several months ago by AES Representative, Charlie Wexler and an independent landscape technician named Mike Brossier. The proposal was that 8 to 10 feet deciduous trees (crab apple trees) be planted 20 feet from the front windows of his home. However, the Milnes prefer not to have trees planted on their property to resolve the glare issue. The other option was to plant the deciduous crab apple trees near the solar panels but the trees being proposed would be below the line of panels. AES's other offer was to plant 7 coniferous trees, spaced out to mitigate the glare. Mr. Milne felt that 30 foot trees should absorb the area of the glare. The estimate for the trees if the trees were not nursery stock was \$2,000 per tree so the cost would be approximately \$14,000. W. Shepeluk stated that Green Lantern is not interested in paying all of the cost of the trees if they are planted on the Village land. They would be interested if they are planted on the Milne's property, however they have not committed to paying any of the cost at this point. M. Milne stated that he had previously consulted with his own legal counsel and his counsel stated that this was not his responsibility. He also felt that Green Lantern did not provide due diligence in studying a potential glare issue from the solar array or the impact on the surrounding homes from the panels before starting the project.

P. Howard Flanders stated that the Town can talk to AES about the issue with the trees, and he agreed that M. Milne should not have to pay any of the costs to fix the glare issue. The Board of Trustees will keep M. Milne updated as to any meetings that the Village has with AES or with Luke Shullenberger at Green Lantern. P. Howard Flanders hoped to have the glare issue resolved prior to April of 2016.

M. Milne requested to have a copy of a Green Lantern's Solar tracking analysis for the glare issues study by the engineers that was done prior to the project, not post. If there was not a tracking study, he would like a formal letter from Green Lantern indicating why one was not done. He would also like a copy of the AES Report.

Also discussed with interested public attendees were concerns about the diminished market value of properties near the solar array due the glare, concerns about false statements of facts that were provided by Green Lantern to the Board of Trustees at previous meetings about the project on which the Board made decisions. Laura Flint requested that whatever solution is decided on, that they (nearby home owners to the solar array) are involved in the discussions for a solution.

The next steps are that the Trustees will gather information by speaking with L. Shullenberger from Green Lantern and possibly invite AES to that discussion some time in mid-February.

Update on 2015 Budget and Update on Capital Improvement Fund and Tax Stabilization Fund

W. Shepeluk gave an update of the 2015 budget and an update on the Capital Improvement Fund and Tax Stabilization Fund. Discussion followed regarding the stock market values and investments. The Board of Trustees would like a recommendation from the Municipal Manager to decide which investments are best. No action was taken at this time.

Parking Ordinance Issues and Discussion

Natalie Sherman was not at this meeting to discuss this topic. This topic is tabled to a future meeting.

Results of Special Parking Enforcement Shifts through October

Chief Feccia gave an update on results of the special parking enforcement shifts from September to November. For September and October the total amount of traffic violations amounted to \$3,667. For the month of November, the total amount of traffic violations were \$2,550. There was less than \$500 each month in parking enforcement violations. Chief Feccia will break down the types of violations going forward in his data. Until further notice, the special shifts for parking enforcement have ended.

Loan Documents

The Municipal Manager presented loan documents to be approved for the following projects:

- Two sewer projects – a note for \$54,800 and a note for \$112,000.
- Water project - a Note for \$119,200.
- Police cruiser – a Note for \$24,000.

All four notes are at 1.35 percent interest rates and with the People's United Bank.

L. Sayah made a motion to approve all four notes as discussed for the stated projects. The motion was seconded by P. Howard Flanders and passed by those present.

Verizon Using Land

The Municipal Manager stated that Verizon has applied for a certificate of public good with intent to erect a cell phone tower on North Hill. They are also looking at other places along the Interstate 89 Corridor to place additional cell towers. The Municipal Manager stated that there is property that the Village owns that might be of interest to Verizon.

The Trustees came to a consensus that they would authorize the Municipal Manager to communicate with Verizon regarding interest of discussing options for possible tower locations on Village property.

Minutes of previous meetings

L. Sayah made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11th Trustees meeting and the Special Meeting of November 30th. The motion was seconded by P. Howard Flanders seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

December 14th – Trustees are invited to the Governor’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the State Complex at 11:00am.

December 14th – Joint Meeting with the Select Board at 7:00pm

December 23rd – Trustees Meeting at 4:30 pm– tentative

Adjourn

L. Sayah made a motion adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. The motion was seconded by P. Howard Flanders and passed by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty

Approved on: _____

P. Howard Flanders

Lawrence Sayah

Natalie Sherman

