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VILLAGE OF DELANSON MINUTES May 11, 2015

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02P.M.

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor Trustee Grenier, Chief Morrison, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk Mormando, Tim Deffers, Sally Burns, Dayton King

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Workshop March 23, 2015
Annual Organizational Meeting April 6, 2015
2015-16 Budget Hearing April 6, 2015
Regular Board Meeting April 13, 2015

MOTION TO ACCEPT: 1st: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Trustee Grenier

4. NBT/MANG INSURANCE Presentation of renewal by Dayton King – basically the same as last year. NYMIR General liability increased a little due to increase in water department payroll. Water facility value increased 4%. Dayton says there is online training available to the board & fire department. We may get a bounce house for parade, Mayor Gifford asked Dayton if we need a certification of insurance – Dayton says he will get a rider for that & will call Gayle later in the week.

5. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Report submitted. 9 calls for the month. Quaker Street fire dept may do hamburgers and hot dogs for the parade. Mayor Gifford says it probably won't happen. It is unclear at this time if there will be food available for the parade. Mayor Gifford thanked Kevin for putting the flags up! Chief Morrison asks about extra money in the fire departments budget to help pay for the banquet. Trustee O'Connor suggests better planning for the next banquet. Trustee O'Connor reminds Chief Morrison to follow the procurement policy, even with regards the banquet. Mayor is not sure there is any money leftover and suggests Chief Morrison call Nicole. Brief discussion on why Dominick was not approved as Assistant Fire Chief. Trustee O'Connor says he approved the appointment of select officers. Trustee O'Connor speaks to the fact they had no evidence of his training. Dom couldn't be here tonight, because he is attending extrication training at Duanesburg. He asked the Mayor to give the board his

updated training information and a chart of Company drill time. Mayor Gifford indicated Dom was not appealing the boards' decision, he just wanted to assure the board he has completed training courses during the last year, but medical issues during that time prevented him from attending fire fighter 1. Mayor Gifford comments on the fact that training is important for all members of the Fire Department, including the Chief. Some discussion about the issue should have been addressed before the election. Tim Deffers asks about Dom and his not being approved since he was Asst Chief for the past 2 years. Trustee O'Connor says they had no evidence indicating that Dom had fire fighting 1 or the equivalent. He was approved last year on the condition he complete fire fighter 1. Brief discussion about the Fire Department by-laws being vague. The Mayor and Trustee O'Connor suggest that Chief Morrison go through and revisit the fire department by-laws.

B. TREASURER/CLERK: - The trial balance shows highlighted areas where budget transfers (for water) are needed to balance codes.

C. WATER DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Iveson discussed the annual water report and where it needs to be sent and published. Mayor Gifford and Clerk Mormando indicate all has been taken care of. Brief discussion of dead fish along the upper reservoir and the people at the gun club asking if they could clean them up or if the Village was going to clean them up. Mayor Gifford says that the Village has no plans to clean them up because they do not pose any risk to the water. It is also discussed that the people from the club should not clean them up because they are not on their land. Commissioner Iveson discussed flushing the hydrant on Stewart Lane and recommending that the Village contact the Town to clean up the ditches. Commissioner Iveson mentions an issue when flushing the hydrant on West Shore Road. There was silicone caulk in the padlock on the hydrant and there is a large amount of dog excrement surrounding the hydrant. Commissioner Iveson also says there are residents took pictures while he flushed the hydrant. Trustee O'Connor requests to go the next time the hydrants are flushed. Mayor Gifford insists that the next time vandalism is found, Commissioner Iveson file a report with the Sheriffs Department. Commissioner Iveson states that the quarterly reports are back in compliance. He & Steve repaired the water shut-offs at DeMarco Stone and the Clemons shut-off. He needs some riser pieces for future repairs to replace what he used. East Shore road hydrant is leaking. The County damaged the hydrant with the plow. Trustee O'Connor wants to ask the town to do the repairs at East Shore Road & 395. Resident's driveway needs repair and the shoulder of the road. Jeff says we need some good fill for the area near the phone company. The old hydrant needs to be snapped off with a back ho and removed. Jeff has been picking up the damaged pipe. Mayor Gifford asked about the Dig Safely Verizon mark-out -Iveson says we are in compliance however he is still having issues with calling Dig Safely. He notified them by cell phone. The Thousand Acre mark-out: Poles are bare now. Verizon should be coming to remove the poles.

D. PLANNING BOARD: Mayor Gifford met with Jim Donnelly to give him a copy of the 1979 zoning law. He said there was wording in the updated laws that referred to a clause in the old. The mayor also reminded him that we needs minutes of every session the board convenes even if its just to organize the files. Resignation of Dan Coombs after 10 years. James Hyde will be appointed to fill his term.

E. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Did not meet

F. PUBLIC WORKS: Starting to replace the street signs, there are 2 for Railroad Ave. Jeff says there may be wind problems because the signs are much longer and narrower. Jeff has not seen a sign for Elm or Michael or Rose Street. Corner of Elm & close to Lenny's house the

storm grates are in bad shape. Jeff thinks someone may get hurt. Mayor Gifford asked Jeff about the house with burst pipes. Jeff turned off the water to the house and notified the owner and realtor. Mayor Gifford thanked Bill Reed for picking up the piles of leaves near the rr tracks left by State snow removal crews. Mayor Gifford asks about the street cleaner. According to Commissioner Iveson, the State will clean 395 if Mayor calls them also indicated the Town has rented one.

G. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report submitted. Nothing new.

H. ANIMAL CONTROL: Report Submitted – get clarification on the boxer incident

I. TRUSTEES PROJECTS: No new projects. Mayor Gifford mentioned Al Zubal knows someone who will look at the logging project at the upper reservoir. Brief discussion on using DEC to do the logging. Trustee O'Connor says he put a call in and received no response. Speed Limit Signs project – Trustee Grenier submitted his report. Cole Road and East Shore were not on the list. Rose Road has no street sign or speed limit. There is some question about whether there is a speed limit sign or a village sign coming down Alexander to the Village.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:29-8:29PM

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Watershed Rules and Regulations – Mayor Gifford spoke with Dale briefly about looking at the watershed rules again.

B. Award Trash Bid for 2015-17 - Pollard was the only bid received by the deadline. Bid was lower than last year due to the low fuel costs. Confirmed with them the change was not acceptable as it would mean we have to reissue the bid request. Mayor Gifford offered to put a message about trash limits in our newsletter.

MOTION TO AWARD BID TO POLLARD: 1st: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Trustee Grenier

C. RFP for emergency water main repair are due by the 15th and we will review at the June meeting

D. Cable Negotiation public meeting – at DVAC - Comcast pulled out...merger is no longer on the table. Most of the public input was from folks on Creek rd. Concerns about no internet. Requests that the Town use their franchise revenue to get the cable to the street then residents will pay to hook up. Jeff says the Town gets cable for free, so we should look into it. Question regarding other companies like Frontier, Verizon and drop Time Warner or threaten them with going with someone else.

E. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Mayor Gifford met with Dale, Kevin and Bill and the final update has been sent to the county.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Government Efficiency Plan - Schenectady County is helping by basically preparing the whole packet and submitting to the State for the Village. Mayor Gifford has a list of services and efficiency plans but the most significant savings came from having village resident, Bruce Barton design and maintain our website on a voluntary basis. Our website has 27 pages in addition to an events calendar and emergency email notification system. IT services for a website like this can cost as much as \$20,000 a year. The Board recognized Bruce's efforts and thanked him. Mayor Gifford mentioned Schenectady County offers emergency notification services as well....Kathleen Rooney 518-727-3867 (cell) Notices through the county reach landlines, News and radio stations and will warn residents of boil water notices and other emergency notifications through the Emergency Management program. To dial directly to EM

director – 370-3113 ex. 1

THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE EFFICENCY PLAN AS WRITTEN: Nicole O'Connor, Treasurer signed the certification as Chief Fiscal Officer.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Parade Preparations – Mayor Gifford thanked Dan Lindh for removing the Christmas decorations on the tree. Brief discussion about parade route

10. AUDIT OF BILLS AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor	2 nd :Trustee Grenier
CLAIMS: 7721-7732	TOTAL: \$28,486.81

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1st: Trustee O'Connor

ADJOURNMENT: 8:51 PM 2ND : Trustee Grenier