

Board of Trustee Minutes
August 30, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with a salute to the flag led by Deputy Mayor Diana Rzepka.

Present: Deputy Mayor Rzepka; Trustees: Daniel Gleason, Charles Fortuna and James Rouleau

Absent: Mayor Richard Lamberson

Also Present: Rena Flynn, Clerk Treasurer; Pam Withers, Deputy Clerk; Dominic Papasergi, Chief of Police and DPW Superintendent

Attending: Janine Fodor, Village Attorney

- Clerk Treasurer Flynn passed out a letter (attached) from Mayor Richard Lamberson to all those attending the meeting. The letter, written to the Board of Trustees was filed with Clerk Treasurer Flynn at approximately 3:15 pm today. Rena was asked to type the letter, gave it to the Mayor for his signature, was signed and returned to her with the instructions that all Board members were to receive a copy at today's meeting. The Mayor would not attend today's meeting as he was resigning, effective immediately.
- Discussion was held and Attorney Fodor would contact Mr. Lamberson to see if he would reconsider his decision to resign.
- Accepting his resignation by the Board was tabled until our next regular meeting scheduled for Sept. 17, 2007.

Previously, Mayor Lamberson had asked Attorney Fodor to discuss the Open Meeting rules that a municipality must adhere to. The points she reviewed are as follows:

- All items of discussion when a board has a quorum must be discussed in an open meeting (Open to the general public and noted to the media as such).
- No votes for/against any type of decisions or purchases can be taken verbally over the telephone.
- Specific decisions must be made in an open meeting, i.e. anything that has a resolution specific to it.
- Work sessions are to be announced as an open meeting.
- Executive sessions must be opened and closed in an open meeting.

RESOLUTION #2007-109

ACCEPT KATHY KELLY RESIGNATION FROM PLANNING BOARD

On motion made by Trustee Rzepka, second by Trustee Rouleau resolved to accept the resignation of Kathy Kelly from the Planning Board. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Approval of Planning Board to search for a new member.

RESOLUTION #2007-110
APPROVAL TO ORDER NEW TRUCK FOR DPW

On motion made by Trustee Fortuna, second by Trustee Rouleau resolved to approve the purchase a new truck for the Department of Public Works. Truck is to be purchased from VanBortel Ford and is New York State OGS item 24. It is a heavy duty ¾ ton F-350 at a price of \$24,234.00. This includes no additional options. Aye-all. Nay-none.

RESOLUTION #2007-111
APPROVAL OF WATER SCHOOL FOR LANCE JOBE

On motion made by Trustee Gleason, second by Trustee Fortuna resolved to approve water school for Lance Jobe to be held at Southern Tier West on September 19, 2007 at no fee. Aye-all. Nay-none.

RESOLUTION #2007-112
ACCEPT GREG D. BENJAMIN RESIGNATION FROM JUSTICE POSITION

On motion made by Trustee Gleason, second by Trustee Fortuna accepted, with regret, the resignation of Greg D. Benjamin from the Justice position. He has efficiently and effectively served this position for 26 years and will be deeply missed in the Village of Allegany court proceedings. Aye: Trustees Gleason, Fortuna, and Rzepka. Nay: Trustee Rouleau

- Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the justice position. Claudia Catalano, interested in the position will be contacted by Deputy Mayor Rzepka and will be interviewed in the near future.
- It was decided by the Board that time sheets for salaried personnel are to be completed as in the past and no changes in preparation or content are to be made at this time.
- Chief Papasergi asked the board for their permission to build a police equipment supply room/evidence room. This will be located in the large closet off the back of the arrest processing room. There will be an enclosed area for gathered evidence and another separate area for police supplies. The DPW will do the work as needed.

RESOLUTION #2007-113
APPROVAL OF IN-HOUSE DPW TO BUILD A POLICE EQUIPMENT SUPPLY ROOM/EVIDENCE ROOM

On motion made by Trustee Gleason, second by Trustee Rouleau resolved to approve the building of a police equipment supply room/evidence room at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. In house DPW will perform the work. Aye-all. Nay-none.

RESOLUTION #2007-114
ADJOURN MEETING

On motion made by Trustee Gleason, second by Trustee Rouleau resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena Flynn
Clerk Treasurer

August 30, 2007

To: Village of Allegany Board of Trustees

Through the last several months I have seen our board drift away from me ethically. It seems that especially the last few months there are three members who want to shed their elected responsibilities to a non-elected position.

I have complained to all about passing resolutions with a telephone voice vote. I believe the taxpayer deserves better.

There are board members who show no interest in the taxpayer's money. I've heard several times "Let him run it."

It takes only three votes to make drastic mistakes in our small government. In the past I have been able to have board members willing to listen to my opinions. It is now three to one against me from the start.

I seem unable to change this course of Village of Allegany Government.

I am unable to tolerate our ethical and fiscal differences. Please accept my resignation effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Lamberson