

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walker.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Theodore E. Walker, Mayor
Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee
Steven T. Russell, Trustee
Glenn C. Granger, Trustee
Timothy M. Peer, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Pamela J. Gilbert, Village Clerk
Thomas M. West, Superintendent of Public Works
John E. Linder, Superintendent of Electric
Richard J. Olson, Village Attorney
Jack Crooks, Building Inspector

Joan Quigley
Keith Ryan
Dave Moore
Ginny Swarhout

19 Participation in Government Students

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Russell and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 3, 2003 be approved as read.

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Peer and carried that the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2003 be approved as read. Please note that Trustee Rauber abstained from vote as he was not present at that meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Spencerport Chamber of Commerce – Lighting of street trees in CBD.

Dave Moore: I will speak on behalf of the Chamber. Basically, what we did at one of our chamber meetings was discuss putting Christmas lights up in the village. I have met with Jack and Tom. We came up with number of questions for example:

- What are the cost for the lights
- Who pays for the lights
- Who installs them
- Who maintains them
- Snow removal impact
- How will these lights impact the people who live on Union Street
- Does the village board support the idea
- Kilowatt load
- Life of the bulbs
- Will the circuit handle the load
- Will we receive any criticism from the Black Sky Society
- Where do the lights get stored in the off season
- When are they put up and taken down

Dave Moore continues: I called Honeoye Falls, Brockport, and Pittsford and have received back some generic and some specific feed back. But basically all of the villages reported that the feed back they have gotten has been very positive about having the lights up in their village. The chamber would like to ask the village board if they would consider putting up Christmas lights. The chamber said that they would pay for the cost of the lights. When I talked to the people at Honeoye Falls they stated that they put them up around the 1st or 2nd of December and it takes them two or three days. It is good for local business because they buy all the lights from local businesses. They usually take the lights down just after New Year's. So the lights are up for about a month. The chamber would also pay for what ever the electrical cost might be to run these lights. So that is what the chamber would like to propose to the village board.

Mayor Walker: You are talking about just the trees between the canal and West Avenue?

Dave Moore: We actually were thinking between the canal and possible the railroad bridge. You might want to do the Clyde Carter Park.

Mayor Walker: Is your vision just a couple strings in a tree or enough to fill a whole tree?

Dave Moore: We haven't gone that far but the two villages I talked said that they put three or four strings in a tree; enough to give it a nice Christmas effect.

Trustee Russell: So then the merchants are tired of the wreaths on the lamp posts?

Dave Moore: It's not that they are tired of them but feel that it would light up the village that much more.

Trustee Russell: Are the lights on the trees the only option you considered? If we had another theme instead of wreaths something like banners.

Dave Moore: I don't think we explored a lot of options but I think what we felt is that the theme of Spencerport is keeping it quaint and the small white lights tend to maintain that.

Trustee Peer: Wasn't there talk about keeping the lights up all year round?

Dave Moore: We talked about that but I don't know if that is a reasonable expectation. I think what we are looking at doing is try it for the Christmas Season and see how well it goes. If it isn't a significant impact on the load then may be look at that as a possibility.

Keith Ryan: Pittsford and Fairport indicated that our weather may not be suited to year long exposure. We could try leaving them up in a tree or two for a year and see how they do. The lights add something nice to any community that you go into summer time or whenever.

Trustee Russell: Are the merchants in favor of this?

Ginny Swarthout: I would say yes. We haven't polled them but the few that I have talked to said what a nice idea that would be.

Mayor Walker: So your idea tonight is really to have some dialog to see if we have interest to continue on. Like Trustee Russell has mentioned poll the merchants to see if they have any issues or concerns.

Dave Moore: We can go back and ask people in the village how they would feel about. We just wanted to know how the village board feels about it and if you had any questions. I'm trying to answer all the questions that Tom and Jack have so that we can go back to them with the answers.

Trustee Peer: With the logistics and concerns aside I think it is a great idea. One thing I am looking into with Jack is putting more decorations on the gazebo itself; running some more lights.

Dave Moore: We think it would be good for the village and the businesses. What is it that you want from us?

Mayor Walker: I think from our side is that now we have a better handle on what you are talking about. We now can regroup and assess what that impact has on us. The proposal is from the canal to the railroad bridge, with three strings per tree.

Dave Moore: It could be three; four or it could be two. It depends on the tree and how it would look. So if we come back to you in two weeks with the survey of the businesses we could pick a tree and put some lights on it and see how it looks.

Trustee Russell: So will you draw power from the current light fixtures?

Dave Moore: When we talked to Jack I think it was a question of where it would come from and how they would do it.

Trustee Russell: Would there be any additional cost with the infrastructure?

Superintendent Linder: My assumption is that you would use the same ground fault outlet that the wreaths use.

Trustee Russell: Is that something that we can do before the lights are in the trees?

Mayor Walker: I would think we could go out and look at where are the lights would be and where the poles are.

Dave Moore: I will get back to you before your next meeting with the survey feedback.

Mayor Walker: Would any one else like to address the board.

Joan Quigley: I would just like to tell Tom that the sidewalks look very nice.

Ginny Swarthout: I would also like to comment on the sidewalks. They look wonderful, great job. The guys worked hard.

Mayor Walker: As Superintendent West will state later how much of a challenge it was to keep the public off the concrete.

Ginny Swarthout: Some of the guys stated along time to police it. That is the second mile.

Mayor Walker: We appreciate the feed back because in another year were expecting to do the other side.

Sewers Committee – Trustee Rauber, Chairman

Trustee Rauber stated that the Sewer Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, October 8, 2003 to review the study by MRB/group on taking the main trunk line further east.

Planning/Zoning/Building Control – Trustee Rauber, Chairman

A. Planning

Trustee Rauber stated that at the next Planning Board meeting they will begin review of the application process for ARB.

B. Zoning

Trustee Rauber stated that at the last Zoning Board meeting they approved a fence variance on Coventry Drive.

C. Building Control

Trustee Rauber is turning this section over to Building Inspector Crooks to give his report.

Building Inspector Crooks stated that he has furnished to the Village Clerk his report. (Copy of report is on file in the Village Clerks Office) Then Building Inspector Crooks gave a brief summary of this report.

D. Code Review

Trustee Rauber stated that the Code Review Committee has completed the rough draft of a new local law that pertains to Sidewalk Café's. The intention is to submit that draft to this board for their review and input.

E. Architectural Review

Trustee Rauber stated that he, Building Inspector Crooks, and Planning Board Member Carol Nellis-Ewell visited a business on Union Street. This business is interested in putting up a decorative awning and prior to the ARB application process wanted to meet with representatives from the ARB and Building Department to discuss conceptual plans. From that meeting the business owner is going to get further information on the awning.

Finance Committee – Trustee Russell, Chairman

The Board unanimously acknowledges receipt of monthly investment of consolidated Village funds, Insured Municipal Money Market, HSBC, 1.38%. It is down .24% from prior month.

Facilities Committee – Trustee Russell, Chairman

A. Electric

Trustee Russell: Superintendent Linder has informed me that the Hydro Contract Extension to 2025 is in the Governor's hands.

Superintendent Linder: The governor has sixty days to sign the contract and all indication states that he will sign. The Power Authority and MEUA are in partnership with something that is very dear to the Governor Pataki's heart and that is the IEEP.

B. Other (Drainage, Franchise)

Nothing requiring Board action.

Public Works Committee – Trustee Granger, Chairman

A. Highways/Garage

Nothing requiring Board action.

B. Public Services (Refuse, Recycling, Parks)

Nothing requiring Board action.

Public Safety Committee – Trustee Granger, Chairman

A. Fire Department

Nothing requiring Board action.

B. Police

Trustee Granger stated that he is working with Police Chief Schrank to procure some video cameras for some vandalism issues we are dealing with.

Human Resources Committee – Trustee Granger, Chairman

Nothing requiring board action.

Economic Development Committee – Trustee Peer, Chairman

Trustee Peer informed the board that he met with Patty Uttaro, Ogden Farmers Library and Carol Coburn, Ogden/Spencerport Historian. The meeting was to discuss the possibility of expanding the Walking Tour next year. They are looking to apply for another grant to help fund it. Unfortunately, another display was destroyed which brings us a total to four out of 25 that have been destroyed. We are trying to find out who is doing this or somehow prevent it from continuing to happen.

Trustee Peer stated that he and Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Kelly spent sometime this morning returning the Business Survey results. We were able to talk to some of the business owners and get there thoughts on the survey.

Mayor Walker informed that board that this year's Christmas on the Canal will be Sunday, December 7, 2003 from 2 – 6 p.m.

Village Administrator – Al Scheg

Administrator Scheg not in attendance.

Village Clerk – Pamela J. Gilbert

1. Update on Financial Software Implementation.

Clerk Gilbert informed the board that two weeks ago she, Attorney Olson, Administrator Scheg, and Administrative Assistant Donna Stassen met with representatives from EOS. This meeting was in regards to their compliance with delivering us the electric billing and cash receipting software. I stated at that meeting that I would like everything done and ready by October 6, 2003. At this point we are still not sure if they can meet that or any dead line. EOS called late today to schedule a meeting first thing tomorrow morning. Clerk Gilbert will keep the board apprised of the status but feels that we won't be moving forward with this company. Clerk Gilbert also stated that she has revised the software spec requirements and will be sending them to three potential vendors for a price quote and then will schedule demos. The Village Board should have a recommendation by the first of November with hopes to have a signed contract by the first of the year.

2. Update on NYS & Local Retirement System Pension Rates.

Clerk Gilbert updated the board on a meeting she attending regarding the NYS & Local Retirement System new pension rates. NYS has instructed us to budget 12 % of our payroll for the next four years.

Clerk Gilbert requested executive session to discuss some personnel issues.

Superintendent of Public Works – Thomas M. West

Superintendent West updated the board on the following:

- Union Street sidewalk project is complete and was done on schedule. The DPW crew worked very hard on this project and did a great job.
- Speed limit sign that we are borrowing from Hilton is here. We will be placing it on Mill Street, Hawthorne Drive, and Prospect Street.
- Prospect Street will be black topped soon.
- We are very close to determining the borrowing for the Street Improvement Program.
- Sewer Relining Project will be starting October 8th or 9th, 2003.
- Parking Issues in front of Java John's.
- Leaf pick-up will be starting soon.
- Coleman Avenue sidewalk is awaiting an easement and drainage.
- Recycling Truck is down for some repairs.
- Submitted Kevin Kelly's Code Enforcement Report.

Mayor Walker complemented the DPW crew for a fine job on Union Street sidewalk project.

Superintendent of Electric – John E. Linder

Superintendent Linder updated the board on the following:

- This year's Tree Trimming Project should be starting soon. A letter to all electric customers will be sent out in the Suburban News prior to the start of the project.
- Received verbal ok from the IEEP that they will fund the Infrared Camera.
- RAM Consultants are on board to redo the electric franchise maps.
- Electric has been established for ESL.
- Hydro Power Contract extension to 2025 is awaiting the governor's signature. With this there could be an opportunity for alternative fueled vehicles for the village and funded it through the Purchase Power Adjustment. More information to follow.
- Thistlewood Project is on target.
- Spencerport Electric and one person from the DPW will be assisting Churchville Electric this Sunday, October 5, 2003 with a scheduled shut to upgrade their system.
- Bid announcement will be going in the next addition of the Suburban News for a new pole trailer.

Attorney – Richard J. Olson

Attorney Olson updated the board on the following:

- Working on Joint Use Agreement with Frontier. We have made several changes to the initial contract that they had. We will be meeting with Frontier soon to work out the differences.
- Gary Inzana should be signing the parking lease agreement soon.

Administration Committee – Mayor Walker, Chairman

1. Parade/Assembly Application: St. John the Evangelist School, Annual School Marathon – Date Change.

RESOLUTION 34 10/03

Introduced by Mayor Walker
Seconded by Trustee Granger

Be it here by resolved that the Village Board amends “Resolution 32 9/03 The application of St. John’s School to conduct it’s annual Fundraiser Marathon “Walk around the Block” (Clark, West, Church, and Amity) date change from October 7, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. to October 17, 2003

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Steven T. Russell, Trustee	Aye
	Glenn C. Granger, Trustee	Aye
	Timothy M. Peer, Trustee	Aye
	Theodore E. Walker, Mayor	Aye

2. Annual Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale.

RESOLUTION 35 10/03

Introduced by Mayor Walker
Seconded by Trustee Peer

Resolved, that the request of Boy Scout Troop 92 to locate a trailer for use in conjunction with their Annual Christmas Tree Sale at property located at 75 S. Union Street with a satellite operation at 148 S. Union Street be hereby by granted pursuant to Section 118-4 of the Spencerport Village Code and,

Further Resolved, that such trailer must be removed on or before December 29, 2003.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Steven T. Russell, Trustee	Aye
	Glenn C. Granger, Trustee	Aye
	Timothy M. Peer, Trustee	Aye
	Theodore E. Walker, Mayor	Aye

3. Parade/Assembly Application: Christmas on the Canal.

RESOLUTION 36 10/03

Introduced by Mayor Walker
Seconded by Trustee Peer

Resolved, that the application of the Christmas on the Canal Committee to conduct its 8th Annual Christmas on the Canal Celebration on Sunday, December 7, 2003 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM be approved and,

Further Resolved that the Village Board hereby authorizes the closing of So Union Street (between Amity Street and West Avenue), West Avenue, Evergreen Street and Amity Street to accommodate the strolling of the carolers for a 30-40 minute period commencing at approximately 5:15 PM.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Steven T. Russell, Trustee	Aye
	Glenn C. Granger, Trustee	Aye
	Timothy M. Peer, Trustee	Aye
	Theodore E. Walker, Mayor	Aye

Unfinished Business

Nothing requiring Board action.

New Business

Mayor Walker stated that the Village of Spencerport was the front cover of the Suburban News in this week's issue. Not only did we have a picture of our sidewalk crew but we had a very nice article about our new Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Kelly. There was also an article about one of our part time meter readers Fran Maier.

Bills

Motion was made by Trustee Russell, seconded by Trustee Granger and carried unanimously that the monthly bills be paid as audited in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$69,823.21
Electric Fund	\$29,781.08
Water Fund	\$0
Sewer Fund	\$17,534.84
Trust Fund	\$675.27
TOTAL:	\$117,814.40
Voucher Nos. 461-578	

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Peer and carried unanimously that the cash disbursements for the General, Electric, Water, Sewer, and Trust Funds, September 2003 be approved as audited.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Russell and carried unanimously that the regular meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Peer and carried unanimously that Executive Session be adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Walker, seconded by Trustee Peer and carried unanimously that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.