

The Village Board of Cato held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Village Office, 2564 Millard Avenue, Cato, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Mayor: Carl Lincoln

Trustees: Donald Thompson, Joseph Vincent, Donald Hoyt, and Noel Patterson (8:30p.m.)

Clerk/Treasurer: Gary Houser Jr.

Superintendent: Barry M. Walters (absent)

Planning Board Chairperson: Margaret Sweetman

Mayor Carl Lincoln called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Trustee Joseph Vincent and seconded by Trustee Donald Hoyt to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2009 meeting. Unanimously passes 3-0, 1 abstention.

INCOME:

Thru 01/31/2009- Refuse stickers: \$300.00, Zoning Permint:\$0.00, Current Taxes:\$0.00, Faxes:\$0.00, Tax Search:\$0.00, Sales Tax:\$0.00, Park Donation:\$0.00, Cayuga County Map Sale:\$0.00, Justice Court:\$0.00, Metered Sales:\$4,819.46, Water Deposits:\$70.00, Total:\$5,189.76

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT/PERMITS FOR FEBRUARY 09:

No permits this month.

Trustee Donald Hoyt was concerned about the Serafini's house front porch roof was down. Mr. Hoyt would like the Village to send the home owner a letter of safety concerns.

C-M RECREATION CENTER MINUTES:

Minutes received from meeting.

FIRE DEPT. MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Received minute from February 2009 meeting which includes treasurer's report.

The fire department presented a new lease agreement to the Village Board of Trustees for the tractor pulls. The agreement included "Trucks". A motion made by Trustee Joseph Vincent and seconded by Trustee Donald Thompson to except the new lease agreement. Unanimously passes 4-0.

A motion by Trustee Joseph Vincent and seconded by Trustee Donald Hoyt to pay for the Fire Department sign that Barry hit with the snow plow. The cost is going to be \$685.00. Unanimously passes 4-0

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Chairperson Margret Sweetman reported that the Open Burn Law was done and that Mayor Lincoln had received a response back by Patrick Sardino the Village attorney about the law being in compliance with SEQRA. Mrs. Sweetman said that she has the form to be filled out. Mrs. Sweetman reported that she completed and sent in the Historian report. Need to find a replacement for Gwen Stonecypher on the Planning Board, and reappoint Daniel Day on the ZBA. She is going to order red, white, and blue ribbon for the flower beds. There is going to be a plant sale at the CIViC Heritage building on May 16th 2009 to benefit their building fund and the building is going to be open for people to take a look at inside.

SUPT. BARRY WALTERS:

No report because Superintendent was absent.

The Board of Trustees discussed the water tower project. The mayor reported that he meant with PLS Engineering Company on Wednesday March 11. He said that they could do an engineering study for \$5,000.00 and look at all the options in the area for a new water tower. They told the mayor that the best place would be on the Daly farm because that is the highest point. They said that this would only have to be a 30' water tower. If you would put one on the land across from the old tower it would be the same height as the present tower. If they go up on the gulf course area the tower would have to be at least 70' high. The Board would like to get the Town of Ira and Town of Cato involved with this because it would help with the stimulus package. A motion by Trustee Donald Thompson and seconded by Trustee Donald Hoyt to have the mayor contact P.L.S. to have them start the study. Unanimously passes 4-0.

SCAT VAN AGREEMENT:

This topic was tabled till the June meeting.

TENTATIVE BUDGET:

A motion by Trustee Donald Hoyt and seconded by Trustee Joseph Vincent to except the tentative budget as is.

Unanimously passes 5-0

VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING:

The Cayuga County Village Association meeting will be held on Tuesday March 24, 2009 at the Sunset Restaurant. Topic is going to be a speaker from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation about the stimulus package.

CURFEW REMINDER:

Village of Cato adopted 10/08/03 a Local Law entitled, "Village of Cato Regulation of Minors", which states it is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 to be out after 10 p.m., unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, etc. A copy of the law may be obtained from the Village office or contact Marylou Mayenzet from the neighborhood watch in the Village of Cato.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

BUDGET TRANSFERS/TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Trustee Donald Thompson and seconded by Trustee Joseph Vincent to transfer \$2,000.00 from the General Savings into General Checking, transfer \$6,000.00 from General Checking into Building Reserve fund per the Budget, and transfer \$5,000.00 from water savings into water checking. Unanimously passed 5-0.

INVOICES:

Motion made by Trustee Donald Thompson and seconded by Trustee Joseph Vincent to authorize payment of Abstract #010 from General, Water, and Trust Funds in the following amounts:

General Fund:	\$ 14,639.42
Water Fund:	2,032.86
Trust Fund:	2,152.42
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund:	.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 18,824.70

All invoices were unanimously approved 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly report of treasurer presented to Village board and is attached to minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Joseph Vincent and seconded by Trustee Noel Patterson to adjourn, unanimously approved, 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Gary Houser Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Cato