

Village of Tannersville

Date

February 13, 2023

Time

6:00 PM

Location

Tannersville Village

Present: Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
David Kashman, Trustee
John Gallagher, Trustee
Kimberly Thompson, Trustee

Type of meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-
Treasurer

Absent: Greg Landers, Trustee

Also Present: Chris Streich, George Bain, Jr.,
George Kelly, David Schneider,
Clifton Thompson, Stephen
Tuomey – Tannersville
DPW/Tannersville Fire Dept,
Roger Armstrong
Barbara Bates (approximately
7pm), Stephanie Streich
(Approximately 7pm)

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor stated that there have been a lot of lies being disseminated amongst the community from what I would call a dishonorable coward trolls in reference to the state of the Village. It was really disturbing, they took individual pop shots that this administration for the past 15 years which would have included every board member that would have served during that period; the clerk, different highway commissioners, and it seems that they managed to take a playbook out of the third reich, basically disseminating lies to create fear in the community; unrest, have the community fearful and afraid of reality. It is a really disturbing practice. I shared it with some of our younger employees, and said that this goes on a lot of levels for teenagers, probably one of the leading causes of teenage suicide and everything else. So, trolls are really dangerous. Do you know what the definition of a troll is? Someone that posts something online and refuses to sign it and signs it 'doing it for a friend'. They are considered a troll because they feel that their free speech entitles them to put out flat out lies not opinions, based on zero facts, and then instill community fear. I think it is a dangerous practice. As the Mayor of Tannersville, I have a duty to dispute any of those points, not ones that are subjective, where they may have 2 points of view on a single decision, but things that are just purely flat out lies. In this day and age, there is no such thing as alternate facts, there are either facts that are true and that is it. Unfortunately, the land of politics and maybe society has decided that it is ok to dream up fake facts

and they are calling it alternate facts – there is no such thing. There are only facts. We have to run in this small community and at least be an example of a place where we can deal with the facts. We can have different opinions on how we should proceed with those facts or what we want to do or even how we got there, but there are facts. In response to that, people have made mention in that particular email about not enough transparency or not enough getting the information out. I work tirelessly, not me actually, Robin, and other engineers of the Village and independent people looked and evaluated some of the comments and put together a long list of reports to set the record straight of what exactly the facts were – the most egregious ones. I am going to go through and highlight some of them.

The mayor asked if we had any more state of the Village handouts. The Clerk replied no, but she could go get some. The Mayor stated we are going to get more State of the Village.

The Mayor continued, that primarily that it is mentioned 2 or 3 times in this that the 100 year old water system of Tannersville .. The Mayor stated that Tannersville water system is not 100 years old. Through his tenure and 25 years the surface water treatment plant up at the top by the reservoirs is brand new. The tower that exists there will be put in [replaced] May 29th and that will be brand new. The 2 wells put at Tannersville Lake and the treatment plant that involves removing naturally occurring arsenic and other impurities and a chlorination plant is brand new. The water mains down Main Street, Spring Street, Park Lane, Raspberry Lane, South Main Street connecting with Penrose are brand new. The tower that is by my house which will go online after this week after being offline has been paid for by this same grant and any delays to that tower were due to purely supply chain issues from COVID. They have been in contract for years, they could not get the parts. They started filling it last week, it is high ski season, had a little bit of a disturbance, so the engineers recommended that we put that tower online after the President's week celebration, with all of the visitors that come to Tannersville, and the historic high usage during that period of time, they would address it afterwards so they would have the least amount of problems. The Mayor stated that he didn't want people sitting in their house thinking that this was some false reality that this is not really a state of the art. He stated that he had done it before at other meetings when we had RUPCO, for some reason, this misinformed coward that likes to put things online felt that their privilege to continue to spew out these lies.

Trustee Gallagher asked where this was posted online. The Mayor replied that it was an email chain. Trustee Gallagher replied ok.

The Mayor continued to state that mentioned in that [email] was Railroad Avenue. Railroad avenue was declared unsafe two years ago? Our highway supervisor, was present, myself, some engineers from Greene County, engineers from DEP, there were 6 or 7 of us on the road and a 16 wheeler went by and the road seemed to be collapsing into the stream being undermined by a 90 degree turn in the stream. And on that day, I declared a state of emergency and reduced the road to one way traffic, not wanting to make the front page that a 16 wheeler would fall off the side, that the road would collapse and Tannersville would be known for knowing about the hazard and doing nothing about it and life being at risk. I know its an inconvenience. From that point forward, Soil and Water, DEC, people that are responsible for maintaining the streams, not our DPW crew, who were pointed out that maybe not doing maintenance , avoiding maintenance, or seemingly not want to do maintenance, has nothing to do with them. It is not under their authority. Soil and Water controls the streams, DEC controls the streams, and DEP has a big word in the streams. They proceeded seeing the emergency and we lobbied to get funds and they granted us a \$1.3 million dollar grant after an engineering analysis that the Village did through this office, it was put out to bid a little to late last year and missed the window to make the

repairs last summer. It is scheduled rock solid with a construction company to make the repairs on June 6th this year. That burden although it was recommended I put the \$1.3 million dollar burden on the Village tax residents to make the repair seemed a little Ludacris. We chose not too. We got it funded through other sources and did not put it on the tax payers.

The Mayor state that the charging stations in Tannersville, although they may have zero effect on global warming whether or not we believe in that or the carbon imprint of this village, it was stated that the Mayor bought it for his electric car. The fact is that charging stations were put in 5 years ago and the main initiative, plus it was a good idea, was to promote tourism. Because if you were driving on the thruway and were going to visit Tannersville, it seems logical that you saw on your map, people aren't aware of it because the writer of this email chain wasn't aware of it, that every EV car identifies every charging station. It is in a network so when you drive around, you press a button on your dashboard and it says EV chargers Tannersville 2 of them, ChargePoint paid for slow charger, fast charger, medium charger. We put it in the public parking lots – one which is right here [Village Hall] and one which is in the public parking up there by the sidewalk almost where they can come down into the Village. Because they are B chargers, they take about 5 hours to get a good charge, so the idea was to have people go to the restaurants, walk Main Street they will spend some money, they will go hiking and will enjoy Tannersville. The big push was to have a tourism thing. You are not going to leave the thruway if you have charge anxiety because you heard Tannersville was a cool place. But it is not cool if you can't get back down off the mountain. That was paid for by a grant. The current operation if you go to charge, is paid for by your credit card or your membership to ChargePoint to pay for the service of using this electricity. It is not paid for by the Tannersville Residents. He stated that his car, by the way, which would be irrational for him to charge it here, he stated that he has a solar panel. Most of [you] people [knew] where he lived right on Main Street with a big solar panel on the front lawn that feeds his house and his charger. It was engineered to feed enough electricity to charge his car which is 4kw a year. The Mayor stated that he didn't need take any tax payer money to put a charging station in which is supposedly hidden but its not really that hidden because everyone that has an EV car knows exactly where it is and if you go past this office over here you will see 2 cars religiously parked over there charging their cars and they must work in the Village.

The Mayor stated that he just wanted to dispel some of those things. Some of the other things in that email are whatever, objective and didn't remember them all and didn't feel like wasting everyone's evening tonight to go through all of them. But those highlights are just pure lies. If you want to back up the facts. – The mayor interjected that the "crumbling highways", I have given a schedule of all of the highways and all of the blacktopping and everything they have done in the village going back to and that is available for the public – the mayor asked the clerk what year it went back to. The clerk replied 2011. The mayor stated 2011, so you can see over the last period of time where we have a member of the former board here, Mr. Bain, he was on the board for part of that period, Mr. Landers was, Mr. Kashman has been here for 6 years and there was a slow down of some blacktopping during covid, clearly I think people would understand that or we could say we didn't do enough during covid. He gets it but here is an accurate schedule of what has been done for the roads. The Mayor asked if the roads were perfect and if this mountaintop beat up blacktop, does salt eat roads and cars, requiring tons of maintenance, it does.

The Mayor stated to lets talk on a positive note, just to add to the water system, part of the upgrades to the water system were remote wireless into a database for all of the meters. After this gigantic deep freeze, two weeks ago, the system worked, better than its ever worked. The tower started losing water

and dropping water at a speed that they had no idea. The DPW men came out at 3 am, they located the water out of the Verizon building which was flowing down the street. Robin woke up at 7 and cruised around with her teenage son doing community service and a reader and started to address where these leaks were. None of these leaks were water mains. They were laterals from the main to the persons house or inside the house where water was spraying on peoples windows and the houses weren't occupied and they were losing 10, 20, 30,000 gallons of water use over that period of time. Our men worked out on that Sunday and shut off 15 or 16 homes being destroyed by breaks inside their house. They went back the next day and found 14 more. Over 10% of the system at the end plate, the houses, Verizon being commercial, were leaking spewing water all over the place. That technology to the best of his knowledge was not available 100 years ago with a crumbling water system. That technology is state of the art with the meters, and sends off alarms and from the office, we can read almost half without having to get into a car if there are breaks or if peoples homes. We contacted those people, they were all grateful, and the men shut off the water at the curb boxes so that the houses weren't completely destroyed. That is another example of house the system does work.

The Mayor stated he felt he got too long winded already but those things were really glaring and egregious remarks and he didn't think the friends of whoever decided to sign their name friend of somebody and he finds it repugnant that candidates or any candidates would choose to use this type of propoganda or lies to promote their political gain. The Mayor stated that he was done with the lecture or it's a factual lecture, but it was disturbing

The Mayor stated that we have a lot on the agenda this evening. He stated that he saw some new faces so he did offer to them that we would bring up privilege of the floor first. The Mayor continued to state that the facts that he brought up tonight, can pick up copies of these charts if you want to know them and we will go get more copies of the State of the Village which is not a campaign piece we try to speak in facts and he is sure that there are great politicians and great people that want to get involved in government and he supports that and welcomes that because we truly need it. The Mayor stated that it, so we ...

Cliff Thompson asked where he could get a copy of this email that is being talked about, he would like to see it. He didn't see it. The Mayor stated he will give him a copy. Mr. Thompson state that he didn't get it. The Mayor stated that he was glad he didn't get it

George Kelly stated that he will have to correct you.

The Mayor stated he didn't want to go through all of it, he thinks he had a copy here. Mr. Thompson stated that since he was talking about it, he would like to see it.

George Kelly stated to let him correct [the Mayor] on the word troll. In the neighborhood we call that a pu**y. The Mayor stated ok thank you.

The Mayor stated that privilege of the floor is open. The Mayor gave Mr. Kelly the floor. Mr. Kelly stated he had to ask all of the board, especially had to ask you, didn't have to ask Robin because she is not an official, he stated that he went to vote for Mr. Bain and we are on different political spectrums, he stated that he got a call from the board of elections back in July and had to sign an affidavit if I was a

resident of this village. He stated that he was livid. After the board of elections, I got a call from lead counsel up in Albany, accusing him of not being a member of this village or a homeowner in good residence. He didn't know who sent that and he wasn't going to use troll or the 'p' word. Mr. Kelly stated that he asked 'are you telling me I don't live in Tannersville or my license he stated the other party stated 'well Mr. Kelly you have various businesses. Mr. Kelly stated he replied he didn't give a sh*t what he had. He lives in Tannersville and always lived in Tannersville. His main address is Tannersville. Mr. Kelly stated that he asked where [this person] got their information, he claims the person replying, stated he's sure they were people he knew up in Tannersville. Mr. Kelly stated that he replied he didn't do rumor crap. Mr. Kelly stated he asked if [this person] was telling him that he was not a resident of Tannersville.

Mr. Kelly asked if every board member here at this table, because if he wasn't a resident of Tannersville then nobody was, because he owned LLC's he was no longer a resident of Tannersville? Mr. Kelly asked if every board member here in Tannersville a resident of Tannersville [themselves].

The Mayor stated that he lived in Tannersville, right on Main Street, the one he just described with the solar panel, built it in 198? The Mayor stated that he had a plumber that did the plumbing in his house. Mr Kelly stated that because he had LLC's he wasn't a resident of Tannersville, but they did find out he was a resident of Tannersville because his license and tax records

Mr. Thompson stated that that shouldn't have anything to do with an LLC.

Mr. Kelly asked if everyone here had an LLC.

Mr. Thompson stated it was where you were registered.

Mr. Kelly stated that voter registration is not an official address of where you live. Mr. Kelly stated to listen to him, he didn't care where you got it from but you know I live here.

Mr. Kelly continued, the question is everybody else lives here, correct? Because what is good for him has to be good for all of you.

The Mayor repeated that he lived in Tannersville, 5872 Main Street, that as his residence.

Mr. Kelly asked if everyone else lived in Tannersville.

Trustee Gallagher stated that he lived in Tannersville on the day of his election, he wont be living in Tannersville at the next election so he wont run again.

Mr. Thompson stated ... two weeks a year. (Mr. Kelly was speaking at the same time).

Mr. Kelly stated that it was outrageous that he got accused of because he is a corporate member.

Trustee Thompson stated that she didn't think anybody on this board.

Mr. Kelly cut off Trustee Thompson and stated that everybody hears LLC.

The Mayor asked if everyone could answer [Mr. Kelly's] question.

Mr. Kelly stated that is why he is asking [him] as he runs the show.

The Mayor stated that for the record, he lives at 5872 Main Street, that is his only residence.

Mr. Kelly asked David?

Trustee Kashman stated that he lives in Tannersville

Trustee Gallagher stated that he answered the question already. Mr. Kelly addressed Trustee Thompson and asked if she lived in Tannersville.

Trustee Thompson stated that she lived in Hunter but had business in Tannersville and owns a house right next to [Mr. Kelly] on Raspberry Lane.

Mr. Kelly Stated that was because his morning contexture everybody here has a corporation and asked why is George Kelly singled out as a citizen and he wasn't even on your board.

Trustee Thompson stated that is something he needs to ask the board of elections.

Mr. Kelly stated that he did.

Trustee Thompson stated that none of them up here would have done this to him.

Mr. Kelly stated that they directed him to ask you guys personally, and he asked who are you people. He stated the guys name was Kevin Walsh and lead counsel. Mr. Kelly stated he asked how this person got his name and he had nothing to do with this board. Mr. Kelly claims this person stated he could take legal action. Mr. Kelly stated he asked this person against whom. Mr. Kelly claims this person stated that he could do his homework. Mr. Kelly stated he didn't have time for homework as his wife was home dying in his bedroom with nurses.

Trustee Gallagher stated that the board of elections person named Kevin Walsh said somebody on this village board went through this... Mr. Kelly cut off Trustee Gallagher and stated that not per say, it could have also been a chairperson.

Trustee Gallagher asked where Kevin Walsh was exactly. Mr. Kelly replied that he was up in Albany. Trustee Gallagher asked where in Albany – the board of elections for the state?

Mr. Kelly stated that [Trustee Gallagher] would know better, and would probably know him. Mr. Kelly stated that he did not know him. Trustee Gallagher stated that he was asking a question and asked if he said that people on this board created this issue. Trustee Gallagher asked if he said that.

Mr. Kelly stated that he is not being interrogated and he is going to tell what happened. Trustee Gallagher stated that [Mr. Kelly] just started the conversation.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was asking a question of the board members who are on the board of Tannersville, as a person who lives in Tannersville because he has the right to ask a question.

Trustee Gallagher stated that he asked his question.

Trustee Thompson stated to Mr. Kelly that if he wanted to challenge where she lived than to please feel free. Mr. Kelly stated that no one is challenging you. Mr. Kelly stated he is asking...

Trustee Gallagher stated Mr. Kelly just stated that Kevin Walsh...Mr. Kelly cut off Trustee Gallagher and stated that he was challenged as a citizen. Trustee Gallagher stated there a bunch of people in Town that know who he is.

Mr. Kelly stated that he has a right ask just this board without being derogatory or getting upset, that everybody lives where [he] lives in the Village of Tannersville. He stated that what was good for him has to be good for every single person in this room.

Trustee Gallagher stated that we already agreed with him on that and they answered the question. Trustee Gallagher asked if someone on the board of elections state that someone on this board did something... Mr. Kelly cut off Trustee Gallagher and stated that the official could have told him he is a lover and that was his business. He was just asking a direct question to the board members.

The Mayor stated that he thinks we have an answer from Mr. Gallagher that at the time when he was nominated and elected he lived in Tannersville. Trustee Gallagher replied yes. The Mayor, to Trustee Gallagher, asked that at this point in time he did not live in Tannersville. Trustee Gallagher replied no. He stated he is staying at, he is renting his sisters on Clum Hill.

Mr. Kelly cut off Mr. Gallagher and stated that that was such an honest answer that he gave. Mr. Gallagher stated that he has a building in Tannersville and could move into that building tomorrow.

Mr. Kelly stated that what Mr. Gallagher stated was so honest it was worth it to give him accommodation for honesty. He asked if he knew why. Mr. Kelly stated that he is honest on his license, and he is honest with them. He stated that nobody is directing a question as an accusation of the board; the question is what is good for George Kelly as a citizen should be good enough for the elected officials.

Trustee Gallagher stated that he didn't say [Mr. Kelly] was making an accusation. He stated that [Mr. Kelly] stated that this Kevin Walsh person at the state board of elections.... Mr. Kelly cut off Trustee Gallagher and stated that there were a few from Catskill that called him.

Trustee Gallagher asked what were their names.

The Mayor stated according to State Law... Trustee Gallagher stated he was familiar with the state law... The Mayor continued that if you don't reside in Tannersville, as you stated, right now, you are supposed to willfully resign your position Mr. Kelly stated that they sent him a copy of the law.

Mr. Thompson stated that you need to lay your head and sleep at your residence at least twice a year. That is the law.

The Mayor stated that he is not a lawyer, but if you don't currently reside in the incorporated village of Tannersville.

Trustee Gallagher stated that he would call the Village Attorney for an opinion on that, and if that's the case he will do it. Trustee Thompson said that she would do the same but until she gets an answer from the attorney, then she guessed she didn't need to be here.

Mr. Kelly to Mr. Gallagher that he wanted to thank him.

Trustee Gallagher stated that we do not have a quorum then. Trustee Thompson stated that there is a quorum. Mr. Kelly stated that he votes here and lives here. He had an affidavit.

Trustee Thompson left the meeting at 6:25 pm. Mr. Thompson also left the meeting.

Mr. Kelly asked what was that about.

The Mayor stated that he didn't know if they were angry at him... Mr. Kelly cut off the mayor and stated that there were no accusations.

The Mayor stated that they were still going to be calm here and decorum and we just trying to evaluate the question that you asked.

Mr. Kelly asked if the public had the right in this village to ask an honest question. The Mayor stated of course.

Trustee Kashman stated that [Mr. Kelly] was fine on his questions.... Trustee Gallagher stated he answered those questions.

Trustee Kashman stated that the question that maybe needs to be answered is can you be on this board as a taxpayer on this board. Voting is one thing, but on the board, can you be on the board as a taxpayer in the Village, or you have an apartment in the Village. He thought there was a discussion on that

The Mayor stated that part of the Village is a voter. There are different requirements for the qualifications for an elected official and/or a voter. If you were born and raised in Tannersville and kept your voting privilege in Tannersville, it's a felony if you vote twice. You can only be registered in one place. If you said you know what, I will be coming back to Tannersville, and have still have ties to Tannersville, I vote once a year in Tannersville, he didn't think anyone is able to challenge that.

Trustee Kashman stated that he believed George [Kelly] was getting challenged on that.

The mayor continued that the qualifications for eligibility for election or appointment to an office is different standard than voter registration, and that requires that your residency is inside the village. As

an elected official and/or an appointed official that works for the Village, a resolution was passed decades ago because they couldn't find enough people to be a clerk and they expanded that out for the clerk's position – not for elected officials. The mayor stated he didn't know if it could be explored for elected officials to expand for the range of people that could be involved but he was just stating of what and then he was sure they are going to get legal opinions and decide of what is appropriate and what isn't appropriate. The Mayor stated that he didn't know if Ms. Thompson resigned or is upset, we will let her call her attorney and figure out what the status is. All we have is this law, [Mr. Kelly] was really upset about what happened to him.....Mr. Kelly stated as a voter.

Trustee Kashman stated that as a village resident he would say we should explore it further because we will have a tough time filling board seats if we are only limiting to those who may sleep in the Village. Trustee Kashman stated in his personal opinion if you are a taxpayer in the Village you should be able to be on this board. Mr. Kelly interjected and stated that you have a problem legally. When he tried to vote...no one is indicting this board. If someone wants to take it that way, tough luck. Mr. Kelly stated he has an LLC and you have one, but he lives in the Village as a resident also. His LLC is not 63 Raspberry. His LLC is an entity not his address of physical residency. His residency was George Kelly 63 Raspberry. He was told, he didn't care who made a phone call he was a big boy.

While Mr. Kelly was talking, the Mayor asked the clerk to get the copies of the state of the Village. She stated that she can go back.

Mr. Kelly continued to state that when he took the call of the other one he said that he was asked if he wanted to sue particular board members. He stated that he was told that there are people on the board that don't deserve it and he stated that its not his issue. His issue is that he wants to vote he doesn't care what Mr. Gallagher does, what Lee does, what the woman that stormed out of here does, but if the law pertains to him, it has to pertain to everybody in this village. He was sent the law and he was told that to get an election attorney and he has millions of dollars and he will keep the Village in court for 600 years if he wanted to. All he wanted to know was, Mr. Gallagher, you were so honest.

The Mayor stated that he thinks everyone on this board is honest so its not that. It's just whether or not we are observing.....

Trustee Gallagher interjected and stated that while it's a question as to whether or not he is on the board he is going to leave, and you don't legally have a quorum, and told everyone to have a good evening.

Mr. Gallagher left at approximately 6:29.

Mr. Kelly stated wow, you ask a legal question and everyone leaves.

The Mayor stated that the solid two residents remain. The Mayor stated we can have a public information meeting and we are going to let them speak to their attorneys and reschedule this meeting.

Mr. Kelly asked the Mayor and Trustee if they were going to call their legal counsel in regards to this tonight. The Mayor stated that yes he will.

Mr. Kelly stated that as a tax payer he wished they would. He stated he would even foot the bill if he would like and give 10 grand tomorrow.

Mr. Bain said that was on the record.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was still being recorded and is in session. We do not have a voting quorum to take any actions but we can continue to give updates and review. Some of the updates in the agenda were already spoken by him at the beginning of this meeting when he was addressing the fake facts. He is not in to fake facts.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Kelly for his questions and turned the floor over to Justice Bain.

Mr. Bain stated that that there was a question as to what you guys were just talking about. He stated he always likes to go straight to the horses mouth and try to get the facts. Regardless of what we feel the facts are what's important. While this discussion was going on he pulled up New York public law, under village law section 3-300 titled eligibility for election or appointment to, and continuance in office, " in addition to any other legal requirements or prohibitions, no person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as mayor, trustee or member of any board or commission and no person if elected and appointed to such office shall be eligible to continue to serve their end who is not a citizen of the United States of America, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the Village. Mr. Bain continued that it goes on to describe some other things like civil service, appointed people and residency requirements for clerks and other things like that but that statement was pretty clear so, and it does not say anything about being a property owner or business owner or having an interest in or having an apartment in the village. Mr. Kelly stated that it said resident.

Mr. Kelly stated to let [the Village's] legal team contact him because the next time anyone spreads the rumor about him that he is not living here when he lives here everyday and he can prove it.....

The Mayor interjected Mr. Kelly's statement that he can guarantee that no one challenged [Mr. Kelly's] residency at this board.

The Mayor told the public that there were copies of the state of the village available for them if they would like.

The Mayor turned the floor over to Roger Armstrong who stated he had 3 questions.

Mr. Armstrong asked about the charging station across the street. The Mayor stated that that charging station was owned by Thorpe's.

Mr. Armstrong asked the remaining members of the board if they were aware that the bridge in bloomer road was going to be taken out in June. He stated that before you answer, he had a conversation with Robin in regards to the culvert by Dickie Lawrence's house that [the Village] was going to replace it. His concern is that he lives on the east side of Bloomer Road and he lives on the West side of the culvert. If the two are being done at the same time... the Mayor stated he would be trapped to Main Street.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he has an appointment with Central Hudson on Wednesday for the placement of a pole on his property and he didn't know if the board was aware of the bridge.

The Clerk asked if she could state something.

The Mayor stated yes.

The Clerk stated that we put in an application for funding for that culvert and the estimated timeline for that construction was is not until 2024/2025, so it shouldn't interfere with... Mr. Armstrong interjected and stated fantastic.

Mr. Armstrong stated that here is his third question and he's glad the judge is here. The Mayor stated that [the judge] is apolitical and he can't speak to any politics.

Mr. Armstrong present the Mayor and Trustee Kashman with a copy of Tannersville local law number 3 [of 1990]. If [the board] goes through his proof, you will see what he has. You have two trolleys parked on Village property number 182.05-4-32. The mayor stated he was trying to look at his whole packet.

Mr. Armstrong asked him to back up to the last two pages. The Mayor stated that they are 2 pictures.

Mr. Armstrong stated that they have no license plates. He stated that the license plates for both of these vehicles were turned in on November 22, 2022. That means those vehicles are unregistered. He stated if you look a little further you will see that this is on the vehicles of both vehicles (indicating registration sticker) and this is what is throwing everyone off, because the expiration is February of 23 on the 28th day. Not so. The vehicles are unregistered. He stated that he is not sure if they are insured and he spoke to the DMV and he is not talking out of his hat.

Trustee Kashman asked what the punchline was.

The Mayor stated that if you read this law, it says you are not allowed to keep unregistered vehicles ...Mr. Armstrong interrupted anywheres on public property, the man that owns these vehicles shouldn't have been allowed to park those vehicles there. They have been there for 3 months. He stated that he looks at them every time he goes back from the post office. With this being said, you guys can sit and smile, but ... Trustee Kashman and the Mayor stated that they weren't smiling but agreed with what he was saying.

Mr. Armstrong stated here is the culmination of all of this. He was in a business where he checked what he expected and also verify what people are telling him. He stated that if those vehicles are not moved and put in a place according to the Village Law some place where they cannot be seen, from a highway, from a road, from public view, he stated that he will have them removed and where they go, he didn't know and he didn't care where. As long as he didn't have to see them and people that come to the Village didn't have to see them. They are parked where people are supposed to be able to park their vehicles on the rail trail that you guys set up which he thought was fantastic. He stated that he has seen cars parked in front of them, they go skiing down the rail trail, he loved to see people out. These vehicles have no right to be there. There is a fine involved on this piece of paper of \$250 per day and asked the remaining members of the board what they were going to do about it. He stated that he has already talked to the police and he is good to go.

Trustee Kashman stated that he thought that [Mr. Armstrong] brought up a valid issue and we had a discussion when they were in another location. He continued to state that he didn't think that we were aware that the plates were taken off as these were active over the summer. Trustee Kashman stated that he walks by them all the time but did not take notice that the license plates were off. Mr. Armstrong interrupted Trustee Kashman and stated that he's been in the automotive business for over 40 years. Anytime he goes by a vehicle he looks at the inspection sticker and it drives him crazy.

Trustee Kashman stated that he would think that the Mayor and him agree that we are in support of these trolleys and being in the village it's a nice thing. Trustee Kashman stated that if Mr. Armstrong was willing to have some patience, he would be willing to reach out to the owner just to see what the deal is with the license plates, and maybe its because it is seasonal, maybe he took it off the road... Mr. Armstrong interrupted, that it doesn't matter why. The license plates have been surrendered on both vehicles. Surrendered. Which means its unregistered. It may have a sticker in the window but that didn't mean diddly squat.

Trustee Kashman stated that he hears what Mr. Armstrong is saying. Mr Armstrong stated that here is the ultimatum. Today is February the 13th, by February the 16th, they need to be moved. If they are not moved by February 16th, I am going to step into the picture. He stated that this is not a threat, it is a promise because if he can do what he is doing, then [Mr. Armstrong] was going to put some used cars down there and sell them and you cant say diddly because you are allowing him to do it.

The Mayor stated that he appreciates [Mr. Armstrong's] passion and he wants to agree with Trustee Kashman and he was in support of the trolley system from an economic growth standard. Of supporting the trolley system, supporting the operators, bringing the 130,000 people that visit North/South lake to Main Street as an economic engine to bring them to the restaurants, bring them to the stores, bring them into Tannersville rather than them turning around on the mountain road and not coming here and helping our economy. We fully supported it. This moment in time, is the first time he was unaware of the parking of those vehicles violated a law of the Village. Tomorrow morning we will in contact, both of us, with the property owner and may even get a text tonight as he thinks he is in Colorado and inform him of the situation, breaking of the law, and have an answer for [Mr. Armstrong] and that he was free to explore whatever action he feels necessary if it doesn't suit what is found out.

Trustee Kashman stated that [the board] and certainly the property owner would appreciate, and now that the Village is a new owner of that property. The Mayor added that it was previously owned by the

Catskill Mountain Foundation and it was transferred to us as part of a flood buyout process. It can never be built on again, won't have those structures, and can be a public parking lot, parking for recreation. The building was fully analyzed for asbestos, and will be torn down, we were told by the City of New York, in April. The remainder of that parcel will become a parking lot. The Mayor stated that Mr. Armstrong will get an answer to him making this board aware of the issue and thanks him.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to remind the public that at any point in time, they are not police officers. Mr. Armstrong stated that he understood that, but...

The Mayor continued that people will ask why this wasn't done or that, and he stated that people will make us aware of things, and sometimes we intercede, sometimes we make a phone call, sometimes people state that there is no permit and they are told to come to the office right away to sort it out. It is still appropriate to handle the public like that.

The Mayor stated that now that we are informed, there will be immediate action.

Mr. Armstrong stated that it behooves him that these two vehicles sit there and he has gotten the audacity to do what he does, and it is not just that, there are other things that have been performed in this village that he tried to do and couldn't because he has the long green to do it with and he thinks he can run it.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he has said his piece and just wanted to say that he felt the clerk deserved a raise, she takes and answers my questions when she doesn't have to be bothered and she has the answers and they are always right there. He stated that he wouldn't have known about the culvert if it wasn't mentioned. The Mayor stated that [Mr. Armstrong] was 1000% correct, and stated that that email chain also took very cheap shots at Robin and being in elected office for this period of time, not to do disparaging words against any other clerk in our county, but there is no one that can keep up with Robin. She has more grants on the table and work on the table than the municipalities in combination in the county.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he only had one regret with Robin, and it's that her son is a railroad guy and he had a spike from the railroad that went past his house and he can't find it to share with her.

Trustee Kashman said thank you for bring this to our attention.

Mr. Armstrong stated that it took him 6 months to get Pete's Place torn down and was at every Town board meeting, and assured the board that he will be a thorn in their side until they get this taken care of.

Trustee Kashman asked if this same guy ended up solving that problem. Mr. Armstrong stated that the beauty of that is that Williams Lumber owned it and they told Dave Kukle about it and said it needs to be torn down in 2019, and Sandy Williams told them they didn't have the money to do it. The Town has a regulation, if you don't tear it down, they will tear it down, and they didn't do anything about it. The answer to that was to add it to the tax bills of the people of the Town of Hunter. Mr. Armstrong stated

that he would give them \$100 towards it if they wanted, and it should have been torn down 15 years ago.

Trustee Kashman, stated that he hopes that [Mr. Armstrong] or people like him with his attention to detail continues to attend our meetings and bring and bring....

Mr. Armstrong interrupted and said that's why he asked about that charging station (pointing to Thorpe's Charging Station) because there is a diesel truck sitting in front of it.

The Mayor stated that that [station] is theirs, not ours.

The Mayor stated that we had an agenda and we can't vote on anything but maybe we can work through some of the items.

Mr. Armstrong stated that Robin had his phone number. The Mayor confirmed that Robin has his contact info and they will proceed from that point.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone here that wanted to see the work done up on the facts. The Mayor stated that if anyone requests the documentation of the roadwork water system upgrades,

Mr. Bain interrupted and asked about the State of The Village. The Mayor indicated they were at the end of the table.

Mr. Kelly asked if the board would like copies of the election law. The Mayor stated that [the Village] is members of NYCOM and they will be able to get it.

The Mayor stated that it will be presented per [Mr. Kelly's] request, and the Village attorney will have two phone calls now as well as the guy with the trolleys.

Mr. Streich stated that the Mountain Eagle building is more of an eyesore than the trolleys, so he would take the trolleys.

Mr. Kelly asked if they were still on the record and if they would look into his concerns in regards to the residency of anyone , not just them, and hopes they will look into his residency.

(Mr. Bain came up to table and got copies of reports and state of Village from Clerk)

The Mayor stated that they will look into it and won't single out anyone will try to do diligence

Mr. Kelly stated he would like to apologize if he rattled any nerves today.

The Mayor stated he guessed that [Mr. Kelly] did upset someone, because people left and we can't have a meeting.

Mr. Kelly asked if this was the first time that has ever happened.

The Mayor stated that it was the first time it has happened. For the 25 years he has been in office, that is the first time anyone had walked off and said alright we were done.

A member of the public asked what the definition of a resident was.

Trustee Kashman stated that that was the question. The Mayor stated you have to live inside the incorporated Village of Tannersville, during the period of your turn.

A member of the public asked about the whole Florida thing...and asked is 185 days a resident.

Trustee Kashman stated how many days would it be.

The Mayor stated for the duration of the term.

Mr. Kelly stated that you could go on vacation, but when he as a citizen was denied...

The Mayor stated to lets try to move on.

Trustee Kashman stated that we cannot do the vouchers, contract.

Court?

The Mayor stated that that was Kim Thompsons initiative and that is done so...

Trustee Kashman stated that he shared his opinion with [Justice Bain] today and [Trustee Gallagher] that he thought we ought to do a bit more do diligence and shared services items whether it's the court or DPW or any other shared services to do a deeper dive and more do diligence than our half a page report we looked at last time and make a decision from there.

The Mayor stated that he is up to speed on the law about the court. There are 2 very specific things. You have to pass a law to dissolve the court, that take a minimum of 2 months. The election is in a month, it will not happen before the election. The only time eligible to dissolve a court will be at the end of a justice term which will not be for another 4 years. So you have 4 years for analysis and see if it's a duplication of services and its service the public correctly and then you could bring it up in 3-1/2 years. Now is totally a moot point.

Trustee Kashman said that is fine, we have been discussing it for about a year, but never went forward.

The Mayor stated that at the last meeting Justice Bain stated a few comments about having the court and how positive and he felt having local rule served the community better and it wasn't a dollars and cents thing, which was initially looked at. The Mayor stated that when Mr. Landers called him tonight, and he didn't want to speak for him, he was moved in the same direction, but couldn't make the meeting, and the Mayor stated he was moved in that direction. Unfortunately the clock ran out and we cannot pass a law.

Justice Bain asked what direction it was moving in.

The Mayor stated that there was nothing to move, there was no direction and there was no sense to even proceed with anything because you cant get it done in time and it takes 30 days to create a law and 30 days for the public for review, A new justice, unless you refuse to take the position, would already be occupied for a 4 year term. And this Village, this board, nobody has a right to end your term as justice, unless you do something that violates your judicial oath, then could be removed at that point. Barring that, we have no authority to say we don't want the court no more and you go home.

David Schneider stated that the trolleys are being removed.

Trustee Kashman thanked Mr. Schneider for reaching out to him.

Mr. Schneider stated they are being moved at this moment.

The Mayor stated thank you for the update.

Mr. Bain asked without license plates?

The Mayor stated he is not a police officer.

The Mayor stated that certainly people had different opinions about the trolleys when they first came around that they didn't want them utilizing public parking spots, we did get complaints, and he felt it was still in the best interest of our whole community to allow it to run and he knew the trolley owner has purchased multiple properties to stage them, part of the DRI project, and still think its of great value to have transportation, public transportation, not only for the tourists, but there are still residents that will want to jump on that trolley and go have a vacation day at North Lake, come back and not have to park, it's a no brainer, but apparently a law was broken and someone did a little bit of homework to analyze that the law was broken...

Mr. Schneider stated that the other thing with the trolleys is that Ryan is going to start running them to Hudson to the train station. The Mayor asked for vacationers. Mr. Schneider stated that if you want to go to the city.

The Mayor stated take Amtrak.

Trustee Kashman stated that would be nice.

Mr. Schneider stated it would come back and forth around those times so people don't have to drive. The Mayor stated that they were in accord with it but didn't realize that law was being broken, although residents did ask why we were letting him use public lands, because he is going to have parking, he just doesn't have it this season, if we could be patient they will see the value which is even extensive and we are only a tourism economy. The Mayor stated that number he did not make up, that was from the DEC about many people visit the falls.

Mr. Bain stated that he thinks its great he was able to make it happen. That is a significant investment for a person to lay out money for trolleys, hire the staff, its great that the Village has supported that. The Mayor stated we do live in a land of laws and he didn't pass that law, but it is on the books.

Trustee asked if he could address the boathouse lease.

The Clerk stated that they could address it but not make a decision as you don't have a quorum.

Trustee Kashman stated that there was a request to pay up front... The Mayor said in bulk in the Spring. The Clerk said she put notes in their packet.

The Mayor stated that right now Robin considers it a debt on the books but he thought it made more sense for him to pay. The clerk stated that he will have to pay a certain amount by the end of the fiscal year. Trustee Kashman stated to close out the fiscal year. So he could pay that part.

The Mayor stated that they are not taking action on this one.

The Clerk stated that he was supposed to send her an email with it formally requested but she has not gotten it. In case he came this evening, she wanted the board to have the numbers.

Trustee Kashman said he will reach out about the request and about the trolleys.

The Clerk stated that you can't do Railroad.

Trustee Kashman we cant approve the bid, cant do that. Trustee Kashman stated that that is a bigger issue. The Mayor stated that they are not going to start construction until June. We need another board member.

The Mayor stated that if they resign, he appoints their vacancy.

The Clerk asked if either Trustee Kashman or the Mayor had any Downtown Fund Comments. Trustee Kashman stated that his Downtown fund question and comments...

The Mayor interrupted and stated that for those that arrived late, (Barbara Bates and Stephanie Streich) we had two trustees walk out and we no longer have a quorum, so we can't make formal decisions. Some thoughts could be discussed, we are trying to get everyone up to speed on what's going on with the grants, repairs, things that are starting, . He stated he was grateful people were here.

Trustee Kashman stated that a concern he had brought up with Robin was , which we talked about briefly at our working meetings, was the commercial rent assistance. Though we reduced it and it is a very small amount, his fear would be that the consultants or state would then require that and then we lose that money because we can't find a palce for that person to rent ...

The Mayor stated that he felt we were just giving them an outline and thinks monies can be shifted. The Clerk asked if they wanted her to ask that question. Trustee Kashman stated that it is an important question because if it can't be shifted, and we would be required to have the commercial rent assistance, then maybe it shold be voided off entirely. The Mayor stated he was in support of that. Trustee Kashman state he would rather the money go towards building improvements.

The Mayor stated we have 2 that are in accord with that so we need to know... The Mayor stated that there is a portion of the DRI that is \$600,000. Scoring for that , there will be an independent company hired, we ill be putting out a request for proposals for a consultant company that would come in and manage the \$600,000. It wouldn't be done by this board or any future board or any one else. We would have no say in it. It would be horrific. They will not be from this Village getting shot at. They will have a scoring process though, rank the projects, and who gets awarded. Some of the goals for the scoring...

Trustee Kashman stated that 6 buildings are to be improved, 4 businesses assisted, 2 commercial rent assistance. The Mayor added that we also have the green initiatives.

Trustee Kashman stated that they are in line with the DRI goals for housing, green initiaitves, façade improvements, etc.

Mr. Streich stated just on a smaller scale. Trustee Kashman and the Mayor stated yes.

The Mayor said there will be checkmarks for activities, creating apartments, putting in new windows, redoing the façade, putting a split in, you might get multiple checkmarks, whereas if someone says they just want to paint the front of their building and replace some of the wood, they won't score as high because they don't have as many checkmarks.

Mr. Streich asked what is the application process and what is the time frame on that. The Mayor stated that this board needs to finalize these exact parameters then they need to put out a request for proposals for that consulting firm, its about a two year process.

Trustee Kashman stated that it is supposed to be quicker, but you are still dealing with the state, so quick in terms of governments.

The Mayor added that none of that money comes through the Village or touches the Village's hands.

Mr. Bain asked if the board got to set the scoring parameters. The mayor replied yes. Mr. Bain stated the reason why he asked that was that he loved solar power and he loved the Village's initiative to do that project and was wondering about the same type of thing being done for the school district to offset the energy use at the school.

The Mayor stated that was another piece of this email that we should have done this years ago. The Mayor stated we got a grant to do it for nothing, and the person in the email asked why we didn't do it years ago. The Mayor stated that it would have been a burden to the tax payers, approximately \$62,000, no \$97,000 per year if we got a note at that time. Rates were 2% at the time. We applied for the grant, it was a no brainer.

The Mayor stated for what Mr. Bain was talking about for the school, it would only accomplish one goal of the 4 goals, it didn't create any housing, the school is certainly not an eyesore, it would be a strong green initiative, so he thinks the scoring, and he is not the scorer, might be deficient as far as how the consultant would look at it. It's a great idea, but it doesn't check many boxes.

The Mayor stated that another initiative is the Village was contacted by a NYSERDA consulting team expert to convert this building to a passive building which would be the next layer after the solar panels and then, they came here once, and had the new rules and laws out and gave a presentation to the public and showed what funding is available, through NYSERDA for residents, for a business, to upgrade equipment, so he thinks that will be another phase. As far as the school project, don't know if it would score high with just that one initiative. The clerk added, they could still apply.

Mr. Bain asked if it could be something where they look at a return on investment, like the project the Village has, its offsetting the Village budget, in perpetuity, would be extra money in the budget. The same thing would happen at the school, but also the amount of money that it offsets could be hiring an employee which would mean having another person spending money on the mountaintop. When you read about economic development, the more we can do that, the more we can improve our local economy. That is why he was wondering, return on investment-wise, anything like that.

The Mayor stated that he thinks when [Mr. Bain] gets together with the superintendent, wearing his other hat as a teacher, he thinks he argues a great case and all of those things would need to be put in their application. The Mayor stated that we will not be making that decision, we will not have any influence on that decision but he respects what [Mr. Bain] is saying.

Mr. Bain stated that he is asking that question not only as a teacher but as a resident, since he lives here and pays school taxes, which he is happy to pay... he stated that he is looking at the long term benefits for our community. Just like when he and the Mayor discussed the solar for the Village and it could be \$60,000 + in the budget forever and not have to pay an electric bill and what that means for the Village and that means more sidewalks, more parks, more everything,

Mr. Streich said that he thinks that goes with all of the check boxes on this, any business or building in town is some kind of multiplier, return on investment, so now one less eyesore, more people come.

One business opens up, more people come, so the school would be 100% a local benefit as opposed to a tourism filled benefit. Mr. Bain agreed that the tourism dollars are bigger, but if we can attract one or two persons to live on the mountain that money from that.

The Mayor stated we are hoping for 100 and 2 kids with each one.

Trustee Kashman stated continuing along with the agenda, short term rental law. There were some emails back and forth with Bill. The Mayor stated he didn't think how we could proceed without a board.

The Mayor stated that we have been trying to construct a short term rental law for those who weren't hear in the past. We have been talking about it and it was not at the top of the list for a while because we thought we were trying to coordinate with the Village of Hunter and Town of Hunter so that it seemed like it was a level playing field, then those municipalities got stagnant and didn't move forward. A few months ago, this board decided we would like to come up with our own law, and maybe they will want to copy our law because of the quality of life issues that multiple residents are experiencing due to some of the Airbnbs. Not all of them, some of them. Informally some of the Airbnb owners of their properties came to him and said they supported a law, they have no problem with a law, and to go get rid of the bad actors. The Mayor said they have been working hard and they have a draft that needs a little more work and that was on the agenda for this evening but now we don't have a quorum.

Trustee Kashman stated that we aren't ready to share with the public... The Mayor stated until we have a final draft.

Trustee Thompson returned to the meeting at 7:09 pm. She stated that she would like to go on record that she is not resigning from this board and anybody that wants to challenge her residency is more than welcome to do so at their own expense not the Village expense in the supreme court. She stated that she will not be participating in the rest of this meeting this evening. She stated that she would also like an audit of the Village stuff for the last 4 years please.

Trustee Thompson left the meeting for the second time at 7:10 pm.

Barbara Bates said she had a quick question about the \$600,000, is there a timeline where that money has to be used by, spent by, etc.

The Mayor stated in the documents they sent us, it was somewhere around two years. Trustee Kashman stated that the DRI has the same thing, once you get accepted, you have to start construction within 2 years. The Mayor added 5 years to complete it. But this was sped up a little because of the smaller projects.

The Mayor stated that this was disturbing. He asked if you're not going to resign then why leave. The Mayor stated we had a quorum and now we can't work.

Mr. Bain stated that a lot of tempers a lot of emotion tonight with the conversation its probably better to not make any decisions.

The Mayor and Trustee Kashman stated that we cannot make any decisions. Mr. Bain stated if everyone were here. It might not have been the best.

Trustee Kashman stated that we are on the same page with these items.

The Mayor asked if there were any other questions from the public.

Steve Tuomey stated that he had some comments if we got to item number 8.

Trustee Kashman said to take it away, and stated that we aren't able to vote on anything, but he should give his quick pitch.

Mr. Tuomey stated that basically with this real property tax exemption for volunteer firemen and volunteer ambulance services, the county had their public hearing, the town has theirs coming up, the information has been passed on to the school board and to the joint fire district. He was hoping that the [the Village] looks at it and follow case with what the county has on the way they wrote their law.

Trustee Kashman stated that there was a comment from Bill on how it was written.

The Mayor stated that he spoke with the Town and they were having a workshop, then a meeting on the 28th to adopt the law because taxable status day is March 1st.

The Mayor stated that normally to pass a law, and he is not a lawyer, it would require a draft available to the public for 30 days, there won't be 30 days to review it unless they pass it in February to make it effective for next year, unless there is something that can be circumvented according to tax assessment law, to which he had no clue.

The Mayor stated that we were going to discuss tonight that was a few of the more specific parameters. For example, if your eligible, how long must you work, be a volunteer fireman, or ambulance worker, to be eligible for it and asked Mr. Tuomey to speak to that as to his opinion.

Mr. Tuomey stated that what is being presented is that someone must be active for 2 years, active two years.

The Mayor asked if he was in accord with that. Mr. Tuomey stated yes. He stated he would have to write a certificate to the active member that's been active for 2 years so he could go to the assessor. The Mayor asked if that is what he supported as an organization. Mr. Tuomey replied yes.

The mayor asked Mr. Tuomey what he supported for reapplication of that status. Mr. Tuomey stated every year from 2 years to 20 years. After 20 years they become a life member in which they can get a lifetime exemption. Trustee Kashman asked about inactive.

Mr. Tuomey stated active for 20 years, whatever falls under the fire company bylaws, says they have to show an active status. Trustee Kashman stated that they are retired no longer fighting fires, but could maintain that status. Mr. Tuomey replied yes.

The Mayor clarified that those were some of the questions and the reference to the Village Law was slightly different than the Town Law. We can't just grab the Town Law.

Trustee Kashman asked if we were moving to have Bill proceed with making those changes and present.... The Mayor interrupted and asked to whatever board we may have at the time. Trustee Kashman replied yes. Trustee Kashman stated otherwise we won't be able to proceed at all based on his last email. The mayor stated he didn't know.

The Mayor stated that he is in accord with that if the organization that has been doing this their life, and Mr. Tuomey has probably been doing it for his adult life....

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else that wanted to come from their commissioners to address the board in the future. Steve stated yes, they will be meeting next week. The Mayor asked if they could send a letter of support to the Village regarding the language of the law, the minimum service, the maximum, the things just discussed are the talking points, and the last talking point is whether or not they get a 5% or 10% discount.

Barbara Bates stated she thought it was 10%. Mr. Tuomey stated that the state passed it could be up to 10%. Barbara Bates asked about widows. Mr. Tuomey stated fortunately, they have not had anyone with a spouse that passed in the line of duty.

Barbara Bates asked if it has to also be passed by March 1st for the taxes. The Mayor stated yes, for next years taxes.

Barbara Bates asked if this is something they would consider having an emergency meeting on.

Mr. Tuomey stated that heres the thing, basically everybody on the county level has said we cannot use this this year, if it is all enacted this year, it would go into effect to 2024.

The Mayor stated that there is no rush then. He also stated that we adopt the town roll, their taxable status date is as of March 1. Even though our fiscal year is June 1, we adopt their roll that was accepted March 1.

Mr. Bain asked if anyone has looked at what the impact would be, the number of people that would be eligible.

The Mayor asked Mr. Tuomey if he could give us, perhaps a ball park. Mr. Tuomey stated that perhaps a dozen active members that live in Tannersville.

The Mayor asked if the retirees would be retroactive. Mr. Tuomey stated that they are trying to find out from the district lawyer on that. He stated that they have an active roll, and that is what they go by.

The Mayor stated that those could be the most vulnerable also.

Mr. Tuomey stated that when they left the Village and formed the district they also changed the status of members that had all of those years of service and make them life members so they are able to fall into that category.

Mr. Bain stated he thinks it's a wonderful idea and was just wondering what the impact would be on the rest of the taxpayers, and how that would interact with the 2% tax cap.

The Mayor stated that in the formula they put in for any discounts for STAR, any other programs... the assessment roll is part of the formula.

The Mayor stated that the real initiative is a vital piece is whether or not volunteer fire fighters or ambulance workers are reduced to desperate numbers of no one being involved. We just had a couple young families move into the community, and you need younger bodies to serve their community. If they got involved and then after two years, all of a sudden your mortgaged and they save a few dollars because its not a paid position because they are volunteers, it might entice people to start signing up for a population that is desperate. With all of the taxes it could save them a few bucks, \$500, \$1000, its like a per diem for your service as a volunteer which is a lot of work now and the training is arduous. The Mayor thinks that this is the big initiative, and you are getting a little bit of thanks for being at risk, being available, for answering calls, its appreciative. He stated that he would assume that was part of it.

Barbara Bates stated that it was.

Trustee Kashman asked about privilege of the floor. The Mayor replied that we had privilege of the floor. Trustee Kashman asked if anyone had any further comments.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor stated he believes we have been adjourned since the 2 other members left but we did record the meeting. The 2 remaining members didn't leave.

Barbara Bates asked if they could technically closed the meeting.

The Mayor stated that if anyone wanted any of the paperwork or reports they are available.

The Mayor stated to the clerk to give the paperwork (for the trolley complaint) to the Carl (code enforcement).

The Meeting just ended, and the public and remaining members of the board left.