

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
VILLAGE BOARD
Work Session Agenda
Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Location: Village Hall conference room

This is a work session, not a regular meeting. No public comment.

Intended for Board discussion, not action. Therefore, meeting minutes are not required.
If any action is taken, a Board member takes notes & provides to Clerk.

Excused: Trustee Hunsinger

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE: Mayor Castañeda called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those that serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

MISSION STATEMENT: "To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."

- **ITEM FOR ACTION:**
 - Authorize hiring of 4 individuals recommended by DPW Spt. for Seasonal (Summer) Laborers

- **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / REVIEW:**
 - 5/22 correspondence re Bienvenidos banners
 - 5/23 correspondence re Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History
 - Fees/Fines – consider amending at July organizational meeting

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (if needed)

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming:

- 7pm Tuesday, 6/12 – Village Board meeting
- Noon-9pm Tuesday, 6/19 – Village Elections & proposition
- 7pm Tuesday, 6/26 – Village Board meeting (w/ Attorney, Treasurer, Department Heads)

Village of Brockport DPW Seasonal Employment Opportunity

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Village of Brockport Department of Public Works
is accepting applications for four (4) Seasonal Laborers.

Work week shall be Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm, 40 hrs/week.

Wage subject to experience. No benefits.

Must have a valid NYS Drivers License. Minimum age requirement is 18.

Applicants are subject to pre-employment and random alcohol/drug testing.

Employment application can be obtained at Brockport Village Hall
or downloaded from the Village website: www.brockportny.org.

Completed applications must be turned in to:

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

Village of Brockport

49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 24, 2012

HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS
NAMES + HOURLY RATES TO BE
PROVIDED BY DAW SPT. FOR 6/5 VB WORK
SESSIONS

Leslie Ann Morelli

From: Mayor Castaneda [mccastaneda@brockportny.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 3:40 PM
To: lmorelli@brockportny.org
Cc: mblackman@brockportny.org; shunsinger@brockportny.org; kblair@brockportny.org; channan@brockportny.org; Harry G. DOnahue
Subject: Fwd: Welcoming banners for Farmworkers
Attachments: Resurgence of the Bienvenidos banners to welcome farmworkers.docx

For June Board meeting agenda.

FYI

Mayor M. Connie Castaneda

Village of Brockport

49 State Street

Brockport, NY 14420

----- Forwarded message from monicaH@rochester.rr.com -----

Date: Tue, 22 May 2012 16:39:10 -0400

From: MonicaH <monicaH@rochester.rr.com>

Subject: Welcoming banners for Farmworkers

To: mccastaneda@brockportny.org

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8 Hickory Way
Brockport, NY 14420
May 22, 2012

M. Connie Castañeda, Mayor
Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee
Kent R. Blair, Trustee
Carol L. Hannan Trustee, Liaison DPW
Scott W. Hunsinger, Trustee

Re: Welcoming Banners "Bienvenidos" for Farmworkers

Dear Mayor and Village Trustees:

The exhaustive efforts to recruit farmworkers were presented to this community by a local cabbage farmer, Kathy Martin, at a public forum in April of this year. On a larger scale, statistics were provided citing United Farmworkers offering jobs to Americans. Of 3 million "hits" in 3 months, only 8,600 were interested after looking at the jobs. Of those, 386 applied, with just 7 actually taking the work. The Farm Bureau has been in the headlines regarding efforts to streamline the H2A visa program so that the needed laborers can come to plant and harvest the crops which no one else wants to do.

Because Brockport businesses, churches, and Lakeside Hospital recognized the importance of the work of putting food on our tables, \$3,000 in funding was raised in 2008 by Brockport Ecumenical Committee to provide banners to welcome these workers who are the backbone of our local and New York State agribusiness.

At that time, my understanding with the mayor and DPW was that most of the Bienvenidos (Spanish for welcome) banners would be hung in mid June when many of the farmworkers arrive and that a number of the banners would be kept up during the summer particularly near the Farmers' Market. Since then, a few if any of the Bienvenidos banners have been raised to welcome these indispensable workers.

Democrat and Chronicle paper this week quoted Mark James, field adviser for the New York Farm Bureau, "I think of the migrant help that comes up to help pick this fruit, and the dollars that go into the small businesses, the small supermarkets, as a result. It's a lot of money brought into the community and left here."

Out of respect for the community donors as well as the importance of promoting our own agricultural businesses, I am requesting that the "Bienvenidos" return to our village streets interspersed among the Farmers' Market banners and that some of them remain up all summer

alongside the Farm Market banners. Many of the harvesters arrive in September. They too must know that we appreciate their contribution to western New York farms and our New York State economy.

Sincerely,

Monica Anderson, Former Brockport Ecumenical Outreach Committee board member and Banner Funding Chair

Dear Board Members;

The Advisory Board of the Brockport Emily L. Knapp Museum would like to submit some proposals for your consideration.

- 1) Complete and upgrade lighting fixtures throughout the 2nd and 3rd floors of the museum.
- 2) Fix roof and cupola area before more damage occurs.
- 3) Provide heat and air-conditioning so museum can be staffed and used throughout the year.
- 4) Hire a cleaning crew to do a one time overall sprucing up of the 2nd and 3rd floors
- 5) Provide a monthly stipend for expenses and incidentals which would enable a quorum of Advisory Board members to decide such matters without having to approach the Village Board each time. This would both expedite lesser expenses and free the boards' time from trivial issues. Examples of how this stipend would be used.
 - A) Monthly cleaning hire.
 - B) Minor office expenses.
 - C) Adding books about local history and or by local authors to the museum collection.
 - D) Advertisements and flyers promoting knowledge (and hopefully more visitation) of the EKM.
- 6) As Scott Hunzingers (our current liaison with the Village Board) has expressed his desire to not run again for trustee an appointment of a new liaison who has genuine interest in working with the Emily Knapp Museum.

The Advisory Board would like to thank the Mayor and trustees for ~~the~~ installing the new windows throughout the 2nd and 3rd floors. Also for funding the purchase and installation of our new computer system. In addition we would like to thank the DPW's Harry Donahue and his staff for the contributions they have made. Also, a thank you for reinstating the stipend for Jackie Morris, our Village Historian and leader of the Advisory Board.

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Yours truly,

*Jackie Morris
Gayleen Beebler*

Advisory Board Members,

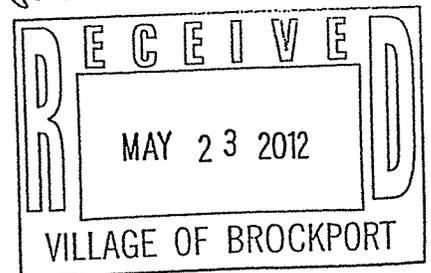
Doug Waldcott (in absentia per DB)

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for 6/12 vs



We are adding this request without the collaboration of the party most affected. ie Jackie Morris.

As the funding for Jackie's annual stipend for June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 is being provided by the Shafer Trust Fund, we are proposing that the June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 and June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 stipends to the Historian be paid retroactively . As the Shafer Trust Fund was established in 1975 and to the best of our knowledge no money was ever allocated to the Museum until 2011, there remains a substantial sum that lay dormant for all those years. It would in no way affect the operating budget or add to the village's expenses to utilize the trust to "reimburse" the Village Historian for minor expenses she paid for out of her own pocket or for the time she graciously gave to staff the museum, research local history topics and correspond with those having inquires about local history or families as well as serving as our mentor and leader on the Advisory Board.

Thank you for considering our request.