

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Village Hall Conference Room 49 State Street Brockport, New York, May 18, 2015 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Trustee John D. LaPierre, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer David J. Miller, Jr., Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.

EXCUSED: Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Breslawski, Joan Hamlin, Maddy Smith (Rochester), Pam Ketchum, Zhanna Baker (Spencerport), Carl Gouveia (Gates), Fred Webster

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those who 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."

BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Andrews shared the following:

This meeting's Brockport luminary lived here for only five or six years but left a lasting mark on the community. As the Western Monroe Historical Society is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its acquisition of the Morgan-Manning house, it seems appropriate to honor the man who built it, John C. Ostrom. Much of the research for this historic moment was done by Carol Hannan.

Ostrom was born about 1801 in Dutchess County. He was of Dutch ancestry and his surname originally began with a double o. He emigrated west and became a prosperous farmer in Ridgeway, Orleans County. In 1854 or 1855, he retired and moved to Brockport where he invested in a commercial building on Main Street. The building burned in November 1860 and was described in the Brockport Republic at that time as "an old brick building, in a very poor condition, and of but little value".

Ostrom is listed as a Brockport resident in the 1855 New York census and he had probably begun construction of a home by then. Its site at the corner of South and Main Streets was swampy, which may explain why South Street is not aligned with Monroe Avenue. It may have been designed to skirt the swampy area.

The need to drain the building lot may also explain why construction seems to have taken so long, for an item in the Brockport Republic of October 31, 1856 reports: "Among the many buildings now being constructed, there is none that will add more to the beauty of our village than the house of Mr. Ostrom. It will cost, when completed over \$12,000."

Ostrom next appears in the Brockport Republic on March 1, 1860, with an account of "A very fine party...at their magnificent residence...on the occasion of the second anniversary of their daughter's...marriage." The article reports that "gas has been introduced, and the light sent forth from the elegant chandeliers added new brilliancy to their hitherto spacious and resplendent parlors. One of these chandeliers cost \$150." The Republic boasted that "The spaciousness and splendor of Mr. Ostrom's residence is now equaled by but two other residences in the county" and concluded that "As Mr. Ostrom is now rated the wealthiest man in the town, of course he 'can stand it'."

The Republic did not comment on Ostrom's health on that festive occasion, but it could not have been very good, for the Republic reported on May 10—two months later—that "the recovery of Mr. John Ostrom is considered very doubtful. His situation is deemed very critical." He died on May 19 of a "tumor on the neck", age 59, and was buried in Medina.

Ostrom's daughter, Julia, inherited the house. She resided in Brooklyn, where her husband, Thomas P. Eldridge, was "a salesman for a dry goods jobbing house", which he later headed. They rented out the house. One of the tenants in 1864 was Dayton S. Morgan, who moved there from the American Hotel when he married. In 1868, he bought the house where he lived until his death in 1890 and where his widowed daughter lived until her death in the fire that badly damaged the house in 1964. And that led to the organization of the Western Monroe Historical Society and its acquisition of the house in 1965, a story that Gary Skoog recounted in

detail at a recent meeting of the Society and which is beyond my remit this evening..

So, the house that John Ostrom built more than a century and a half ago remains a monument to him as a very valuable asset in the community where he resided for such a short time.

OATH OF OFFICE: none
PUBLIC HEARINGS: none
CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: none

GUESTS:

- Peddling-Soliciting application – Maddy Smith of Food Link, Inc. (carried over from 3/16 meeting) -

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to accept Food Link’s application to operate a seasonal market at The Center.

- Proposed Thursday eve Peddler’s Market to augment Summer Serenades – Steve Breslawski of GBDC –

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 4/0/1 to approve the application for the Thursday evening Peddler’s Market. Trustee Andrews abstained.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 5/4/15 meeting be approved as amended.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	5/11/15	\$78,521.74
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	5/11/15	\$47,306.16
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	5/11/15	\$2,241.53
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust & Agency</u>	-	-
		\$128,069.43 total

- **CLERK REPORT:** Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli (excused)

- Sidewalk café permit applications – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the application in the packet regarding Yo Twisters at 21 Main Street.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the application for a sidewalk café permit for the 2015 season.

The approval letter will indicate that the Board reminds sidewalk café permit holders to see that the tables and chairs match and are kept in good repair and that they provide their own trash receptacle for use only during café hours. The Board suspended for the 2014 and 2015 seasons Village Code Section 58-11F4a and directed the Code Review Committee to review the sidewalk café section of the Village Code which was adopted in 1996, solicit feedback from the Department Heads and NYSDOT and return with proposed amendments for Village Board consideration and future public hearing through the Local Law process. When locating tables and chairs, keep in mind pedestrian traffic and car passenger side doors opening up.

- Village Elections notice – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the election notice in the packet as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE
 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT, NEW YORK
 ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF NEW YORK WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015** AT BROCKPORT VILLAGE HALL, 49 STATE STREET,

BROCKPORT, NEW YORK 14420. THE POLLS WILL BE OPENED AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSED AT 9:00PM.

- The following officers are to be chosen:
One (1) Trustee to complete a term to 6/30/17

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

The following is a list of nominations filed in the office of Monroe County Board of Elections of the candidates for the office to be filled at the Election in and for the Village of Brockport on Tuesday, June 16, 2015:

TRUSTEE – for a term to 6/30/17 (vote for one)

<u>Party</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Revitalize Brockport	Katherine J. Kristansen	270 Main Street

QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

- A Citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Resident of the Village of Brockport thirty (30) days preceding this General Election.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

- Your name must appear on the Monroe County Register for the Village of Brockport to be eligible to vote.
- In accordance with Section 15-118 (2) of the New York State Election Law, the voter must be registered with the Monroe County Board of Elections at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Village General Election. The registration deadline for the above election date is: Friday, June 5, 2015. There will not be a voter registration day in the Village.
- Application for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Monroe County Board of Elections 39 West Main Street Rochester, NY 14614 or by calling (585) 753-1550 or downloading from www.monroecounty.gov. Application for absentee ballot must be filed with Monroe County Board of Elections no later than Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

Leslie Ann Morelli
Village Clerk
Village of Brockport

Dated: 5/13/15

For publication in Suburban News & posting on Village website & at Village Hall

- o **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (VB meeting the 3rd Monday of each month)
 - o Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks
 - Financial reports for period ending 4/30/15 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the financial reports included in the packet.
 - Budget Transfers & Budget Amendments –

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the following budget amendments and budget transfers:

Amendments

Account #	Purpose	Description	Amount	
A7550.4090		Low Bridge High Water Festival	\$10,000	(1)
A8189.4000		Landfill Monitoring	\$9,500	(2)
		Total expenditures	\$19,500	
A2690.0000		Other Comp – Reimbursement	\$10,000	(1)
A1710.0000		Public Works services	\$9,500	(2)
		Total revenues	\$19,500	
		(1) Revenues & expenditures associated with Low Bridge High Water Festival		
		(2) Revenues & expenditures associated with Landfill Monitoring		

Transfers

Account #	From	Account #	To	Amount
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1110.4000	Court – Contractual	\$200 (1)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1110.4010	Court – Building renovations	\$1000 (2)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1620.4030	Electric – DPW	\$1200 (3)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1620.4031	Electric – Clinton St	\$800 (4)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1620.4032	Electric – State St	\$600 (5)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1680.4000	IT Hardware	\$1,000 (6)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A3620.4020	Code – Training	\$100 (7)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A3620.4090	Code – Misc	\$125 (8)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A5110.4010	Telephone	\$250 (9)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A5110.4085	St Maint – shoes/boots	\$50 (1)
				Total: \$5,325

Purpose:

- (1) Court expenditures – cost exceeded budget
- (2) Court expenditures for door – cost exceeded budget
- (3) Electric – DPW – cost exceeded budget
- (4) Electric – Clinton St – cost exceeded budget
- (5) Electric – State St – cost exceeded budget
- (6) IT Hardware – cost exceeded budget
- (7) Code – training – cost exceeded budget
- (8) Code – car repair parts – cost exceeded budget
- (9) Telephone – cost exceeded budget
- (10) Shoes/boots – cost exceeded budget

Amendments

Account #	Description	Amount
A7550.4080	Sagawa Park Mural	\$7,000 (1)
		Total expenditures \$7,000
A4089.4004	Sagawa Park Grant	\$7,000 (1)
		Total revenues \$7,000

Purpose:

- (1) Revenues and expenditures associated with grant for mural
 - o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO David J. Miller, Jr.
 - Thanked rental property owners and students for their cooperation in proper trash removal during the move-out season. Thanked Harry Donahue and DPW for their assistance in cleaning the Village.
 - Street by street inspections are underway.
 - o Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
 - 1st quarter report – filed with the Board and is available online.
 - Attended the bus drivers award breakfast on 5/4 and on 5/6 provided testimony at a state senate hearing regarding heroin/ opiate overdoses.
 - Reported that the village will receive approximately \$30,000 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture program. The funds will be used to purchase 45 caliber ammunition, which continues to increase in cost.
 - Said the PD will be developing a proposal to purchase guns and ammunition.
 - Discussed exploring the use of body cameras for the PD, a proposal will be submitted to the Board in the near future.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that this Board hereby commends Chief Varrenti and his department for their professional and compassionate investigation and reporting of the recent tragic drowning incident.

- Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
 - Reviewed the deficiencies in the sprinkler system at Village Hall. According to Davis Ulmer, it will cost \$3,290 to fix.
 - Report on the status of roof repairs for Village Hall.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize Davis Ulmer to make the needed repairs to the sprinkler system.

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**
 - Appoint 2 new Welcome Center Greeters –

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Archie & Pat Kutz as Welcome Center Greeters.

- DPW Seasonal (summer) laborers – hiring to fill the 4 vacancies per DPW Spt. recommendation -

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to hire the three seasonal laborers brought forth by Harry at this time: Paul Wozniack, Nick Jackson, and Kyle Hendershott to begin May 20.

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen, seconded, carried 5/0 for DPW to hire one additional summer laborer.

OLD or NEW BUSINESS:

- Authorize Mayor to sign Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. quotation re Justice Accounts procedures –

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the work by Raymond F. Wager, CPA.

- Approve and authorize Mayor to sign engineering services proposal re West Avenue water main replacement Phase II –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the proposal.

- Authorize McQuaid rowing team to camp out in a Village park the night of 6/19 –

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the McQuaid team camp out.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - On May 5, attended the Hill School to celebrate the work of the 4th and 5th graders in the enrichment program. On June 18 students from this program will visit Village Hall and the Police Department. More information to follow.

The Low Bridge High Water Festival (LBHW) was a great success. Mentioned various activities that took place. Beerfest on Friday night had approximately 1,300 people in attendance. Saturday events included the Golden Eagle String Band, the award of the 4th grade poster contest winners, the 10th anniversary of the Welcome Center, the centennial anniversary of the lift bridges, which were installed in 1915, the Genesee Rowing Club did a rowing demo on the canal and kayak rentals were available. Perri's Pizza won the Pizza Olympics. Barge performances included yoga, Bollywood dancing and several musical groups. Thank you to all the committee members who assisted in organizing the festival, thank you to the Board for allowing the village to partner with Stoneyard for the Big Tent event, and to Jay Nichols of the Stoneyard and his staff for making the Big Tent event the success that it was.

- Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
 - The Western New York Historical Society elected Andrews to their board.
 - He attended the Senior Chorus, the GBDC meeting, the LBHW committee and introduced Tom Grasso for the Thursday LBHW talk about the canal.
 - The Welcome Center celebrated its 10th anniversary; it has welcomed boaters

from 45 out of the 50 states and 13 foreign countries.

- o Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti
 - On 5/11 she attended the Housing Task Force Committee, on 5/15 and 5/16 attended the LBHW events.
 - Provided an update o the comprehensive plan grant process – there is a training workshop on 5/21.
- o Trustee John D. LaPierre
 - Met with Harry to interview and discuss summer help.
 - Today, attended the Parks Committee meeting and also a seminar regarding Emergency Preparedness by Monroe County. Will be following up on suggested village activities.
- o Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
 - Regarding the peddling-soliciting application of Barton's Parkside Hots, she reported that she discussed questions with the Code Enforcement Officer and they researched the zoning code. Mr. Barton has satisfied all of the village code requirements for this type of activity. He has permission from the property owner to use the property (Capen Hose Fire Co.) and has been issued a peddling license by the Village Clerk. The Police Chief has been apprised. She wishes Mr. Barton good luck with his stand.
 - Reported that she attended the 5/7 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting which was in regards to a private owner asking for approval to build an attached garage. The application was approved.
 - Reported that she attended the 5/11 Housing Task Force meeting in which discussion was had regarding re-organization and setting goals centered on village quality of life issues.
 - Reported that on 5/15 she assisted with ticket sales at the LBHW Festival.
 - Reported that on 5/15-5/16 she joined 4 Brockport Police Officers as a civilian observer for a ride along. Officers Hagen, Sime and Dawson gave her a tour of the Police Offices and facilities explaining the various procedures and equipment that they use in their police work. She then joined Officer Sime for a few hours as he performed his police duties alongside Officers Dawson and Hagen. The time spent with these officers was interesting, educational and enlightening. They as well as all of their colleagues in the department are to be commended for the excellent and professional service that they perform to keep our village safe and secure. The observations that she came away with definitely re-affirm her belief that our village needs the police department. She is grateful for the opportunity to observe our police in their roles in our community.
 - Reported that she continues to walk the neighborhoods of our village talking with residents as part of her campaign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (re collective bargaining - CSEA)

→ At 8:20 pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and negotiations.

Treasurer Dan Hendricks was invited to sit in.

→ At 8:50 pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 8:51 pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Daniel P. Hendricks, Treasurer
for Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk