

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York, October 2, 2006 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Treasurer / Village Manager Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Fire Chief Laurence C. Vaughan

ALSO PRESENT: Robbi Hess (Suburban News), Margay Blackman, Anthony Peone, Pete Apicella, Jim & Joan Hamlin, John Lessord, John Bush, Linda Borrayo, Fred Webster, Bob Canham, Ray & Jackie Morris.

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2006.

➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2006, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Anthony Peone of 86 Smith Street and proprietor of Brockport Computers was in attendance with Pete Apicella, proprietor of Java Junction and presented a petition signed by 90+% of the downtown merchants that read: "We the following business and commercial property owners of Brockport, having been informed that the committee being organized by the Village to advise on the upcoming Route 19 construction project will only include two business owners out of twelve committee members, hereby protest our misrepresentation on this committee. Since we are the group who will be most affected by the project, sacrificing some portion of our livelihoods to make this possible, we believe the committee should have half of its members selected from the downtown business community.

GUESTS:

1. Margay Blackman – Tree Board – NYSDEC Grant Proposal – M. Blackman referred to her memo dated September 19th indicating that the Tree Board would like to apply for a 2006 tree planting cost share grant from NYSDEC. They would like to apply for the maximum \$7,500 in funding to purchase approximately 50 to 55 2-½ inch caliper trees. The matching \$75,00 from the Village will be accounted for in equipment, transportation, equipment purchase (tree gators or ooze tubes for watering), DPW salaries for tree maintenance, and volunteer labor in tree planting, grant writing, etc. The grant money can be expended over a 1 to 3 year period, but shorter is preferable and they would like to complete the project within 1 to 1 ½ years. M. Blackman said I. Coyle concurred that the match will have no adverse affect on the Village's bottom line as the appropriations for shade tree expenses have already been built into the 2006-07 budget.

M. Blackman shared that from the tree inventory they have identified the following streets as high need and will focus tree planting on several of them: Park, Adams, Chappel, Gordon, State, Kenyon, Spring, High, Fair and Fayette. There are 164 vacant spaces for trees on these streets. They hope to concentrate on Spring Street and Gordon Street as the focus for the April 27, 2007 Arbor Day planting. The remaining sites will receive planting over the course of the grant award. M. Blackman shared that last year the Tree Board organized a highly successful Arbor Day planting with 16 community, BCSD and SUNY groups who planted 27 trees on Monroe Avenue and Utica Street. They selected specific species of trees for individual sites and contacted property owners ahead of time by letter and follow-up phone call. The 60 volunteer tree planters were instructed on site how to plant trees by the SUNY maintenance crew. It was accomplished in 1-½ hours under their watchful eyes as well as the Village DPW. Tree planting groups and property owners were asked to continue monitoring their trees over the first season of growth. All but two trees are thriving. Tree planting under this next grant will follow a similar procedure regarding site and tree selection, enlistment of community support and volunteer labor, and follow-up maintenance of new plantings.

Trustee Castañeda asked when the Village would receive notification. M. Blackman said the application deadline is October 20th. Awards will be announced in December. Trustee Castañeda asked if any of these trees would be planted on personal properties. M. Blackman said they couldn't. They would all be on Village property – in the right of way. Mayor Wexler said there were one or two property owners last year that did not want a tree.

Trustee Castañeda said she was at the tree planting last year. She asked how many DPW employees were there. Manager Coyle said John Streb of the DPW was there. He is also a member of the Tree Board.

Trustee Wagenhauser asked if the Village Code requires 2 trees per lot. Clerk Morelli said she is not sure if it is required by Village Code, but knows that the Planning Board has been asking developers of new subdivisions to put in one or two trees on the property owner's portion of the front yard. Trustee Wagenhauser asked about the National Grid tree program. M. Blackman said that is a rebate program. Manager Coyle said the Village is owed \$450 from last year.

Trustee Maziarz asked if they need a Board resolution. M. Blackman said yes, along with specific data that is being gathered, they need an endorsing resolution from the Village Board.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED:

That Margaret Blackman, as member of the Village of Brockport Tree Board is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport for said tree planting project.

2. SUNY Women's Center & Student Social Work Organization – Annual Procession Application for 10/26 7-10pm – Heather Overdorf was in attendance and reviewed the procession application and route. Mayor Wexler asked if sidewalks are used. H. Overdorf said yes. Trustee Wagenhauser asked how many years the organizations have held the procession. H. Overdorf said at least the 4 years she has been at SUNY. Trustee Wagenhauser said he believes it has gone back many years.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to approve the procession application.

REPORTS:

A. VILLAGE MANAGER - Ian M. Coyle

1. DPW Equipment to be declared surplus – On DPW Superintendent Donahue's behalf, Manager Coyle asked the Board to declare the following equipment as surplus to be taken to municipal auction October 7th: Miller Welder/Generator combo, Robin 600 watt portable generator, 2 Giant Vac Leaf vacs as per model and serial numbers provided by memo.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to declare the above mentioned items surplus and authorize them to go to municipal auction.

2. Grants Secured – Manager Coyle announced that Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich were successful in securing the following grants: \$4,000 for advertising costs for the Village of Brockport's Farmers Market, \$1,200 for upgrade audio/visual equipment at the Village Hall, and \$40,000 for the replacement of the salt barn at the DPW.

Trustee Maziarz said these officials have awarded the Village over \$45,000 recently.

Trustee Castañeda asked Manager Coyle if there has been word yet on grant funding for new benches on the north side of the Canal. Manager Coyle said not yet as that request was submitted very recently.

B. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli – No report.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Trustee Maziarz

1. New York State Canals Conference – Trustee Maziarz reported that she attended this conference last week. It will now be held every other year instead of every year. The next time is 2008 in Lockport. She said she hopes for better Brockport representation since it will be close by.
2. Good Neighbor Committee – Trustee Maziarz shared that there a few projects in the works. They would like to enhance the holiday events by elaborating on Trustee Wagenhauser's holiday lighting contest and offering horse drawn carriage rides during the holiday kickoff weekend December 1-3.

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3. Property Remediation Committee – Trustee Maziarz shared that she and Trustee Heyen held their first meeting regarding property remediation and met with Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich regarding the former Kleen Brite properties. They promised to do whatever then can.
4. Smith Street Bridge – Trustee Maziarz shared that she attended a meeting with Mayor Wexler and Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich regarding the Smith Street Bridge. Mayor Wexler may want to elaborate on this.

B. Trustee Wagenhauser – No report.

C. Trustee Heyen (excused)

D. Trustee / Vice Mayor Castañeda

1. Public Information Meeting re G.E. M.O.U. – Trustee Castañeda said members of the Village Advisory Committee have agreed to hand deliver the notices regarding the G.E. M.O.U. public information meeting to be held as part of the October 16th Village Board meeting to residences in the northeast quadrant of the Village. She asked for a motion allowing them to do so.

Trustee Maziarz asked if a motion was necessary. Trustee Castañeda said she believes it is best since the committee is advisory in nature. Trustee Maziarz asked why just the northeast quadrant. Trustee Castañeda said because this was the section of the Village impacted by the contamination. Clerk Morelli said it has been published in the Suburban News and on the Village website as well.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to allow members of the Village Advisory Committee to hand deliver said notice to residences in the northeast quadrant of the Village.

2. Welcome Center – Trustee Castañeda said she brought up some repair and maintenance issues at the Welcome Center at the last Village Board meeting. She said she did not seem to be negative and certainly appreciates the help of all of the volunteers. She said she just does not feel that the volunteers should be held responsible for reporting health and safety issues that need attention. DPW Superintendent Donahue and Manager Coyle should manage this.

Manager Coyle said the volunteers write the items needing attention in a log and either he, the part time cleaner, Bill Andrews or DPW check that log. Occasionally, notification falls through the cracks. It is a work in progress as it is only the 2nd season. Trustee Castañeda said she once contacted DPW right away to notify them of a water leak. She said she just wishes to tighten up the process and take advantage of work that needs to be done while still under warranty.

E. Mayor Wexler

1. West Avenue Sidewalk Replacement – SEQR Resolution – Mayor Wexler reminded the Board that the Village received an \$8,000 CDBG grant to install a sidewalk on West Avenue between Graves Street and Presidents Village.

Trustee Castañeda asked who would install it. Manager Coyle said the Village DPW from the CDBG funding. Trustee Castañeda commented that this is good and that a lot of sidewalks in the Village need repair or replacement.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) procedures, the Village Board of the Village of Brockport hereby expresses its intent to serve as Lead Agency to comply with SEQR. In accord with the likelihood that the Village Board will serve as Lead Agent, the Board has prepared an Environmental Assessment of the significance of and potential impact of the replacement of approximately 850 linear feet of concrete sidewalk along West Avenue in the Village of Brockport.

The purpose of this project is to complete the installation of sidewalks within this area to improve the safety of the pedestrian traffic in that area.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment of this

project, prepared by Chatfield Engineers, P.C. The Village Board further declares that, based on the Environmental Assessment, it finds that the project will result in no significant adverse

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impacts to the environment. Thus, the project has been determined to be a "Type II Action" under SEQR regulations Section 617.5-c-11. Therefore, the Village Board does not anticipate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. Further, the Village Board herewith states its intent to close the SEQR process for the project, with no further review by any involved agency.

2. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Mayor Wexler appointed Sal Sciremammano to the vacancy created on the Zoning Board of Appeals by John Keiser until June 30, 2008.
3. EMS Vital Signs Conference – training request – ambulance – Mayor Wexler said the Board received the price breakdown information for the Vital Signs Conference from EMS Battalion Chief Toole as they requested.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to approve the training/travel request for October 20-21.

4. Holiday Events Planning – Mayor Wexler reminded everyone that the holidays are not that far off and a lot of planning needs to take place for the annual holiday events. He said he will put out a memo and attach last year's holiday events flyer and asked Trustees to get back to Manager Coyle by October 16th as to what events they are willing to coordinate.
5. Soap Box Derby – Mayor Wexler said he attended a portion of the event. The organizers were pleased and indicated that they would like to do it again next year. No complaints were received and emergency vehicles were able to get through if needed.
6. Smith Street Bridge – update on meeting with State officials – Mayor Wexler shared that he, Trustee Maziarz, Manager Coyle and DPW Superintendent Donahue met with Senator Maziarz Assemblyman Reilich and NYSDOT representatives last week to discuss options regarding the Smith Street Bridge. Assemblyman Reilich encourages the Village to petition NYSDOT for repair and re-opening of the Smith Street Bridge even though that would mean the Village taking ownership of the Bridge. This is because there are no significant costs associated with bridge maintenance for the first 12 years other than washing it. Then if the Village wished to close it, at least they would have had 12 years use out of it. The next maintenance step at 12 to 15 years is sandblasting and painting which would cost approximately \$100,000.

Manager Coyle said the State is phasing out its high bridges. If municipalities do not take ownership of them, the NYSDOT may tear them down or leave them closed as they are.

Trustee Wagenhauser said if the Village wished to keep it open beyond 12 years, we would have to build up a reserve account for long-term maintenance. Manager Coyle agreed.

Trustee Castañeda said Dan Blackburn of NYSDOT gave the Board much the same information at a workshop meeting. He said the bridge could be expected to function for 50 to 75 years after a rehabilitation.

Trustee Maziarz said the difference is, this is the first year that municipalities are allowed to compete for federal dollars for bridge maintenance. Certainly, a reserve account would need to be implemented, but grant funding could be done in conjunction with that. She said our DPW and Village Engineer would need the expertise to handle this level of civil engineering. She further commented that the timing is important as it relates to the Main Street Rehabilitation project. The DOT said any bridge rehabilitation would not be done before the Main Street Rehabilitation project. However, maybe the Village could push that they be done at the same time so that the Village is not torn up for an extended period of time. First, the Village needs to decide very soon whether they want the Smith Street Bridge.

Mayor Wexler said when the Bridge was closed a few months ago; the Village was not informed of the option of NOT rehabilitating it. It was more of a mandate. So, there has been a bit of a change since the original notification. Mayor Wexler said it behooves the Board to make a decision. He said he asked Manager Coyle to come up with a dollar figure on the \$3 million bond issue regarding Main Street water and sewer improvements as it relates to the impact on taxes. DPW Superintendent Donahue concurs that the sewers definitely need work.

Trustee Castañeda asked what would the bridge be replaced with if it were to be taken out.

Mayor Wexler said nothing. Trustee Maziarz said some municipalities have opted for closure or removal and some, such as Medina, have taken ownership. However, there is such a condensed population that used the Smith Street daily, that the Village may not have the luxury of saying "take it down". At the very least, we could get 12 years out of it. Trustee Maziarz said this needs a decision soon.

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Trustee Castañeda said she knows we are pressed for time, but perhaps a notice should be made to the people in that quadrant asking for their input via mail or e-mail. She said this was discussed at the last Village Advisory Committee meeting. Manager Coyle said it could be put in the paper and on the website.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he imagines residents would want to keep the bridge as long as possible as they have been very inconvenienced and it creates a bottleneck on Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Bush of 157 Barry Street reminded the Board and Manager that they should be working on next year's budget and asked what has been accomplished so far. Manager Coyle said he works every day to maximize savings. Analysis and changes made regarding utilities, power audits, cell phone plans, hard line phone plans, payroll, office supplies, janitorial supplies, and the like. The Village's insurance consultant is gathering information about various health insurance options. These are all factors for the coming budget.

J. Bush suggested the Village consider privatizing certain areas and going with part-time employees in certain areas. He said some things could be done for ¼ the cost such as contracting out mowing grass in all the parks or snowplowing of sidewalks or side streets. He said the Village is not an employment agency. Even Kodak hired someone to do their sales. Trustee Castañeda commented that a group she belongs to recently cut their budget in half all the way down the line.

2. Linda Borrayo of 155 Utica Street said the Village should take into consideration the insurance costs of taking ownership of the Smith Street Bridge. Trustee Maziarz said Manager Coyle is looking into that. L. Borrayo also said the Village should inquire as to what it would cost to tear down the Bridge if it kept for 12 years and then not maintained. Manager Coyle said the NYSDOT might not even be willing to tear down the Bridge if it is let go. They may just decide to keep it closed and leave it there.

L. Borrayo said someone spoke under public comment at the last meeting and said the same concerns are heard from the same few people all the time and that isn't good. She said she takes the time out of her day to attend Village Board meetings. She said the reason is because she cares.

Mayor Wexler thanked those who attend Village meetings and said they are welcome to express their views. He said there is no doubt there will be differences of opinions at times. However, as representatives of the people, it is important that the Board listens to the public. He said no one would say, "stay away".

Executive Session:

At 8:05pm Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss Stetson Club contract negotiations.

At 8:35pm Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.

I, Leslie A. Morelli, Clerk for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, do hereby certify that the Board met in an executive session and did discuss the matters as expressed in their motion, and I further certify that no formal action regarding public funds was taken thereon.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

AUDIT:

- Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
9/6/06	173957	80.00

9/20/06	174065-174066	811.76
9/21/06	174068	53.50
10/2/06	174079-174132	28,963.63
10/3/06	174134-174135	99.40
10/4/06	174136-174137	1,211.91

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<u>Fire</u>		
9/18/06	174062-174063	178.98
10/2/06	174069-174078	3,550.24

<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
10/2/06	846-864	12,529.18

<u>Capital Projects</u>		
10/2/06	2019-2024	6,221.35

<u>Water</u>		
9/20/06	1511-1512	811.76
9/21/06	1513	9.57
10/2/06	1514-1519	942.56

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk