

**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, April 18, 2016 at 7:00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Annette M. Crane, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Trustee John D. LaPierre, Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella

**EXCUSED:** Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer David J. Miller, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Currier, John Bonczyk, Linda Ketchum, David Brannigan, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Lyle Stirk, Norm Giancursio, Rhett King, 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 evening, we shall take a look at how motion pictures came to Brockport. The forerunner of the movie theater was the nickelodeon, usually a small theater, sometimes seating as many as 200 viewers, but often only 20 or 30. They charged five cents for admission and projected short films, sometimes no more than a few minutes long. They flourished from 1905 until about 1913. By 1908, the U.S. had more than 8,000 nickelodeons.

Beginning about 1907, longer, feature-type films were being produced and theaters became larger. In that year, suddenly three such movie theaters appeared in Brockport, the Dream Works on King Street, Dreamland, (location unknown), and the Bijou Dream in the Opera House Block a three-story building on the site of Bicycle Outfitters. In 1908, they were joined by the Happy Hour (location unknown) and the Lyric on the ground floor of the north half of the Winslow Building, which is now the Strand and in 1909 by the Hippodrome in the American Hotel building where the post office is now. How long the Dream Works and Dreamland survived is not known, but, probably, by 1909, Brockport had six movie theaters, but at least four.

In 1914, the Globe opened at 69 Main Street and Brockport acquired an open air movie theater, the Airdome, on a parking lot at Erie and Queen Streets. It claimed to have seating for 700-800 viewers. In 1912, apparently responding to criticism, the Lyric ran a notice claiming that its music was the "very latest and best to be had" with an \$800 Witney player piano. (Witneys were manufactured in Brockport.) Its "pickture machine" was new and its "projecting lenses" had been custom made. The films were projected onto a 10 x 14 foot "solid wall". The building was "well-ventilated and fireproof" and it showed "no vulgar or indecent subjects."

The movies shown were usually short documentaries. "Roosevelt in Africa", war films, prison life, auto manufacturing, raising the battleship Maine, the James boys, the coronation of King George, the Mexican War, the passion play at Oberamergau were some that played in Brockport theaters. Also, they ran serials, sometimes going 20 or 30 episodes. They showed cartoons, travel pictures, news reels, and commercial documentaries (the Larkin Soap Co., for instance). Fictional dramas began in 1915 with D.W. Griffith's two-hour long epic, "Birth of a Nation".

Brockport's early movie theaters were venues for other events as well. They presented plays, variety shows, magic shows, singers, operas, beauty contests, vaudeville acts, fashion shows, minstrels, and elocutionists. They sponsored contests and had drawings for prizes. I remember as late as the 1940s movie theaters having drawings for sets of china or five dollar bags of groceries on Saturday evenings.

In 1908, the Strand opened on the second floor of the Winslow Building. The Lyric continued on the ground floor for a short time, but the Strand really became its successor. The Globe disappeared about the same time. Brockport remained a one movie theater town, except for a few years in the 1980s, when the Studio operated on King Street. The talkies came to the Strand in 1929. By 2008, the Strand was one of only two movie theaters to have survived among the thousands that had started in those heady days of the movie craze between 1907 and 1910. It was exceeded in age only by the Newtown Theater in Newtown, Pennsylvania that opened in 1906.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** none

**CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:** none

**PUBLIC HEARING:** none

- **Note:** Proposed Local Law – adding a Parks chapter to the Brockport Village Code – public hearing of 12/21/15 carries over to a future meeting – date to be determined

**GUESTS:**

- Navy Club Commanding Officer Robert Currier – request use of ½ Clinton Street parking lot – 6/4 charity event – R. Currier referred to the letter in the packet requesting use of half of the parking lot for their annual event.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to approve The Navy Club's request to hold its 2016 pig roast charity event on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 10pm using half of the municipal parking lot in between the Navy Club property at 21 Clinton Street and the Brockport Police Department at 1 Clinton Street.

The approval letter will include that it will be on the 2016 events schedule and that the Navy Club Officers should work with Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal David Miller regarding any codes issues or inspection needs related to the event set up, DPW Superintendent Harry Donahue regarding any barricades or such needed and Police Chief Daniel Varrenti regarding any public safety planning.

- Brockport Merchants Association – request use of Market Street from Main Street to BFD – 7/8 4-10pm & 7/9 9am-7pm – BMA President John Bonczyk referred to the application in the packet requesting temporary partial street closure for events including food trucks as part of the annual sidewalk sale. He said they are trying to revitalize the annual sidewalk sale so it is not looked at as a yard sale.

Clerk Morelli shared that she emailed the application materials to Department Heads and Brockport Fire Department, but only received the page 2 sign off from the Police Department.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to approve Brockport Merchants Association's request to hold some of its events in conjunction with the Brockport Sidewalk Sale on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> on Market Street and authorized the following street closure:

- Market Street from Main Street to the Brockport Fire Department parking lot
  - Friday, July 8, 2016 4pm to 10pm
  - Saturday, July 9, 2016 9am to 7pm

The approval letter will include that it will be on the 2016 events schedule and that BMA Officers should work with Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal David Miller regarding any codes issues or inspection needs related to the event set up, DPW Superintendent Harry Donahue regarding any barricades or such needed and Police Chief Daniel Varrenti regarding any public safety planning.

The approval letter will also include that prior to the event, Village Clerk Leslie Morelli will send out a courtesy notice of street closure to the property owners on the affected section of the street being closed. By June 23<sup>rd</sup>, BMA is to provide Leslie with a flier regarding the Sidewalk Sale to go with it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Linda Ketchum of Erie Street read the following statement into the record:

It was stated by the petitioners to dissolve the Village that we have a high water rate. They have only told half of the story. Our rate is 4.66/1,000 gallons, but it includes a bond payment.

Monroe County Water Authority rates have gone up in the past year. The Brockport rate hasn't gone up in a long, long time. Monroe County charges 2.84/1,000 gallons, plus, .21/per day for meter rental. For the average 40,000 gallons usage, homeowners would pay 190.25, plus, the bond payment of 4.96 for a total of 195.21 per year. The bond payment doesn't go away. Villagers would still have to pay it on top of the Water Authority charges. As it is now, Brockport village homeowners would only pay 186.40 in the same scenario. The average family household would pay almost 5% more if we lose our Village.

The service we receive from our DPW is unparalleled. I heard water running in my house and couldn't find the source. I called the DPW and they came within 10 minutes, found the source to be the incoming water line from the street and fixed it in a few hours. That would never happen with the Monroe County Water Authority in charge. Homeowners would have a significant wait. Plus, you can see by the road repair up by Crosby's on 19 that the resulting bumps in the road would last quite a long time.

Dissolution isn't a good idea if you want to save money on your water bill. This board needs to notify

the Village homeowners that a special interest group of Village landlords wants them to pay more for water, so they can pay less.

- Rhett King of Adams Street read the following statement into the record (the continuation of his statement that exhausted the time limit at the previous meeting):

Do you manage your own check books the same way? Do you continually live beyond your means like this government has done for well over a decade? Should brave individuals be held accountable for your poor stewardship? When are you going to take responsibility by representing everyone in this community, we the people, for the job you were elected to do.

When was the last time that the Brockport and Sweden governments came to the table to discuss what is best for the community? After all the work on the comprehensive plan, why did it come to a screeching halt? Unification or divisiveness? For citizens to pass petitions allowing the whole community to vote on whether to dissolve this expensive village government and unify with the Sweden government or not is putting the power in the hands of the residents where it belongs. Throughout history many brave individuals stood up for something they believed in. Was that divisive or unifying? We believe that if there's a law, GML 17-A allowed to empower residents to determine their own destiny, there is no greater community unifier than the voice of the people, all the people!

#### CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 4/4/16 meeting be approved as amended.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 4/11/16 meeting be approved as written or amended.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee LaPierre 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>	4/18/16	\$62,857.95
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	4/18/16	\$30,705.97
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	4/18/16	\$10,627.92
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	-	-
		\$104,191.84 total

#### CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

- o Any sidewalk café permit applications submitted for 2016 season – Clerk Morelli referred to the application of Pita Restaurant and Market at 73 Main Street in the packet and the application of Main Street Pizzeria at 13 Main Street received today and emailed to the Board.

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the application of Pita at 73 Main Street for 2 tables and 8 chairs (plus umbrellas and trash receptacle) for the 2016 season sidewalk café season.

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the application of Main Street Pizzeria at 13 Main Street for 3 tables and 12 chairs (if they can fit on the concrete up against only his storefront, otherwise 2 tables and 8 chairs (plus umbrellas and trash receptacle) for the 2016 season sidewalk café season.

The approval letters will indicate that 6am to 11pm is allowed, that the tables and chairs need to be placed on the concrete up against their storefront, that the tables and chairs should match and be kept in good repair and that they must provide their own trash receptacle for use only during café hours.

Mayor Blackman commented on the recently approved permit for Perri's Pizzeria and that they don't put out their own trash receptacle. Clerk Morelli will advise BI/CEO Miller that this needs a follow up as it was clearly stated in the approval letter.

- o UNYMWCP (Workers Comp) – surplus refund re calculation as of 12/31/15 – Clerk Morelli referred to the information in the packet that she had also emailed to the Village Board on April 7<sup>th</sup> when she was presented with a check for the Village's surplus refund / deficit repayment calculation as of 12/31/15 which resulted in a refund of \$82,357. She and Treasurer Hendricks believe the

Workers Comp Reserve is sufficiently funded, so this was deposited to the General Fund and can be considered unanticipated revenue.

Trustee Kristansen suggested it might be able to be used for needed DPW equipment. Treasurer Hendricks said decision on its use need not be hasty.

Clerk Morelli said this refund was from the "loss side" of the workers compensation program. There will likely be a smaller refund from the "administrative side of the program in May or June.

- Events Schedule – May-December 2016 – to be posted & available next week - Clerk Morelli said the NYS Canal Corp has announced the hours, so now the Welcome Center hours are set.

- **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (VB meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)

- Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks
  - Financial reports for period ending 3/31/16 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the information in the packet and said revenues have been a little better than expected and the expense side has required some budget transfers and use of contingency. He expects the fiscal year to end up fine.

- Budget Amendments & Transfers - Treasurer Hendricks referred to the information in the packet.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the following budget amendments be authorized:

Transfers Account #	From	Account #	To	Amount	
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1110.4000	Court – Contractual services	\$1,500	(1)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1110.4000	Court – Contractual services	\$1,000	(2)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A3120.4080	Quarter Master	\$4,500	(3)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A3620.4200	Codes - Postage	\$150	(4)
F1990.4000	Contingency	F8340.4010	Water – Main Supplies	\$1,000	(5)
F1990.4000	Contingency	F8340.4030	Water – Meter Supplies	\$1,200	(6)
F1990.4000	Contingency	F8340.4090	Water - Miscellaneous	\$100	(7)
F1990.4000	Contingency	F8340.4100	Water - Telephone	\$100	(8)
F1990.4000	Contingency	F8340.4170	Water – Nat. Gas	\$100	(9)

Total: \$9,650

Purpose: cost exceeded budget

- (1) Court – Training for Village Justice
- (2) Court – Ads for Clerk
- (3) Police Dept. – Uniforms New Hires
- (4) Codes – Postage costs exceeded budget
- (5) Water – Main Supplies exceeded budget
- (6) Water – Meter Supplies exceeded budget
- (7) Water – Miscellaneous exceeded budget
- (8) Water – Telephone exceeded budget
- (9) Water – Natural Gas exceeded budget

- Danforth – Energy Solutions – Preliminary Audit Report - Treasurer Hendricks referred to the information in the packet. He explained the concept of taking ownership of street lighting and replacing with L.E.D. and the necessity to put out an RFP to select an ESCO who would do an audit and provide a more comprehensive proposal. They guarantee a positive cash flow. The estimated \$765,000 project would be paid off over 15 years at a 3.5% interest rate with incentives from New York State providing a \$25,000 per year savings. It is "cost neutral". Current streetlighting costs per year average \$94,600.

DPW Spt. Donahue concurred this is the best way to go and that L.E.D. lighting would not be obtained through National Grid under the current arrangement.

Mayor Blackman said the Danforth folks have talked with the Larsen Engineer folks and gotten in sync with the solar energy project.

Trustee LaPierre said not only will the Village save money, it will have better lighting (increased safety) and be easier to maintain.

Treasurer Hendricks said he is confident that this is a worthwhile endeavor and that all will be happy

with the results.

- o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO David J. Miller, Jr. (excused)
- o Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
  - Read the following statement into the record:

Good evening. The next time department heads attend a board meeting will be May 23, 2016, one day before the dissolution vote. Since many minds may be made up by then, or not view or hear, what I have to say on that day, I'll say it now.

(Clerk's note – There is no 5/23 meeting which would have been a work session. The next meeting that Department Heads attend will be 5/16.)

The village of Brockport is playing with dynamite. I say this not as a homeowner, tax payer or lifelong resident but as a police chief of almost 15 years and police officer of 37 years. I say this because Brockport is **NOT** Lyons, Macedon or Seneca Falls. I'm unaware of the 8,300 person college that sits in their respective municipality. I say playing with dynamite because there is no way of knowing the degree of destruction that could come from dissolving a village the size of Brockport, since it's never been done.

In this week's Suburban News I read an editorial written by Rhett King calling for civil conversation relative to the subject of dissolution. Although his editorial speaks of truth, ads that support dissolution are full of unknowns or downright lies. For example, the Brockport police department, although having an authorized strength of 15 officers, has never employed 15 officers and SUNY Brockport has 17 sworn officers, not 14, like the ad stated. Regardless, the size of the University Police department is irrelevant, since their police powers are limited to the campus only, and cannot, by law, extend into the village. Most interesting is a "Crime Index per officer in Monroe County", something I've never heard of. The graph shows Brockport being two steps away from the city of Rochester when compared to crime and police officers. Brockport, although it's had its share of murders, rapes and other serious crimes, is still a very safe municipality, thanks to a local police department, and is not two steps away from crime when it comes to the city of Rochester. So, in my opinion, once a person loses credibility, everything they say, or do, should be looked at with extreme skepticism.

As for dissolution let me say this:

Should the village of Brockport be dissolved, and contrary to an ad in this week's Suburban News, so too will the police department. First, the Brockport police department **WILL NOT** become a town wide police department. If it were to become a town police department it would have to be done so by the town of Sweden. There wasn't any talk of this 6 years ago, during the dissolution movement and there hasn't been any talk of that occurring as a result of the current dissolution movement. A special police district, will not be created because this would be contrary to the entire dissolution movement, and something Governor Cuomo would strongly oppose. Third, while I can't speak for the sheriff, who are you to speak for him, by saying he will absorb the village with increased presence. Should the sheriff do this, he would have to be prepared do the exact same thing for other villages that dissolved, or municipalities that eliminated their police department, in Monroe County. The sheriff's department through an influx of retirements, has over 30 new deputies in the current academy who won't be ready for road patrol duty until nearly 2017, and many more deputies are positioned to retire in the next year. So I ask whomever the author of this ad was, where are those deputies going to come from?

In my opinion, since the majority of those who sought your signature on the petition were landlords, they most likely have the most to gain, while you as a single family homeowner, most likely have the most to lose. The majority of landlords who own property in this village don't sell their property. Additionally, the majority of landlords in this village may very well rent to the 27.8% of people they refer to in their ads as being impoverished residents of the village—the college students. The great majority of landlords own rental properties for purposes of rental income and not for resale value. Conversely, you as a single family homeowner, may find a time when you do want to sell your property. If dissolution should occur, you or your children, will in effect, be selling your property, with obligations attached to them. Some people call these obligations legacy costs but I prefer to call it a "lien." As defined in Merriman-Webster Dictionary, a lien is a charge upon real or personal property for the satisfaction of some debt or duty ordinarily arising by operation of law. So let me ask you...who do you think might want to buy your home with a lien attached to it, and equally, if not more important, no service to show for it? So, while you may save some money after dissolving the village, I believe, after paying for retiree's healthcare benefits, Seymour Library costs, a higher Town tax, Village streets, sidewalks, lighting costs, etc., and bonds that extend beyond 2030, **the potential savings, if any, will not equal the loss of your home's value and the loss of essential services in a college municipality.**

Now, some people might say I'm just looking out for my job or the job of my officers. As for me, I've been blessed with a 37 year career in law enforcement but there is no secret that it's coming to a close. As for my officers, should dissolution succeed, I assure you they will all find jobs within Monroe County law

enforcement, making more money and working less hours. The reason Brockport Police officers make what they make (and I'm sure those promoting dissolution will publicize each dollar earned) is because they work a tremendous amount of overtime when college events effect the safety of this community. Please don't fault them for doing what they are asked to do. In fact, Brockport Police Officers are the second lowest paid police officers in Monroe County and the only police officers in New York State to have ever taken a reduction in pay when the village was in financial difficulty. Additionally, Brockport Police officers have to be employed 5 years to reach top pay when many other departments, in Monroe County, achieve this in 3 years. Most importantly, the salary line for the Brockport Police Department is lower today with more officers, than it was 4 years ago with less officers.

So in conclusion, I implore you to not live for today, but consider tomorrow too. Don't through away all the services of the DPW, BPD, Code enforcement office, village board and other day to day services that are necessary services for a college town to have. As previously stated, those that favor dissolution, will compare Brockport to Lyons, Macedon and Seneca Falls when in fact there is no comparison. The village of Brockport has, and will continue to have, a large college square in the middle of it. The services that are provided to this community are not a luxury but rather a necessity. Should dissolution succeed, the village of Brockport will no longer be what it is today. Amongst a number of other duties, you won't see code enforcement officers ensuring the safety of residents or that laws are followed when building or renovating a home, you won't see Brockport officers walking the downtown streets, pulling doors of our businesses in the middle of the night, checking on your homes while on vacation or enforcement the laws, you won't see DPW fixing or plowing the roads or parking lots or picking up brush and you won't have a responsive local village government like you have today.

**Please think carefully before voting to dissolve this village and all its services and please DO VOTE. Once the village is gone, there is no bringing it back and the college isn't going anywhere.**

Thank you for your time, and I, along with all members of the Brockport Police Department, look forward to serving you for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
Daniel P. Varrenti

- Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
  - West Avenue water main replacement Phase I – Spt. Donahue said the project is moving along well. As of today they have gotten 1,000 of the 1,600 feet of pipe in.
- Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.
  - Status of MOU/MOA with Brockport Fire District & Seymour Library re solar energy – Village Attorney Mastrella reported that after the 3/21 Village Board meeting he contacted Larsen Engineers to discussed proposed revisions to the draft agreements between the Village of Brockport and the Brockport Fire District and the Village of Brockport and the Seymour Library as to distribution of credits. The production/sale end is limited due to requirements of the grant. Future usage does not play a role. Historic usage does. The Fire District and Library usage account for 39% of the total. He then contacted the attorney for the Brockport Fire District and the attorney for the Seymour Library and explained why credits will be based on historic usage. The attorney for the Seymour Library was going to meet with a representative from Larsen Engineers. The attorney for the Brockport Fire District may do the same but hadn't set up a meeting yet. Village Attorney Mastrella said he does not think there is any real objection to the change proposed. They simply want more information. If the Fire District and/or Library were to withdraw after 5 years, it is difficult to envision the Village suffering any loss as low rates would be enjoyed and we can sell what we produce to a certain amount.

Mayor Blackman asked Village Attorney Mastrella to follow up with the involved attorneys and move this along to completion. Village Attorney Mastrella said he would do so and shared that he is tied up in a trial next week.

Trustee LaPierre said this is good progress.

Mayor Blackman said it gets a little clearer each time it is explained.

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**
  - Accept resignation of Pete Selig from Planning Board effective 5/31/16 – Mayor Blackman shared that Pete Selig is soon moving out of the Village into neighboring Clarkson. Trustee Andrews shared that he was glad to hear he sold his home to a young family.

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to accept with regret the resignation of Pete Selig from the Planning Board effective 5/31/16 with thanks for his service since November 2014.

- Hire to fill DPW Seasonal (summer) Laborer vacancies – Clerk Morelli said there were

very few applications submitted. He recommends the re-hiring of Kyle Hendershot who was a seasonal laborer last summer.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to re-hire Kyle Hendershot as DPW Seasonal Laborer effective 5/9/16 at \$10/hour with no benefits, pending successful completion of required pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

- o Hire to fill Part Time Court Attendant vacancies – Clerk Morelli said there were very few applications submitted. The Justices have not yet brought forward a hiring recommendation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. They have, however, secured a qualified individual from an adjoining county willing to serve at the same wage rate as a contractor paid off accounts payable instead of an employee paid off payroll. This is acceptable for the time being. Clerk Morelli said she is awaiting word from Monroe County Civil Service who submitted on her behalf an application to make the Part Time Court Attendant title “non-competitive” which would eliminate the need to take an exam and be reachable on a list and to live in Monroe County.

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**

- o Resolutions to adopt 6/1/16-5/31/17 budget & collect taxes & authorize notices –

Trustee Andrews expressed concern about how the Seymour Library budget is handled as it relates to the tri-municipal funding. While flat this year, the tri-municipal agreement does not provide a means for making up the budget.

Mayor Blackman said this year the Library Director and Library Board short-circuited the process by keeping to the tax cap. Only the Village Board has responded to their request for suggested changes to the tri-municipal agreement. From her understanding, the Sweden Town Board and Clarkson Town Board have not yet done so.

Trustee Kristansen said the Library Board is working to get responses.

Trustee LaPierre said this is not an issue related to the task at hand – adopting the Village budget.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the 6/1/16-5/31/17 budget and tax warrant and authorize related notices as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Brockport Village Board adopts the 06/01/16 – 05/31/17 General Fund budget in the amount of \$5,174,317, the Water Fund budget in the amount of \$1,124,119, and the Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$147,566 and that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Brockport the following sums for village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2016-2017 with a tax rate of \$11.87 per thousand of assessed valuation levying the total taxes and other charges extended and levied against each parcel of real property, shown on the roll prepared and verified by the Town Assessor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

General Fund:		
Total Taxes for Current Budget		\$2,651,216
For Releived Property Maintenance Charges		\$5,599.92
Water Fund:		
For Releived Water Rents & Charges		0
Sewer Fund:		
For Releived Sewer Rents & Charges		0
<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		
<b>AND OTHER CHARGES ON ROLLS</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$2,656,815.92</b>

Tax rate decreased slightly from \$11.88 to \$11.87/1,000 of assessed valuation.

Water rates remain unchanged.

Sewer rates remain unchanged.

**VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD**

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT**

Mayor Margaret B. Blackman	yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews	yes
Trustee Annette M. Crane	yes
Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen	yes
Trustee John D. LaPierre	yes

Dated April 18, 2016

Adopted

**Execution of Tax Warrant  
WARRANT FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR**

TO: Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk  
Per Real Property Tax Law 1426

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the persons named in the tax roll the sums stated opposite their respective names, being a total of \$2,656,815.92 for the following purposes:

General Fund:	
Total Taxes for Current Budget	\$2,651,216
Relevies (property maintenance)	\$5,599.92
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TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES ON ROLLS	\$2,656,815.92

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
NOTICE TO VILLAGE TAXPAYERS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Brockport Village Board adopted the Final Budget for the Village of Brockport for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017:

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General Fund:	
Total Taxes for Current Budget	\$2,651,216
For Relevied Property Maintenance Charges	\$5,599.92
Water Fund:	
For Relevied Water Rents & Charges	0
Sewer Fund:	
For Relevied Sewer Rents & Charges	0
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES ON ROLLS	= \$2,656,815.92

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Leslie Ann Morelli  
Village Clerk  
Village of Brockport

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

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
TAXPAYERS NOTICE OF COLLECTION**

The Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Village Taxes for fiscal year June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017 have been filed in the Village Clerk's Office.

**TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED ON MAY 31, 2016.**

**To help us improve efficiency, please use the return addressed envelopes included with the bills.**

Check or money order for the exact amount should be made payable to the Village of Brockport and mailed or deposited into the drop box at the driveway entrance to Village Hall with payment stub to:

Village of Brockport

Attn: Tax Receiver  
49 State Street  
Brockport, NY 14420

OR

Payment may be made in person to Village Hall 49 State Street Brockport, NY 14420  
Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm except holidays.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

1) Payment is due in full by July 1, 2016 without penalty

Late penalties:

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> = 5%

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September 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> = 7%

October 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> = 8%

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Village taxes remaining unpaid will be turned over to Monroe County to re-levy onto the January 2017 County/Town tax bill with additional penalties.

OR

2) Payment may be made in 2 equal installments:

MUST make 1<sup>st</sup> installment by July 1, 2016 without penalty

Then make 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due by August 1, 2016 without penalty

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**IF YOUR TAXES ARE NOT ESCROWED IN YOUR MORTGAGE, AND YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A VILLAGE TAX BILL WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE, PLEASE CALL VILLAGE HALL AT 637-5300 X12.**

Leslie Ann Morelli  
Brockport Village Clerk / Tax Receiver

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

o Approve and authorize Mayor to sign 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with J. O'Connell & Associates (grants) – Mayor Blackman referred to the document in the packet. She said while the fee has gone up a bit this year, their services are well worth it.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with J. O'Connell and Associates (grants).

o Approve and authorize Mayor to sign 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with H2H Cleaning – Mayor Blackman referred to the document in the packet. Fee remains flat.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with H2H Facility Services for cleaning of Village buildings.

o Approve and authorize Mayor sign 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with Executive Carpet Cleaning – Mayor Blackman referred to the document in the packet. Fee remains flat.

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 6/1/16-5/31/17 agreement with Executive Carpet Cleaning for carpet cleaning of Village buildings.

o Resolutions appointing Election Inspectors & MCBOE supplies/assistance re 5/24 dissolution referendum –

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS  
FOR THE REFERENDUM ON DISSOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a special election is scheduled to be held on May 24, 2016, with respect to the proposition for the referendum on dissolution, and

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized to appoint eight election inspectors for the purpose of said special election to be held on May 24, 2016, at the Brockport Village Hall, where the polls shall be open from Noon to 9pm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport appoints the following individuals as the election inspectors for its upcoming special election (referendum):

In alphabetical order by last name:

Republican	Catherine T. Appleby	14 Beverly Drive	Brockport
Democrat	Cheryl K. Blount	14 Spring Street	Brockport
Democrat	Donna A. Ciroula	222 Main Street	Brockport
Democrat	Deborah A. McFarland	24 Oxford Street	Brockport
Republican	Steven A. Necaster	38 Cloverwood Drive	Brockport
Democrat	Lynn E. Rawleigh	158 Frazier Street	Brockport
Republican	Charlene B. Whipple	59 Frazier Street	Brockport
Republican	James E. Whipple	59 Frazier Street	Brockport

2. That the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Monroe County Board of Elections.
3. That the Clerk is authorized to arrange for substitute election inspectors if necessary.
4. That this resolution is effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF  
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUPPLIES AND ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE REFERENDUM ON DISSOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a special election is scheduled to be held on May 24, 2016, with respect to the proposition for the referendum on dissolution, and

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized to accept Monroe County Board of Elections supplies and assistance for the purpose of said special election to be held on May 24, 2016, at the Brockport Village Hall, where the polls shall be open from Noon to 9pm.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport authorizes the use of Image Cast machines and associated cost.
2. That the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Monroe County Board of Elections.
3. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Discussion:

Clerk Morelli referred to costs associated as described by Monroe County Board of Elections:

Use of 2 Image Cast machines - \$0 each for round trip shipping

Use of 1 ADA machine - \$0 for round trip shipping

Supply of 2,100 ballots for use with Image Cast machines - .45 each to total \$945

Clerk Morelli explained that this is 80% of the 2,589 registered voters. It is better to have more than needed than not enough, as a large voter turnout is anticipated.

The Election Inspectors get paid \$10 per hour each for 11 hours for a total of \$110 x 8 = \$880.

Total estimated cost of this special election = \$1,845 not including publication of required legal notices. Clerk Morelli reminded the Board costs were not budgeted for a special election and are not reimbursable by Monroe County Board of Elections. However, their assistance and plan to have 6 staff members on site during the special election is greatly appreciated.

Dated April 18, 2016

Adopted

o Bid results – water main materials needed for West Avenue water main project Phase II – DPW Spt. Donahue referred to the results compiled by Chatfield Engineers and emailed to the Village Board earlier today regarding last Friday’s bid opening. Four vendors submitted bids. While E.J. Prescott, Inc. bid amount was the lowest, they did not bid some of the items and, therefore, cannot

be considered the low bid. They recommend that the Village Board accept the bid received from Lock City Supply, Inc. for the total base bid amount of \$56,648.41, and award the contract to them. Spt. Donahue reminded that this is mostly from grant monies.

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to accept the bid received from Lock City Supply, Inc. for the total base bid amount of \$56,648.41 and award the contract to them.

- o Authorize RFP for selection of energy services company (ESCO) –

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize Treasurer Hendricks to use the templates provided to him and craft and get out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for ESCO.

- o Authorize Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linden to attend NYALGRO School 6/5-6/7 – Mayor Blackman referred to the information in the packet. The registration fee is \$45. The hotel is \$284 plus meals. There are no transportation costs as she is carpooling with a neighboring Town Clerk.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linden to attend the New York Association of Local Government Records Management Officers (NYALGRO) School June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>.

- o Low Bridge High Water – craft beer festival – authorize Water Street and municipal parking lot closure 5/13 – Mayor Blackman said that like last year, the Village Board needs to approve the temporary closure of Water Street and the Water Street municipal parking lot to accommodate the craft beer festival. Mayor Blackman said she, DPW Spt. Donahue and Stoneyard Brewing Company's Jay Nichols will be meeting this week regarding the event set up.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the closure of the Water Street municipal parking lot from 7am Friday, 5/13 to 10am Saturday, 5/14 and the closure of Water Street from 3pm Friday, 5/13 to 7am Saturday, 5/14 to accommodate the Low Bridge High Water local craft beer and cider big tent event being held 5pm to 11pm Friday, 5/13.

Clerk Morelli will send out a courtesy notice of street closure to the property owners that abut Water Street and to Brockport Merchants Association leadership.

#### **VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
  - NYCOM Presentation: What You Need to Know About Dissolution – 5/10 7pm Middle School Auditorium – Mayor Blackman referred to the notice in the packet which was in Suburban News and is on the Village website and will be in the upcoming Village newsletter.

#### **VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT**

##### **Village Dissolution: An Overview of the Process and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

**WHO:** Wade Beltramo, NYCOM General Counsel

**WHAT:** WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DISSOLUTION

An overview of the dissolution process as set forth in Article 17-A of New York State General Municipal Law, the fiscal and service implications of dissolution, including how services will be transferred to the Town if the Village is dissolved.

Forum attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the process and what happens if voters approve the dissolution at the polls Noon to 9pm Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7pm

**WHERE:** A.D. Oliver Middle School Auditorium  
40 Allen Street  
Brockport, NY 14420

- Street lighting – Mayor Blackman reported having met with Bob Haak of Danforth, Trustee LaPierre and Treasurer Hendricks 4/13 about the street lighting project.

- Boathouse – Mayor Blackman reported she, Trustee LaPierre and DPW Spt. Donahue having met with the Parks Committee 4/15 and one of the items was the proposed boathouse at Corbett Park. They suggested an alternate site in the park and both possibilities will be explored looking at the pros and cons of each, including impact on residents, any cost differences in site preparation, ease of access for boaters and parking. Then an on-site meeting will be scheduled with the Parks Committee and park neighbors to get their feedback. She reminded that the funding for this project comes from the NYS Canal Corp through a \$75,000 matching grant. – some of the match includes DPW labor, but a significant portion of it includes cash donations from BISCO, fundraisers, and a private donor, along with the donation of 8 shells and oars worth \$8,000. The remainder of the project is funded with an outright, non matching grant of \$50,000 from the NYS Dormitory Authority.

- College – Mayor Blackman reported having attended 2 recent events at the college – a donors luncheon and an Art of the Fact Award.

- Tree Board – Mayor Blackman reported having met recently with the new Tree Board Officers to bring them up to date on running of this board. The Arbor Day planting will take place the morning of Friday, 5/6 at which time 21 trees will be planted on the South Avenue extension.

- Museum – Mayor Blackman shared that the Morgan Manning House has been turning some items over to the E.L.K. Museum. Two documents they gave her to turn over are a Charter and Public Ordinances of the Village of Brockport 1880 and the Constable's Fee Bill and Record for Criminal Cases, 1887.

- Railroad Bridge – Mayor Blackman reported having received a letter from NYSDOT indicating the need for safety improvements. A 36 month accident summary was compiled and the existing signing for low clearance at the location which revealed a clear pattern of bridge hit accidents. During the 5 year period reviewed, bridge hit accidents averaged 5 per year. None resulted in injuries. They detailed the existing signage and found it exceeds current posting standards. They did note that enhanced signing at the bridge proper would provide additional warning to trucks approaching the bridge. Based on the review they have determined that increasing the size of the existing regulatory signs on the bridge and enhancing the regulatory signs with warning signing would be appropriate. The regulatory clearance signs will be replaced with the largest size available and will have yellow and black striped object markers. This will take place as work schedule and weather allow. They considered use of an active monitoring device used in only a few places across the state which had a tragically severe history of bridge hits. The hits in Brockport are more frequent than they like, but the lack of injury do not warrant such. They look forward to continuing conversation with the Village regarding the painting of the mural on the railroad bridge. They ask that the history of bridge hits and need for enhanced signing be considered to modify the design so as to provide sufficient space for the proposed signs and designed in a nature that does not divert drivers attention from the important bridge posting signs.

Trustee Andrews relayed a story from several years ago at 11:30am when a NYSDOT workman was putting up another warning sign and a half hour later a truck hit the bridge. He said it is his understanding that sometimes there are issues with truckers using GPS devices.

Chief Varrenti said it's not the truck driver that will be injured but likely the driver and passengers in a car behind a truck that comes to a stop when hitting the bridge. NYSDOT may think past history doesn't warrant the expensive system, but saving lives should warrant it. Chief Varrenti thanked Mayor Blackman for her efforts working with the State on this.

- Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews

- NYS Historic Preservation Conference – Trustee Andrews asked for authorization to attend the conference being held in Albany, NY May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$89. Hotel is \$149. He will drive himself and not seek mileage reimbursement. The cost may be less as he has applied for a scholarship through the Landmark Society.

⇒ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize Trustee Andrews to attend the New York State Historic Preservation Conference in Albany May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Trustee Andrews read the following statement into the record:

Thank you, Madam Mayor. I attended the same Low Bridge High Water committee meeting on April 7. On April 10, I attended a Boy Scout ceremony at which one of their members was elevated to Eagle Scout rank. I was very much impressed by the dignity of the ceremony, the success of the boy being honored, and the record of Troop 357 in having promoted more than fifty of its members to that rank. On April 14, I met a group of Cub Scouts at the canalfront Welcome Center and spoke to them about the history of Brockport and the Erie Canal. On April 14, I attended a meeting of a sub-committee of the Town/Gown Committee at which we discussed drafts of a Checklist for Off-Campus Students and a Bill of Rights for Off-Campus Students. On April 15, I attended the annual Donors Luncheon of the Brockport Foundation at which I was promoted to the Robert O'Brien Circle in recognition of my

contributions to the college. Also on April 15, I completed my part of the application for a Preserve NY grant.

Madam Mayor, I rise to a point of personal privilege to respond to the comment Mr. King made at our last meeting that was addressed to me personally, contrary to our rule that all public comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to any individual member. He began by saying that he would address my letter in the Suburban News, which made the main point that none of the leaders of the dissolutionists had ever done anything to promote the unity of this community, yet they now claim to be champions of unity. However, Mr. King said not a single word in his comment to refute that point. He never mentioned anything that he or any of his cohorts had done to promote our unity. Because he mentioned none, one is led to conclude that there are none to mention. I am pleased to thank Mr. King for confirming, however inadvertently, the allegation I made in that letter.

Again violating our rule, Mr. King addressed me individually in alleging that I have "a plan to continually raise taxes and fees". On the contrary, I have supported and will continue to support my colleagues on this Board as we have held the tax rate below the tax cap every year and, in the budget just adopted, actually lower the tax rate and keep the water and sewer fees flat.

Also, I want to respond to the comments by Helaine Donn and Terry Joseph. They presented a very convincing case for placing the proposed boathouse in a way that will not be a problem for its neighbors. I believe that this Board agrees and will act accordingly. My support for that project rests on the belief that it will benefit the economy of the village. John Bernfield, coach of the University of Rochester crew, says that a stretch of the canal west of the Smith Street bridge is the only straight stretch of waterway in the area that is the 2000-meter length required for some regattas. Therefore, any such regattas in this area should be held there. They would attract visitors to our village and benefit our downtown merchants.

Finally, I want to address Helaine Donn's comment about state grant funds being tax money. That is quite true, but a bit misleading. If we did not receive such a grant, the money would not return to the taxpayers or to the state treasury. Such grants are allocated to competitive economic development programs. If Brockport did not receive a grant, it would go to some other community, not back to the taxpayers' pockets or the state treasury. I would much rather see it come to Brockport than go to Medina or Buffalo or some village on Long Island.

Also, as an expired political scientist, I want to comment on the democratic value of so-called pork barrel politics. The allocation of state aid to specific communities, such as this one, is the only way that a community receives a direct, specific, tangible benefit from government. Every community in our country benefits from defense expenditures, our diplomatic system, our roads and highways, and our social security, but only Brockport will benefit from the boathouse. Pork binds our local communities to our government in ways that no other governmental action does. It is a powerful force for democracy and we should welcome, not deplore, it.

- o Trustee Annette M. Crane
  - Trustee Crane read the following statement into the record:

At our last Village board meeting we were asked what we have done to ease the burden of our residents who were living below the poverty level. We were accused of not caring about the poor.

We have a housing code that demands safe and sanitary living conditions for them. We employ a code enforcement staff and demand that they rigorously enforce that housing code. We do that because we care about their living conditions.

We care that they live in safe neighborhoods. The best way to provide safe streets for all of us is with good community policing. Local police who know our streets and our residents are the best way to prevent crime. We support our police department and demand a high level of professionalism from them because we care about all of our residents.

We care about the children living in poverty among us. We maintain parks so they have safe places to play, and an active Parks committee to monitor and improve those facilities. We have active liaisons with the library and service organizations who provide programs for families and children.

We maintain a court whose judges are very cognizant of the legal needs of the poor.

We provide all these services in the most cost effective manner we can to minimize the tax burden on our families.

We are part of a community that cares about the poor. This community hosts a Clothing Shelf, a Food Shelf, a Holiday Toy Shelf and a Community Garden, all staffed by volunteers, our friends and neighbors. All are supported by donations from every segment of our community. We are proud of their

generosity.

The burdens of the poor are our burdens. We assume these burdens when we take public office. We are not on this board to help a small group of our friends. When our friends need help, we provide it in much more personal ways. We are on this board to help our community, our Village of Brockport, become stronger and better.

o Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen

▪ BISCO – Trustee Kristansen reported having attended the 4/5 BISCO meeting. BISCO continues to plan for the Arts Festival in August. Duck Derby tickets are now on sale.

▪ Brockport Merchants Association – Trustee Kristansen reported having attended the 4/6 BMA meeting. The 585 magazine is putting together an article about Brockport as a destination to be included in the July issue. Tracey Plummer, account executive for the magazine, would like to know if the Village Board would like to have input into the article. Board concurred they would like to have input. The BMA Sidewalk Sale is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and will include not only retail sales but other events and vendors.

o Trustee John D. LaPierre

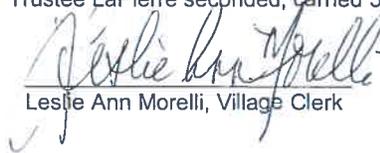
▪ Street lighting – Trustee LaPierre reported having met with Mayor Blackman, Treasurer Hendricks and Bob Haak of Danforth 4/13 about the street lighting project. This is a cash positive program in which the Village will spend approximately \$20,000 less per year and then \$120,000 after 15 years. This is no cost to taxpayers.

▪ Public Works equipment show – Trustee LaPierre shared that he was invited by DPW Spt. Donahue and attended a recent public works equipment show. Much impressive equipment that could result in a wish list.

▪ Parks Committee - Trustee LaPierre shared that he met with DPW Spt. Donahue and Parks Committee Chair Hanny Heyen and the first phase of the South Avenue Park equipment will begin installation 5/9.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 8:26pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

  
Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk