

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, August 1, 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

ALSO PRESENT: Kristina Gabalski, Jackie Morris, Rayleen Bucklin, Doug Wolcott, Joan Hamlin, Lyle Stirk, Andrea Perry, Linda Borrayo, Helaine Donn, Peggy Hale, James & Gloria Reynolds, Pat Nichols, Mary Ann Goosley, Terry Joseph, Nancy McCann

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:

Early Brockporters relied on rainwater gathered into cisterns and backyard wells for their household water. In 1890 a system was installed that drew on large wells in Clarendon. Its main purpose was to provide water for firefighting, but residents could tap into it for household water. This worked well for thirteen years. Then, in 1903, a municipal sanitary sewer system was installed and flush toilets became popular. This overtaxed the system. For more than a decade efforts were made to increase the water supply through the existing system. When this was unavailing, residents petitioned the Village Board to create a system to draw water from Lake Ontario. Only after Trustees opposed to that plan were thrown out of office, did the Board bite the bullet and issue \$750,000 in bonds—an enormous amount of money at the time—to finance that system, which came on line on January 14, 1914. It remains in use today.

OATH OF OFFICE (ceremonial): none

CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:

- o Jackie Morris – now retired from Historic Preservation Board & Tree Board (last year presented with proclamation when she retired from E.L.K. Museum Board & as Village Historian)

Dear Jackie:

This Board takes note with great regret and understanding of your retirement from the Tree Board and the Historic Preservation Board. We wish to take this occasion to express to you our deepest gratitude for your long, faithful, and creative service to this Village.

We note that you were a founding member of the Tree Board, that you have been a longtime member of the Historic Preservation Board, that you were a Greeter at the Welcome Center from the beginning, and that you served for many years as Village Historian. Especially, we are grateful for your longtime stewardship of the Emily L. Knapp Museum. At times, you and Doug Wolcott were the only support for that valuable Village asset.

In all of those roles, you were a diligent and congenial partner. You were unfailingly constructive in your dealings with your colleagues. You were always reliable and cheerful, never a negative or complaining word.

Brockport has been very fortunate to have had the benefit of your services over such a long period of time. You have been a real role model for volunteerism. We note especially that this long career of volunteerism has taken you well into your tenth decade, long after most people would have said, "Enough".

We are exceedingly grateful for your service. This community has benefited greatly. We wish you well and hope to benefit from your continued presence and participation in less demanding ways for years to come.

Very truly yours,

Margay Blackman, Mayor
Bill Andrews, Trustee/Deputy Mayor
Annie Crane, Trustee
Kathy Kristansen, Trustee
John LaPierre, Trustee

GUESTS: none

PUBLIC HEARING: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Helaine Donn of Carolin Drive – said she has lived in the Village on Carolin Drive since 1972. She continues to be concerned about the proposed boathouse, particularly if it is to be located in or near Corbett Park. She wants as much information as possible. She asked when a decision will be made as to the exact location. She asked why the Mayor will not share what the latest possible location is. She asked for clarification on the two grants regarding the project. She asked what other funds will be going to the project. She asked about the entity or organization that is going to be formed regarding the boathouse and if they will generate enough money to maintain the boathouse. She asked about liability. She asked what security is planned. She said someone at DPW told her about dummy cameras. If the canal is wide enough for 2 boats at a time in competition. Finally, she encouraged that Village Board meetings be taped as they once were. She asked how anyone would know anything, such as the nice certificate presented to the lady earlier this evening.

Mayor Blackman informed H. Donn that her 5 minutes for public comment is up. While public comment is not necessarily meant for a give and take, Mayor Blackman said she would respond to her many questions, as she has done previously, and recently at the Carolin Drive neighborhood meeting at Corbett Park. She said that there is plenty of time to make a decision as to exact location. Discussions regarding another possible location have just begun. She said she is not at liberty to say what the location is as the property owner asked that it be kept private at this point. It is not yet for public consumption. The Village has received two grants for the proposed Brockport Rowing and Canal Development Project which include a floating dock and a boathouse to facilitate recreational and competitive rowing programs. One is for \$75,000 and the matching funds will come from donations, BISCO, the Big Tent Craft Beer event of the Low Bridge High Water Festivals and in-kind labor from DPW. The other is for \$50,000 and does not require a match. Mayor Blackman explained that a 501c3 called Brockport Rowing will be established once the infrastructure is in place. This is similar to Pittsford, Fairport and Brighton. This would be the first on the west side of the county. There is a 2,000 meter stretch of canal here that is ideal for competitive rowing. The canal is more than wide enough to accommodate competitive rowing. There have been various regattas between Spencerport and Brockport in the past. Rowing would increase tourism and economic development. The Village has many letters of support from individuals and entities in favor of bringing rowing to Brockport. The 501c3 will generate monies through membership and such to maintain the floating dock and boathouse and assume liability. There would be a keypad locking system, security cameras and regular police patrols. Mayor Blackman said she learned that vandalism at Genesee Valley Park is down due to increased activity. As to taping Village Board meetings, the Village's I.T. vendor is in the process of ordering the appropriate equipment and the plan is to resume taping meetings at the 9/19/16 meeting. (They will be made available to view from the Village website.)

Clerk Morelli shared that the meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters and related information are readily available from the Village website. Legal notices and news releases are published in Suburban News. Certificates and proclamations are often shared with Suburban News with a suggestion that they might do a blurb or article to honor the person or entity receiving them.

- Linda Borraro of Utica Street – said she is a lifelong resident and doesn't agree with the proposed Corbett Park location of the boathouse, or a boathouse and rowing program no matter what the location. She said this is a poor community and the use of money no matter where it comes from takes care of the elite and is not something the village needs. She said DPW has a lot of other work to do that's more important.

- Nancy McCann of Carolin Drive – said she arrived late so she doesn't know what all has been said so far. Rowing is a sport she would enjoy. However, she has so many concerns. She said as far as she is concerned, the Village is in financial crisis. A project like this is impractical and unnecessary and could put stress on taxpayers. She suggested the Village focus on work that should be done such as infrastructure improvements. Further, she said she is terrified that any work in Corbett Park will result in flooding problems and lessen green space. She said her main concern is financial.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 7/18/16 1:30pm meeting be approved as written.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 7/18/16 7pm meeting be approved as amended.

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, Trustee Crane abstained due to absence, carried 4/0/1 that the minutes of the 7/25/16 meeting be approved as written.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Kristansen 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>	8/1/16	\$206,932.28
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	8/1/16	\$33,736.01
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	8/1/16	\$5,223.79
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust & Agency</u>	-	-
		\$245,892.08 total

CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

- o Tax Collection – Clerk Morelli said Village tax collection continues to go smoothly.
- o Employee Benefits – Clerk Morelli said next week she will be putting together the annual benefits letters and packets to employees and retirees under age 65.

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- o Appoint to fill Planning Board vacancy – term to 6/30/17 –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Lyle Stirk to the vacancy on the Planning Board to complete a term to 6/30/17.

- o Appoint to fill Planning Board vacancy – term to 6/30/21 –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Ronald Staub to the vacancy on the Planning Board for a term to 6/30/21.

- o Appoint to fill Historic Preservation Board vacancy – term to 6/30/19 –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Christine McCabe to the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Board for a term to 6/30/19.

o Boards/Committees/Task Force vacancies – Clerk Morelli reminded everyone that Noon, Wednesday, 8/3/16 is the deadline for position interest forms in the remaining vacancies.

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**

o Authorize Treasurer to attend NYCOM Fall Training School 9/12/16-9/16/16 Saratoga Springs (budgeted) –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize Treasurer Hendricks to attend NYCOM Fall Training School 9/12/16-9/16/16 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

o Village Code recommendations of Code Review Committee & Attorney – call for 8/15/16 public hearing –

- proposed amendments to Chapter 58-23B Historic Preservation
- inclusion of chapter on EV Charging Stations
- inclusion of chapter on Parks

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to call for a public hearing on 8/15/16 as follows:

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
Notice of Public Hearing

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a **public hearing beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 15, 2016**, in the Village Hall conference room 49 State Street, Brockport, NY 14420 regarding proposed Local Law of 2016 to amend the Village Code as follows:

- Proposed amendments to Chapter 58-23B Historic Preservation (as to the makeup of the Historic Preservation Board)
- Inclusion of a chapter on EV Charging Stations
- Inclusion of a chapter on Parks

Text of the proposed amendments to the Village Code is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Village Clerk's office and is on the Village website at www.brockportny.org. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

By Order of the Brockport Village Board

Leslie Ann Morelli
Village Clerk
Village of Brockport

Dated: 8/1/16

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

Helaine Donn in the audience began to ask questions. Mayor Blackman stated that questions and comments are not entertained from the audience during the meeting.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - Report – Mayor Blackman read the following report into the record:

Making contacts: lunch with Anna Marie Barclay, Bergen Mayor. Sharing of their 5 year comprehensive parks plan which I've shared with Parks chairs. And, speaking of parks we have just submitted a CFA grant application thru Division of Parks and Recreation for a grant for improvements to Corbett Park. Kudos to Erica Linden, Hanny Heyen, and Harry Donahue for providing the budget, much of the data for the narrative, and soliciting letters of support. This is a good example of the importance of grants to get things done that we simply don't have the resources to do on our budget (\$134,000 in materials).

Other grants—approval of our letter of intent to Restore NY and meeting with Tim Murphy, Real Property director for Monroe County (note questions/answers). Followed up with a phone discussion with Margaret Sheen, DEC attorney for our region. Working on a site management plan for the superfund site—this is what must be done if the site is to be used and would include recording a deed restriction. Problem is whether or not JMT properties, listed as the current owner, is an active corporation or whether it has dissolved. She is going to send me an email laying out what a potential purchaser of the property would have to negotiate and resolve. Also to be contacted is the site manager for the site, Lawrence Thomas also with the DEC.

Meeting in Corbett Park re boathouse project. About 25 people there.

Railroad bridge mural—meeting with Stacey Kirby (funds for one side and would like to have it in place for world's mural conference Sept 18-25. Meeting with Dave Goehring of DOT to discuss truck height sign on August 24.

We met with Senator Ortz re the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act and re scheduling a meeting re same with Assemblyman Hawley. That meeting tentatively scheduled for August 29 at 7pm, to be confirmed, with same attendees (Board, codes, police, fire).

On vacation August 2-12, back in time to happily pluck ducks for the duck derby which has been relocated back to its accustomed place in the canal thanks the governor's intervention allowing gaming for charitable causes on the Erie Canal. So, plenty of time to buy your flock of ducks.

Helaine Donn in the audience again began to ask questions. Mayor Blackman reminded her again that questions and comments are not entertained from the audience during the meeting. Public Comment is at the beginning of the regular Village Board meetings and during the appropriate time of a public hearing. She said she would be happy to answer any questions after the meeting or another time, but meeting procedures dictate moving through the agenda.

- o Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
 - Report – Trustee Andrews read the following report into the record:

On July 20, I attended the meeting of the Clarkson Historical Society at which Dan Mawr presented a history of the Holley Water System where he had worked for 37 years. On July 21, I attended a meeting of the Historic Preservation Board. The main topic was the reactivation of our program to secure local historic landmark designation for those houses in the historic residential district that have not yet been so designated. Also, I reported that we had received unofficial notification that we are to receive our seventeenth CLG grant, fully funded. On July 23, 25, and 26, I rotated the exhibits in the Brockport Community Museum interior display cases. On July 24, I served as a guide at the Morgan Manning House. On July 26, I attended the regular meetings of the Clarkson and Sweden Town Boards. On July 27, I attended a meeting on plans for the mural to go on the Main Street railroad bridge. On July 28, I attended a meeting of the Emily L. Knapp Museum Board at which the principal topics were the successful delivery of one of its stuffed Golden Eagles to the restorer in New Jersey and the failure to obtain satisfactory estimates for carpeting the second and third floor halls and the stairway between.

- o Trustee Annette M. Crane
 - No report – Trustee Crane shared that she just returned from vacation.
- o Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
 - Report – Trustee Kristansen read the following report into the record:

July 19, 2016...

I attended Brockport Merchants Association meeting. Discussion included the sidewalk sale and the upcoming Arts Festival. The BMA is interested in applying for grants that would be applicable for their next year's July sidewalk sale and festival. They also stated that they would like more support and involvement from the village board regarding the 2017 sidewalk sale and festival. (Advertising, public relations, etc.). The BMA suggested that we have a table at the festival as well. Another suggestion would be to have a flyer similar to the Summer Serenades entitled "Summer in Brockport".

I also attended the Seymour Library Board meeting. The two agreements regarding the solar farm and the municipalities are with the lawyers. The library board would like to present the municipal agreement to the village board at the August 22 workshop. (Provided that it is ready to go by that date). Other discussion regarded policy for disruptive patrons, policy committee work and the health/dental rate changes.

July 25, 2016...

I attended the Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce meeting (which I am now a board member of). Discussion regarded Casino Nite (October 7, 2016 tentatively scheduled, Facebook and website pages, and monthly events.

I also attended the village board workshop with Tim Murphy regarding 200 State Street.

July 26, 2016...

I attended the Corbett Park meeting regarding the proposed boathouse. Very interesting and informative meeting. Thank you to the residents of the Corbett Park area for coming out, expressing and listening to opinions of others.

July 27, 2016...

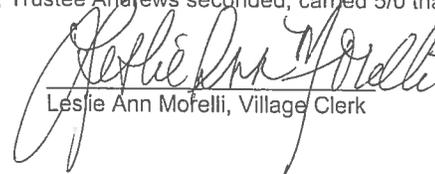
I attended the planning meeting of the After Hours Committee for the November 19, 2016 celebration of the Seymour Library. The theme is a birthday party celebrating 20 years of the existing Seymour Library building.

A side note...August 5, 2016 (Friday) at Red Jug Pub, 5 pm will be an Open House.

- o Trustee John D. LaPierre
 - Solar Energy Project & ESCO Street lighting Project – Trustee LaPierre said he asked Treasurer Hendricks earlier today to get a status update from the developers on each of these projects as we want to hold them to timelines and milestone dates. National Grid turned down the Village's request to buy back street lighting. They must now work with NYS Legislators and NYS Public Service Commission.
 - Public Works – Trustee LaPierre said he is working with DPW to develop a report on projects and labor as to manpower needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 8:45pm, Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.


Leslie Ann Mofelli, Village Clerk

