

**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, Monday, April 7, 2003 at 7:30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees Morton Wexler, James E. Whipple, Norman J. Knapp; and, DPW Superintendent Bradley B. Upson, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer Scott D. Rightmyer.

**EXCUSED:** Trustee Peter C. DeToy, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli, Fire Chief Gregory B. Wing, Planning Board Chairman/Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner; Village Attorney Edward W. Riley, Deputy Village Attorney Frank A. Aloï.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Connors, John Lessord, Jakob J. Rewa, Giff Mosher, James Hamlin, Katherine Snyder, L Emerson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Matela called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES:** Due to the injury to Clerk Morelli, the minutes of the March 17, 2003 meeting were not reviewed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Robert Connors stated that he had three questions he wanted to ask:
  1. Whether or not the press release in the newspaper, relative to the Webster Case, had been approved by the Village attorney, as he felt it divulged information that should not have been made public since the case is still in litigation. He also wanted to know if he should address Scott Winner, as stated at the end of the release if anyone had any questions, as Planning Board Chairman, Economic Development Coordinator, or as the author of the press release.
  2. If, according to the March 10, 2003 letter from Mark Ricotta of the NYS DEC, the Village was threatening to take on the General Electric Company with regards to the problems with Tributary since GE is one of the largest companies in the world.
  3. According to the Tentative Budget the Dispatch operation was scheduled to cost \$173,000 for 2003-2004, when the claim had been that the Village was going to save \$250,000.

John Lessord asked if the rumor that Tributary 3 was not going to be done is true, if the Village was holding up the proceedings, and if so, why.

**GUESTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Bradley B. Upson**

1. Asked for permission to have the Village join with the Town of Sweden in the Monroe County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning – All-Hazard Mitigation Plan - The county plan is generic in nature, without specific plans for each town. Each town would develop their own plans, specific to their individual needs and circumstances. These plans must be submitted to NYS by August 1, 2003.

→Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the Village of Brockport join with the Town of Sweden in the Monroe County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning program, and to formulate a plan for the Town of Sweden/Village of Brockport which will be submitted to NYS by August 1, 2003.

2. Requested permission to allow the new dental offices being built on East Avenue next to the Seymour Library in Clarkson to tap into the Village owned sewer line that runs along the north side of East Avenue.

→Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the new dental office on the north side of East Avenue be authorized to tap into the Village of Brockport owned sewer line, and that said building be annually assessed a sewer rental fee consistent with those charged to other out of Village users currently connected to Village owned sewer lines.

**B. POLICE / COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti**

→Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that based upon the recommendation of Police Chief Varrenti, Police Officer Mark Philippy be promoted from Acting Sergeant to Sergeant effective this date.

→Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that Chief Varrenti be authorized to attend a Terrorism Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from April 12 to April 16, 2003, at no cost to the Village except for food; all other expenses to be covered by Mid-Atlantic/Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, the sponsoring organization.

1. Chief Varrenti announced that Officer Chris Curley is credited with obtaining a confession from and making the arrest of a female employee of Laundrytime Laundromat in connection with the recent fire that occurred at the laundromat. The employee was charged with arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and is being held in Monroe County Jail in-lieu-of bail.
2. Chief Varrenti spoke with the gentleman from the Monroe County Dispatch Center who is in charge of equipment, and was told that the only equipment, currently in the Brockport Dispatch Office, that belongs to the County is the cabinetry; which could probably be purchased by the Village for the sum of \$1.00.
3. Chief Varrenti reported that on March 30, 2003, the Brockport Police Department sponsored "I'm Smart", a three hour course in underage drinking. It was well attended by many bar owners from the area.
4. Chief Varrenti reported that on April 24, 2003 SUNY Brockport will be sponsoring a rap artist by the name of 50 Cents. The sponsorship is being done despite the recommendations against it by the Campus Police, the Village Police, and the County Sheriff's Office. This performer has caused significant rioting and other troubles at some of his past concerts, and has even claimed to have been shot nine times. He now wears a bulletproof vest. Security coverage will be provided by the aforementioned police agencies, as well as the NYS Police.

C. BUILDING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT - Scott C. Zarnstorff

1. Reported that he and Assistant Building Inspector Vaughan attended training seminar the week of March 31, 2003 as part of their required in-service training, and have satisfied 24 hours of course work. In addition to the base training, Building Inspector Zarnstorff attended a class on the International Building Code, the basis for the NYS code, and as such, he has been certified as an International Building Code Inspector.

D. FIRE - Chief Gregory B. Wing - Excused

E. TREASURER - Scott D. Rightmyer

1. Although the agenda called for two applications for Sidewalk Use Permits, Mythos Café and Jimmy Z's, treasurer Rightmyer only had one of the applications, Jimmy Z's. Clerk Morelli had the other application in a folder on her desk, but Treasurer Rightmyer had not seen the folder. Because Building/Zoning Officer Zarnstorff had not spoken to either applicant concerning the need to provide a container for cigarette butts for outside customers, approval of the permits was tabled until the meeting on April 21, 2003.
3. Treasurer Rightmyer presented two Procession Applications, SUNY sponsored Walk for Youth, and Ecumenical Counsel sponsored Crop Walk for World Hunger.

→Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that approval be given for both applications, Walk for Youth and Crop Walk for World Hunger.

4. Treasurer Rightmyer presented the Town of Sweden Fire Contract for Board approval. He had only received the contract earlier in the day, but while he could verify the financial data, there was no opportunity to have Attorney Riley review the verbiage.

→Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the Village of Brockport approved the Fire Contract with the Town of Sweden, subject to the approval of Village Attorney Riley.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli - Excused

G. ATTORNEY – Edward W. Riley / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï - Excused

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Coordinator R. Scott Winner - Excused

**SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:**

- A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner – Excused
- B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Sean Wilcox - Absent
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair Jennifer Skoog-Harvey – Absent

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Vice Mayor Wexler

- 1. Expressed his gratitude to the Brockport Ambulance Corps and the Brockport Police for the assistance he received when he slipped and fell down the icy steps in front of his home on Sunday, April 6, 2003, and especially to the following individuals:

Volunteer Staff:	Mike Henry	Scott Smith	Larry Siegfried
	Tasha Borys	Pat Butler	Chris Grant
	John Elander		
Career Staff:	Judyann Johnson	Steve Howcraft	
Police Officer:	Paul Wheat		

B. Trustee Whipple

- 1. Trustee Whipple offered his "Thank You" to all of the emergency services personnel who were on duty during the ice storm, including the Ambulance Corps, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Department of Public Works.
- 2. Trustee Whipple announced that the Civil Service Process for the Career Staff Personnel with the Ambulance Corps has been completed, with the exception that a motion was required by the Board to officially declare the balance of the individuals as permanent part-time employees of the Village of Brockport.

→Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the following individual be declared Permanent Part-Time Employees of the Village of Brockport as determined by the Monroe County Civil Service: Brian Pennington, Sean Fell, Jeffrey Germain, Linda Jennings, Brian Klingenberger, Dawn Mac Mullen.

- 3. Trustee Whipple announced the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee that was appointed to review the situation regarding the need for local EMS dispatching. The Committee stated that in the interest of the Community, it was desirable to retain local EMS dispatching, and that the station should be manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with part-time personnel at reduced wages.

→Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Village of Brockport wishes to reorganize the Public Safety Dispatch Office, which many citizens consider a duplication of the "911" operation, by having "911" dispatch all Brockport Police activity and retain only local EMS dispatching on a 24/7 basis with part-time dispatchers, and

WHEREAS: a Blue Ribbon Committee, consisting of one at-large representative from the Village of Brockport, the Town of Clarkson and the Town of Sweden, has recommended the retention of local EMS dispatching on a 24/7 basis with part-time employees, and

WHEREAS: the transfer of the Police dispatching operation to "911" has already been successfully completed on March 3, 2003, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that effective 12:00 A.M., May 31, 2003, the existing Brockport Public Safety Dispatch Office, currently dispatching only EMS services with full-time personnel, will cease operations; and be it further

RESOLVED: that pursuant to the State of New York Civil Service Law, Section 70, the Village will certify to the head of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Communications – 911 Program, a list of the names and titles of those employees substantially engaged in the function to be transferred, as soon as practical, but not less than twenty (20) days prior to the effective date of such transfer, which names are set forth here - Daniel C. Zimmer and Charles J. Connors; and be it still further resolved

RESOLVED: that a new Public Safety Dispatch Office, to be located in the Market Street Fire Hall and staffed with part-time employees, will commence operations at 12:01 A.M. on June 1, 2003, under the supervision of Department of Public Works Superintendent Bradley B. Upson.

Trustee Whipple commented further that there are still several details that need to be worked out. Moving the dispatch equipment from Clinton Street to Market Street is the major and most costly item, but the hiring of additional part-time personnel to cover all needed blocks of time, and deciding whether or not a coordinator will be needed to schedule the part-time employees are several others. The move is estimated to cost about \$15,000.

C. Trustee Knapp

→Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that Payroll/ Accounts Payable/Personnel Clerk Betty Coopenberg be authorized to attend the PERMA (Village’s Workers Compensation carrier) annual conference at the Sagamore Hotel in Lake Placid, New York on May 21 and 22, 2003, with the only expense to the Village to be mileage to and from Lake Placid.

→Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that the resignation of Jennifer Sheldon from the Village of Brockport’s Parks Committee be accepted effective April 1, 2003 with regrets.

D. Trustee DeToy - Excused

E. Mayor Matela

→Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that, based on the recommendation of Mayor Matela, Village Historian Jackie Morris be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Historical Preservation Board.

1. Mayor Matela offered her congratulations to former Police Sergeant Charles Klinkbeil on his retirement effective April 1, 2003.
2. Mayor Matela offered her condolences to the family of new part-time Police Office Jeremy Tanner on his recent death.

**AUDIT:**

→Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
03/21/03	167375 – 167377	\$ 2,027.96
03/24/03	167378	227.52
04/02/03	167381	4,480.00
04/07/03	167407 – 167457	45,846.67
04/07/03	167470	18.00
<u>Fire</u>		
04/07/03	167385 – 0167406	19,753.81
<u>Ambulance</u>		
04/07/03	167459 – 167469	4,520.98
<u>Capital Projects</u>		
04/07/03	1565 – 1568	40,033.20
<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
04/07/03	153 - 154	6,153.50

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Scott D. Rightmyer, Deputy Village Clerk