

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, December 5, 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: Joan Hamlin, Lyle Stirk, Fred Webster, Marcy Stickles, several students

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:

One of the most important events in Brockport's history was the establishment of the State Normal School in 1867-68. This was accomplished only as the result of a great deal of difficulty and conflict and the dogged persistence of a few community leaders.

The Brockport Collegiate Institute that had been founded in 1841 was suffering fatal financial problems by the mid-1860s and was sold at sheriff's sale in 1863 for \$368. By a coincidence that was very fortunate for Brockport, at that time, New York State entered the teacher training business by establishing several "normal schools". Early 1866, the Institute's Board petitioned the state legislature to locate one of them in Brockport.

This set off an epic struggle involving outright falsehoods, exaggerations, manipulated elections, electoral and referendal defeats, rejected pleas for support from the Town of Sweden, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors, and the state legislature, lawsuits, election fraud, failed bond issues, refusals to pay taxes, aborted public subscriptions, unrealistic cost estimates, a deeply-divided community, bitter attacks in public meetings, and on and on.

The Institute's Board transferred its building to the Village, which floated bonds to pay off its debts, added two large wings to the structure, and conveyed it to the state. This required, of course, additional taxation of village property owners, many of whom rose up in anger at a series of raucous public meetings and repeatedly voted down the Village Board in elections and referendums.

Eventually, however, the proponents of the Normal School prevailed through still another referendum and another election, despite allegations that they coerced some voters and bribed others. In the process, the Village Board issued \$27,000 worth of bonds and incurred some \$43,000 in construction costs at a time when the Village's operating budget was about \$1,600. It was truly a herculean burden that the village, led by a few fiercely determined men, undertook in order to establish the school that has evolved into the major educational institution that we have today.

OATH OF OFFICE (ceremonial): none

CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: none

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

GUESTS:

- A representative from the Housing Task Force – recommendations from study re refuse collection options – Trustee Crane said she would be reporting for the Housing Task Force later in the meeting under her report.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 11/21/16 meeting be approved as amended).

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 11/28/16 meeting be approved as written.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID:** none as they were done 11/28/16

CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

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- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- o Appoint to fill some Board/Committee vacancies –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, Trustee Crane abstained as the appointee is her husband, carried 4/0/1 to appoint David Newman to the Seymour Library Board for a term of 1/1/17 to 12/31/22.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 upon recommendation of the Emily L. Knapp Museum Board to appoint Sarah Hart as a volunteer. Her skill set is art history and she will be studying the art collection and documenting it.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to re-constitute the Welcome Center Management Committee to be: he as Chair, Gary Skoog, Sal Sciremammano, Cathy Appleby, and Cathy Chestnut.

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**

- o SEQR Lead Agency concurrence – BCSD – re 2017 Capital Improvement Project –

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to check "This agency has no objection to the Brockport Central School District serving as the Lead Agency for this action" on the SEQR lead agency coordination request form regarding the Brockport Central School District – 2017 Capital Improvement Project.

Clerk Morelli will do so and return it to LaBella Associates before the 12/23/16 deadline.

Trustee Crane indicated that the SEQR review should include handling storm water runoff and particular attention should be paid to the effect on Holleybrook Road in the Town of Sweden as they have had prior drainage issues. Mayor Blackman said the same SEQR information went to the Sweden Town Board.

- o NYS DPS – winter outreach & education campaign – managing energy bills while staying safe & warm – Village Board reviewed the materials available and asked Clerk Morelli to order a supply of each in English and in Spanish for Village Hall and the Food Shelf / Clothing Shelf. Clerk Morelli will do so.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - Mayor Blackman provided the following report:

Small Biz Saturday and Lt. Governor visit—I greeted shoppers at Arjuna from 2-4 and accompanied the Lt. Governor to visit Lift Bridge Books, Bittersweet and Arjuna. Got in a plug for the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act which I am following up with some information to send by mail.

Xmas tree donation—This year's perfectly proportioned beautiful Christmas tree in Sagawa Park was donated by Jerry Hegadorn of Holley. We thank him for his generous donation.

Update on Municipal Solar—Ben Frevert of Larsen Engineers at my request came up with a set of definitions/explanations of essential terms used in our Solar MOA which will serve as a prologue to same. It has been forwarded to the library and fire district.

Newsletter—out this past weekend as an insert in the SN. In the future we want to aim for distribution the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Mental Health Clinic meeting—has been talk for several years of forming a mental health clinic in the Brockport area which would serve the surrounding area including eastern part of Orleans County. The BCSD especially sees a need for this. Called by the college and attended by community reps (myself and supervisor Carges, rep from Strong West), school district superintendent, and college personnel.

Dedication of Sagawa Park interpretive panel on Friday December 2. The panel is like others the community museum has done, along the canal, at the firehall, the middle school, and in the downtown business district. It's an informative and succinct description of all the individuals and the Brockport history they represent depicted on the mural which should give visitors to the park pause to read. There is one unfortunate mistake in the labeling. Dayton Morgan is identified as William Seymour and vice versa.

Holiday of Lights parade—Another wonderful parade now in its 6th year, and now a Brockport tradition.

This year I served as a judge, Bill lit the Christmas tree, and we all enjoyed the fireworks that followed the parade. Per the Parade Marshal, the winners are as follows:

- Best Overall, Grand Prize Winner \$500 "The Grinch" float entered by Sheila and Brian Thomas
 - Most Creative \$250 – Spotlight Studios "Polar Express" theme
 - Best Non-Profit \$100 – Hamlin Fire Department
 - Santa's Choice \$100 – Brockport Department of Public Works
 - Honorable Mention \$100 – Hamlin Dog Shelter
- Next year's parade will be Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Streamlining court fine payments. I have been talking with the court and with Fundamental Business Service which managed to work with us and the Sweden Court to collect nearly \$100,000 in delinquent parking tickets going back to 2008. We are going to sign on with them again to utilize their parking module services which should relieve our court clerks of some data entry and a lot of walk-up parking violators paying fines. We hope to move people to paying fines online. Village attorney has reviewed and approved their fee payment plan. Approval of this has been added to the 12/19 VB agenda/ Leslie, Dan Hendricks and I will be meeting with the judges on 12/12 in ongoing discussions about how we can all work together smoothly in the shared space of village hall.

Assemblyman Steve Hawley will be hosting a Town Hall meeting Saturday 12/10 village hall from 10:15—10:45.

December 14—will be a meeting at village hall at 7pm for anyone interested in forming Brockport Rowing Club. Members of Genesee Rowing will be coming to share information on starting a rowing club, financial and equipment considerations and more. This relates to the boathouse issue which I can say unequivocally will NOT be going in Corbett Park.

- o Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
 - Trustee Andrews provided the following report:

On November 29, I helped set up for the Brockport Big Band concert at the Sweden Center. On November 30, I sang with the Sweden Senior Singers at the Beikirch Nursing Home. On December 1, I attended a meeting of the Off-Campus Student Housing subcommittee of the Town/Gown Committee. We agreed to ask the Code Enforcement Officer to post on the Village website a list of rental properties with valid C. of O.'s I consulted with the CEO and learned that he was already working on that project. Also, I obtained from Ryan Giglia copies of documents prepared by the subcommittee for distribution to off-campus students. I plan to distribute them early next semester. Another project discussed was the creation of a website identifying and describing student rental properties using Google Maps. On December 2, I worked at the Candlelight Christmas Sale at the Morgan Manning House and attended the dedication of the interpretive panel at Sagawa Park. Also, I attended First Fridays at the Alumni House and the calling hours for George O. Toth. George had been one of our most devoted Greeters at the Canalfont Welcome Center. Even when suffering from health problems in recent years, George continued to insist of working his shifts. He loved doing it and the boaters loved his gracious hospitality. He will be missed. On December 3, I attended a concert of the Brockport Symphony Orchestra at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. On December 4, I helped out at the Photo with Santa event at the Morgan Manning House and walked in the Celebration of Lights Parade. The parade was bigger than ever and the crowd was huge. Also, the fireworks were very impressive. Also, I officiated at the tree lighting ceremony. Finally, this afternoon, I attended a meeting of the Brockport Community Museum Board.

- o Trustee Annette M. Crane
 - Trustee Crane provided the following report:

My report today consists of the recommendations to the Board from the Housing Task Force regarding refuse collection. This is a project the HTF has been working on for at least two years. I have been on the HTF since I first joined this Board eleven months ago.

The first bullet point on the list is the recommendation to add the question "which Waste Hauler is the collects refuse from the property?" to the rental registration form. Unless there is an objection from the Board, I will follow up with Code Enforcement Officer David Miller during the summer before rental registrations are due.

The second and third bullet points are regarding amending the Village Code to require every residence to utilize a professional, licensed waste hauler. Waste Management's attorney is willing to assist our attorney with the appropriate language. This has been discussed with the Code Review Committee, and I have provided Attorney Mastrella with the information and contact information for Waste Management's attorney. He will follow up.

The fourth bullet point involves dumpsters and dumpster approval. This has already been done by Code Enforcement Officer David Miller.

The fifth, and most complicated item, is that we submit an RFP for the Village to have one Waste Hauler do the refuse collection for the entire Village. The main focus of this endeavor would be to save our residents money. It is hoped that the cost would be low enough that even those residents who spend part of the year elsewhere would pay no more than they currently do.

The only way to find out if this will save our residents money, and how large the savings would be is to submit an RFP. Recommendations to be included in the RFP are included in the list of proposals. If the responses to the RFP show cost savings to our residents, it would then need to go to a referendum.

Included in your packet is an RFP for waste hauling that Orleans County did in 2010. Because it is for an entire county, it does include services that we are not exploring, but it is a good starting point.

While I, personally, am very much in favor of one waste hauler for the entire Village, I do have some hesitations. The idea was proposed several years ago, and was dropped because of negative public sentiment. Cost savings would need to be significant for it to go forward. Waste Management is not enthusiastic about this project, and I am told that the other waste haulers who met with the Task Force before I joined were not either.

Is the Board in favor of submitting an RFP for Village-wide refuse collection with the goal of trying to save our residents money?

Discussion:

Trustee Kristansen asked the reasoning behind adding the line about waste haulers to the annual residential rental registration form (RRR).

Trustee Crane said to be sure that all residential rental properties are using a professional, licensed waste hauler.

Mayor Blackman expressed concern about single and/or elderly property owners who may also be snowbirds that winter down south, who currently do not contract with a waste hauler because they share such with their children or a neighbor.

Trustee Kristansen concurred that it is not cost effective to contract with a waste hauler when such folks may only have one bag of trash and recyclables per week.

Trustee Crane said regardless of the amount of trash and recyclables a property has, the Village needs to be assured that it is being disposed of properly. She referred to the recommendation to put out an RFP for the Village to contract with a single waste hauler who would service all properties.

Mayor Blackman said the Village Board needs a clear understanding of cost, options as to number of totes needed, and how much staff time would be needed to bill and collect for such.

Trustee Crane said it could be a line on the Village tax bill.

Trustee Andrews asked if the Housing Task Force researched how other municipalities handle this.

Trustee Crane said yes, to a certain extent.

Trustee Kristansen shared that prior to Trustee Crane being the Village Board liaison to the Housing Task Force, she was such. The HTF met with 3 major waste haulers - Waste Management and Suburban Disposal who currently have waste hauler permits in the Village and Modern Disposal - who does not, but covers Orleans County. Waste Management was not in favor of a one-hauler system. Suburban Disposal was in favor if they were chosen and business increased. Modern Disposal was most interested, but suggested the first year start with recycling only and then the second year include trash.

Mayor Blackman said she would think we would handle recycling and trash at the same time as it is a service paid together through current waste haulers.

Trustee Kristansen said a single waste hauler system could be a significant savings for some as the 2015 Modern Disposal contract with Orleans County was \$140 per year, which is significantly less than what property owners pay individually to Waste Management and Suburban Disposal. However, for single or elderly or snowbirds who share the service with someone else, it is likely not to be a cost savings.

Trustee Kristansen said it would be nice to have pickup only one weekday throughout the Village. (This could likely be accomplished by amending the Village Code - laying out the day it is allowed.)

Trustee Kristansen suggested looking at other Villages who have gone to a single waste hauler system.

She also suggested surveying Village property owners.

Mayor Blackman said some municipalities DPW's provide this service, but it was previously determined to be cost-prohibitive and a liability risk.

Clerk Morelli reminded the Village Board that any changes to Village Code Chapter 21: Garbage, Refuse and Open Burning and/or Chapter 36 Minimum Housing and Building Code or the like would require the local law process – draft the amendments to the Village Code, call for, advertise, and hold a public hearing and then vote on the amendments. She reminded the Board that something similar was proposed approximately 10 years ago and the majority of the public hearing comments were against it.

Trustee Kristansen said it may even require a referendum (permissive or mandatory?).

Mayor Blackman asked the Trustees if it is worth having the Housing Task Force do a phase two of their research on this by researching other municipalities and developing a survey to be conducted of Village property owners.

Trustee LaPierre said he is on the fence and is not sure the Village should take this on. This would turn into a Village Hall issue and administration of it and response to complaints could be a nightmare. He said he does not feel he knows enough yet to authorize putting out an RFP. If the cost savings aren't 25% or more, it may not be worth the bother. Further, people will want large item disposal included. This used to be done by the Village with a spring and fall pickup but was discontinued years ago due to cost and staff time.

Trustee Andrews said it is also a matter of a monopoly or competition. There isn't much recourse when unhappy with a single hauler. He had issues with one hauler and simply switched to another hauler. There may be better service with continued competition. He shared that in Madison, Wisconsin every property has a tote to park in a certain place facing a certain direction at the curb. The waste hauler – a lone driver– comes by and grabs the tote with the equipment and empties it. It is neat, fast, and cheap. Everyone there follows the accepted rules.

Trustee Kristansen said part of the reason the Housing Task Force took this on is that some properties are not taking care of garbage correctly. The BI/CE Department has made great strides in enforcement, but has to push the issue with many repeat offenders. She said she has a hard time considering charging all to deal with the few who don't follow the rules.

Trustee Kristansen further stated that of course Waste Management is willing to have their attorney work with the Village Attorney on drafting the proper language for the code and an RFP. They want the business. Clerk Morelli concurred that is often the case when drafting RFP's using one vendor's information – the specifications get geared toward them and sometimes precludes others.

Trustee Kristansen said she would be inclined to encourage the HTF to do more research and to have the BI/CE department continue with enforcement efforts and really get after those not taking care of their garbage correctly. Board concurred.

- Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
 - Trustee Kristansen provided the following report:

November 26...I participated in Small Business Saturday as a greeter at Lightways Journey over on Market Street. I enjoyed the chance to mingle with the retailers and the shoppers. I also had a great conversation with Brockport CSD school board president, Lisa Ireland.

November 28...I attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. Discussion included future events, membership, newsletter, etc.

December 1...I attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. There were three public hearings regarding variance requests of signage and use of dumpsters. The signage issue was found to not be a violation (therefore no variance needed). The dumpsters issues were tabled pending applicant(s) producing appropriate documentation.

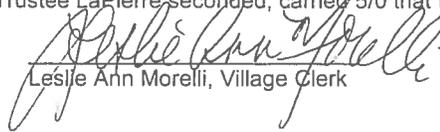
December 4...I attended the Holiday Parade of Lights and Fireworks...great time! Thank you to the Stetson Club for this great event!

- Trustee John D. LaPierre
 - Trustee LaPierre shared having attended the interpretive sign dedication in Sagawa Park 12/2, having participated in the holiday parade 12/4, and that the Parkitects audit report is completed and the Parks Committee and DPW Spt. Donahue and Village Board liaisons to Parks will be meeting with the Parkitects representative in a couple of weeks to review the report and develop a plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 7:55pm, Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.


Lesije Ann Morelli, Village Clerk