

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, February 18, 2002 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees James E. Whipple, Norman J. Knapp; and Peter C. DeToy, DPW Superintendent Frederick E. Perrine, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer Scott D. Rightmyer, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Trustee Morton Wexler, Attorney Edward W. Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Gregory B. Wing, Bob Zobel, Glenn & Laura Emerson, John Lessord, Fred Webster, Inga Songbird, Dick Lingg, Paul Kemblowski, Jim Stull, Ray & Jackie Morris, Doug Schaefer, John Bush, Joan Hamlin, Robbi Hess (Suburban News), Christine Fien (Brockport Post).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Matela. The Mayor led the meeting in the Pledge to the Flag.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Matela called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2002.

➔ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2002, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (1st opportunity):

1. James Stull, former Mayor, of 15 Mercer Street encouraged the Village of Brockport to support the Town of Sweden's efforts to establish a community center at the former Golden Heights Christian Center. He said recreation programs began here in the 1940's and have evolved over the years to include programs for all ages. Programs have expanded and population has grown. Facilities are needed now and for the future. Facilities are a capital expense, but the community is fortunate to have an anonymous donor pay \$600,000 for the building valued at \$2.5 million and donate it to the Town for use as a community center. He said it should not matter who the donor is. The community is lucky there is such a person. He referenced a television show many years ago called "The Millionaire" which revolved around a wealthy benefactor making people's dreams come true. He believes in the phrase "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth". He says he realizes there are questions to be answered regarding organizational and financial details, but these can be worked out over time. He says as former Mayor he knows that \$10,000 start up money in the Village budget is nothing. He closed by saying that it is at least worth a one year trial basis and that these were his opinions, not solicited by the Town of Sweden or the Joint Recreation Commission.

Mayor Matela thanked him for sharing his thoughts and said this topic will be addressed further later in the meeting.

GUESTS:

1. Bob Zobel of Frazier Street, President of the Capen Hose Company said he is in attendance to solicit all or partial funding to purchase a new garage door and mechanism at a cost of \$7,075. The Capens own the building and since 1893 have rented the truck bays to the Village. The last rent increase was in 1969 which went from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. They are grateful for the heat, electric and telephone service. It is the least expensive firehouse to run in the Village of Brockport. All maintenance is taken care of by the Capens and the Village owned antique fire apparatus is stored in the museum. Currently two trucks run out of this fire house. The current old garage door and opening/closing mechanism have caused damage to the trucks.

Trustee Whipple asked about all three estimates. B. Zobel said three estimates were obtained for a new 21' wide by 11' high garage door with thermal pane windows (which will cut down on heating costs) and opening/closing mechanism. The estimates were \$8,000+, \$7,600, and \$7,075. They would be pleased to accept the least expensive estimate of \$7,075 since it is a good and reliable company. Trustee Knapp clarified that the opening/closing mechanism would be up to code with photo electric beam. B. Zobel said yes. The door would no longer be able to fall onto part of the trucks. Mayor Matela thanked B. Zobel for his presentation and said the Board will further discuss possible funding at their next budget workshop.

2. Thomas Mazerbo – USDA Rural Development – No show.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS - Superintendent Frederick E. Perrine

1. Request for street light on west end of Coleman Creek Road – Superintendent Perrine shared that Christ Community Church has requested verbally and in writing a street light on the west end of Coleman Creek Road. He referred this to the other members of the Lighting Committee (Trustees Wexler and Knapp) to review.

2. Accept resignation of F. Perrine effective March 9th – Mayor Matela read F. Perrine’s letter of resignation as Village of Brockport DPW Superintendent. He has accepted the position of Highway Superintendent at the Town of Sweden. He said it was a difficult decision to make but will be challenging. He thanked past and present Boards and residents for their support. Mayor Matela thanked F. Perrine for his work and congratulated him on his new position.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried accepting with regret the resignation of DPW Superintendent Frederick E. Perrine effective March 9, 2002.

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

1. January Monthly Report & discussion of proposed quarterly reports – Chief Varrenti distributed the January monthly report and asked the Board if they would be willing to receive reports quarterly instead of monthly. He feels he would be better able to make comparisons, highlights and comments with quarterly information. Trustee Knapp said it is worth trying. If it needs to be adjusted, we can always go back to monthly. Chief Varrenti said he would have a quarterly report on April 2nd.
2. Accept resignation of part-time Crossing Guard / Parking Monitor Peter Hare – Mayor Matela read Peter Hare’s letter of resignation as part-time Crossing Guard / Parking Monitor.

⇒ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried accepting with regret the resignation of Peter Hare as part-time Crossing Guard / Parking Monitor effective February 26, 2002.

3. Crossing Guards – replacement & substitute – Chief Varrenti said there are currently two sites for Crossing Guards: by the High School and at Main Street and Centennial Avenue. He said he has not been here long enough to evaluate the need for the one at Main Street and Centennial Avenue. He said having only two crossing guards leaves no room for illness or vacations. When a crossing guard is absent, it has to be covered by police officers. The officers are best utilized for law enforcement. Therefore, Chief Varrenti asked for authorization to advertise for at least one regular and one substitute Crossing Guard.

⇒ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the Police Department to advertise for at least one regular and one substitute Crossing Guard.

4. Authorization for Mayor to sign Stop DWI Contract – Chief Varrenti said he and Village Attorney Riley have reviewed the Stop DWI contract from Monroe County and ask for authorization for the Mayor to sign it.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the Mayor to sign the Stop DWI contract.

5. SPARTAC current membership adoption – Chief Varrenti reported that he met with the SPARTAC group earlier this evening. He said he was impressed with the group and that he supports their efforts in helping to keep the Village safe. He will be placing an officer to act as liaison between the Police Department and SPARTAC. He asked that the current SPARTAC membership be adopted. Mayor Matela read the membership list.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried adopting the SPARTAC membership as follows: John Brugger, Glenn & Laura Emerson, Steve & Annette Locke, Dave Miller, Brad Mitchell, Buck Noble, Gary & Dawn Wandel, Fran Welch.

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

1. Monthly Report – January – S. Zarnstorff summarized his report.
2. Appointment to Assessment Board of Review – S. Zarnstorff shared that Spencer Stremich no longer qualifies to serve on the Assessment Board of Review since he does not live in the Village anymore. He now resides in Holley. Therefore, another appointment needs to be made to add to Robert Muesebeck and Pamela Ketchum to have a full 3-member board. Mayor Matela said she spoke to Brockport resident and realtor Jim Gaze, and he expressed a willingness to serve.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried appointing James Gaze to the Assessment Board of Review.

3. Assessment Grievance Day – S. Zarnstorff reminded everyone that Assessment Grievance Day is tomorrow, Tuesday, February 19th from 4pm to 8pm. Approximately 15 applications have been submitted so far.

D. FIRE - Chief Gregory B. Wing

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – None

2. Monthly Report – Chief Wing apologized for not having time to prepare the monthly report. He agreed with Chief Varrenti's recommendation to prepare quarterly reports rather than monthly reports. Board agreed to try it. The first quarterly report would be due at the April 2nd meeting.
3. Updates – Chief Wing reported an incident where a car rolled into the canal. The contract for the ambulances is signed and waiting for the permissive referendum to expire February 28th. The deadline was February 15th for the second round of paid part-time emergency medical personnel. The interview process will begin next week.

E. TREASURER - Scott D. Rightmyer – No report.

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

G. ATTORNEY – Edward W. Riley / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï (excused)

SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:

A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner (absent)

B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Leslie Zink (absent)

C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair Richard L. Aldrich (absent)

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Vice Mayor Wexler (excused)

B. Trustee Whipple

1. Canal Revitalization Committee – Trustee Whipple reported that the committee met again last week and is busy applying for grants. Art Appleby of the Planning Board has joined the committee.
2. NYCOM Conference – Trustee Whipple reported that he and Mayor Matela would be attending the NYCOM Legislative Conference in Albany Sunday, February 24th through Tuesday, February 26th. The Governor and State Legislators are scheduled. It will be a good opportunity to network with them.

C. Trustee Knapp

1. Museum Sign – Trustee Knapp reported that the “Emily L. Knapp Museum and Library of Local History” sign in front of the museum at 49 State Street was broken, possibly by an act of vandalism the weekend of February 9th. He shared that it holds a special place in his heart since it is named after his late mother. He offered a personal reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandal.

D. Trustee DeToy – No report.

E. Mayor Matela

1. Historian emeritus status for William Andrews – Mayor Matela suggested the Board grant former Village Historian Bill Andrews “Historian emeritus” status to show appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the community with all he is and has been involved with.

⇒ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried granting Historian emeritus status to William G. Andrews.

2. Sweden Community Center – Mayor Matela reported that she met with Sweden Supervisor Lester and a representative of the benefactor on Friday, February 15th. She said elected officials are entrusted with public monies and have a duty to feel confident that everything is on the up and up. She said although there are still some unanswered questions, she now feels confident that the benefactor has genuine and generous intentions. The following were the understandings at the conclusion of the meeting. The Village will support the community center through their Town of Sweden taxes and that this share would be levied equally between taxpayers of the Town of Sweden and the Village of Brockport. There will be no weighted formulas. Any public monies used would be open to permissive referendum. The Village considers this a change of use from a church to a community recreation center. Appropriate agency inspections should take place to be sure the building complies with all appropriate codes. Information on current fire protection system to protect the members of the Brockport Fire Department and provide quality fire protection. John Bush asked if that means the Village taxes will not be affected by the Community Center. Mayor Matela said yes. There is another meeting among the municipal boards at the new lodge at Clarkson's Hafner Park on Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd opportunity):

1. Glenn Emerson of Holley Street stated that when he and members of SPARTAC met with new Police Chief Varrenti, they were very impressed. He commended the Board's selection. Regarding the museum sign, he does not know if it is related, but mentioned that the satellite dish at the Senior Center further down State Street was vandalized the same weekend. G. Emerson expressed concern that one block from his home is a rental property involved in drugs. He said the College forces students off-campus when they misbehave, and throw them into the open arms of Village landlords to profit from their drug-dealing, bars and illegal parties.

AUDIT:

➔ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/18	165111-165169	39,670.61
2/5	165065-066	382.50
2/18	165170-172	75.00
<u>Fire</u>		
2/18	165082-110	12,506.44
<u>Ambulance</u>		
2/19	165076-081	724.02
<u>Capital Projects</u>		
2/18	1501	3,881.01
<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
2/18	55-56	1,941.28

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk