

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, March 4, 2002 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees Morton Wexler, 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:

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Edward W. Riley, Fire Chief Gregory B. Wing, Christine Fien (Brockport Post), Robbi Hess (Suburban News), John Lessord, Dick Lingg, Joan Hamlin, Giff Mosher, Bob Mosher, Fred Webster, Inga Songbird, Norman GianCursio, Karen Overmyer.

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 18, 2002.

➔ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, Trustee Wexler abstained due to absence, carried that the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2002, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (1st opportunity):

1. Dick Lingg of 8 Candlewick Drive said he has been at recent Village Board meetings and was confused by the local newspaper articles indicating that the Village of Brockport has endorsed the Town of Sweden Community Center project. He said the articles made it sound like the Village had allocated its \$10,000 share. Mayor Matela clarified that she and the Trustees support the project, but did not allocate \$10,000. Village residents will pay their share through their Town of Sweden taxes.

GUESTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS - Superintendent Frederick E. Perrine – No report.

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

1. SPARTAC – Chief Varrenti asked the Board to approve a new member, Meghan Noble, current member Buck Noble's wife.

⇒ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried approving Meghan Noble as a member of SPARTAC.

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

1. Assessment Grievance Day – S. Zarnstorff reported that the Assessment Board of Review comprised of Bob Muesebeck, Jim Gaze and Pam Ketchum did an excellent job. There were 43 applications totaling 25 million in property value. Of the 43, 18 reductions were granted at a total assessed value of \$446,000. He said due to this year being unique, it took a lot of hard work and long hours on everyone's part. He commended the office staff, particularly Betty Coopenberg and Sandy Prince for their efforts. The Assessment Board of Review had to meet twice. He asked that they receive an additional \$25 stipend each for having to meet a second time. Mayor Matela commended everyone for their hard work.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried authorizing an additional stipend of \$25 each, totaling \$75 for the members of the Assessment Board of Review.

2. Finalizing revised appearance ticket format & process – S. Zarnstorff shared that he and Sandy Prince are revising and designing several brochures and such to aid in educating property owners in codes, inspections, and such. They are working on the final draft for Deputy Village Attorney Aloï's review of an appearance ticket. Drafts will be circulated to the Board for their review as well.

3. FLOBA training March 18-21 – S. Zarnstorff reported that he and Assistant Building Inspector Larry Vaughan will be attending FLOBA training sessions. L. Vaughan will earn 6 hours of in-service training on March 18th and S. Zarnstorff will earn 20 hours of in-service training March 18th through 21st. He shared that he is Vice President of the organization which entitles him to stay at the RIT Marriott at no charge. The registrations are \$75 for L. Vaughan and \$365 for S. Zarnstorff and were budgeted items.

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D. FIRE - Chief Gregory B. Wing

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Chief Wing asked the Board to consider approving the following add: Richard M. Jones of the SUNY campus to Company 5 Ambulance Only.

→ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned add.

2. Paid Ambulance Staffing – Chief Wing shared that they conducted an extensive interview process in February for “round two” and asked the Board to consider hiring the recommended 1 Paramedic and 9 EMT’s to join the 13 previously hired. There is still a posting out until March 15th calling for Paramedics only.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried to accept the following individuals as paid part-time EMS personnel: Amy Corey, Paramedic and EMT’s Robert Lukens, Donald Wood, Paul Nau, Kevin Corcoran, Lisa McCaughey, Tammy Samiec, James Cary, Ronald Kingsbury, John Prince.

Chief Wing reported that the program began March 1st and was off to a busy start. The paid staff already found a minor maintenance problem with a defibrillator and has field stripped the ambulances twice. A member saved a life at the Garland House. Although Brockport is beginning its own ALS program, they want to continue a good working relationship with other ALS programs. A Monroe Ambulance vehicle will be sitting at the Station 2 fire house. It is important that the west side of the county get the same coverage as the east side.

3. Motor Vehicle Accidents – Chief Wing reported that the Department has responded to numerous motor vehicle accidents recently with 6 fatalities in the last 5 months. A “hot spot” is at Route 104 and County Line Road on the border of Clarkson and Orleans County. Town of Clarkson Supervisor Kimball surveyed the scene of one m.v.a. there recently. They will have authorities take a hard look at this intersection.

4. Grass Fire / Utility Truck – Chief Wing reported on the committee’s findings regarding replacing the old grass fire truck and the old utility truck and combining them into one. The old trucks are 27 and 18 years old respectively. A quote was received for \$83,995, but they can do it for \$40,000 less and fulfill all the requirements by going with Genesee Truck Sales at \$42,421.

The current water delivery system can be used with little or no modifications. Once it is outfitted with lights and radios, it would be set. There is money on reserve in the truck replacement account. Trustee Whipple said each year capital reserve money is allocated toward truck replacements.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the Fire Department to purchase the grass fire/utility truck off state bid at \$42,421.

Treasurer Rightmyer said this would be subject to Permissive Referendum.

5. New Ambulances – Chief Wing reported that the two new ambulances are on order. Treasurer Rightmyer asked if any revenue is expected from the sale of the two existing ambulances.

Chief Wing said yes. The 1975 ambulance may be a collector’s item.

6. 125th Anniversary Banquet – Chief Wing reported that the Fire Department held its banquet last weekend to celebrate its 125th anniversary. Mayor Matela commended the organizing committee for doing a fantastic job. There were 336 in attendance. All agreed it was a wonderful banquet.

7. Best Wishes to Fred Perrine – Chief Wing gave best wishes to Fred Perrine.

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

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

G. ATTORNEY – Edward W. Riley / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï – No report.

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

1. Best Wishes – Trustee Wexler wishes Fred Perrine all the best and thanked him for his years of service.

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2. Lighting Committee – Trustee Wexler reported that requests were made and the lighting committee is reviewing them. One is for the Church at the end of Coleman Creek Road. Legal advise will be needed since the requested location is on private property. The other is for additional lighting at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Utica Street. A resident has called the police to the location many times due to vandalism and noise on the path to the bars. There is a light on the southeast corner. The pole at the northwest corner has no light. A light there may be a deterrence to crime.

B. Trustee Whipple

1. NYCOM – Trustee Whipple reported on the NYCOM conference in Albany that he and Mayor Matela attended recently. There were many worthwhile presentations, contacts made and grant opportunities pursued. New York State now has a Director of Homeland Security. The Village will be composing a wish list of projects they would like to see done in the Village. This will be forwarded to Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Nesbitt for consideration when monies become available.
2. Traffic Concern – Trustee Whipple responded to a memo from Clerk Morelli indicating a complaint from a fairly new resident at 109 Fayette Street of the traffic and difficulty getting in and out of her own driveway. Trustee Whipple said Fayette Street is no different than any other busy street in the Village. He said he cannot recommend in good conscience any special signage to indicate this driveway.

C. Trustee Knapp

1. Fire Department Anniversary – Trustee Knapp said a lot has changed over the 125 year history of the Brockport Fire Department. He noted that they are fire personnel, not just firemen. He also noted that the Ambulance was established in March 1962 and exactly forty years later the paid-staffing ambulance program and ALS has begun to meet the increasing demands of the community. He suggested the Village Board recognize the anniversary at some time this year with a proclamation. He noted that audience member John Lessord was Chief when the department celebrated its 100th anniversary. He also pointed out that audience member Norman GianCursio received an award for 25 years of service.

D. Trustee DeToy – No report.

E. Mayor Matela

1. DMV request for signage on King Street – Mayor Matela referred to the request of DMV to put up a No Parking sign on King Street that would read “NO PARKING WEDNESDAY 9:00AM to 4:00PM ROAD TEST PARKING ONLY.” They need approximately 5 to 6 car slots to accommodate their test schedule. Trustee Knapp asked if that can legally be done just because they are DMV. Trustee Whipple said he does not see why it would be a problem. Chief Varrenti agreed and said it just needs a resolution by the Board. DPW Superintendent Perrine said he could order and install the signage.

⇒ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the signage as requested by DMV.

2. Niagara Mohawk Easement – Sprint Upgrade – Mayor Matela said Attorney Riley has reviewed the extension of the existing easement and authorization is needed for the Mayor to sign it.

⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the Mayor to sign the extension of the existing easement agreement with Niagara Mohawk.

3. Authorize \$11,200 from grant to Bero Architecture and up to \$2,800 for appraisal for Fay’s Garage – Mayor Matela said the Canal Revitalization Committee wishes to go forward with use of the grant monies for 60 Clinton Street, presently known as Fay’s Garage. They wish to hire Bero Architecture and to have an appraisal done. Fay’s Garage has agreed to the appraisal. Trustee Whipple shared that Bero Architecture was chosen because it specializes in historical preservation projects.

⇒ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried authorizing \$11,200 from the grant to hire Bero Architecture and up to \$2,800 for an appraisal of 60 Clinton Street.

4. NYCOM – Mayor Matela agreed with what Trustee Whipple’s comments earlier that the NYCOM conference they attended was worthwhile. They will be working on the capital improvement projects list and plans very soon. She said she is meeting with a grant writer this week to be sure the Village pursues any and all applicable grant opportunities.

5. DPW Superintendent – Mayor Matela again congratulated Fred Perrine on his new position as Town of Sweden Highway Superintendent. Trustee Whipple did as well. Trustee Whipple suggested the Board appoint Foreman Harry Donahue as Acting DPW Superintendent.

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⇒ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried appointing Foreman Harry Donahue as Acting DPW Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2nd opportunity): None

AUDIT:

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

Village

Date	Check #	Amount
3 /4	165201-236	13,807.71
2/6	165070-072	12,300.00
2/20	165173	30.00

Fire

3 /4	165181-165200	11,725.44
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Ambulance

3 /4	165178-165180	214.02
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Capital Projects

3 /4	1502 (P.26)	18,400.00
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Third Party Billing

3 /4	57	875.00
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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk