

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, November 18, 2013 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee John D. La Pierre, Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Attorney Amanda Insalaco, Esq

EXCUSED: DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

ALSO PRESENT: Police Lt. Mark Cuzzupoli, Angela Markham, Sri Ram Bakshi, Carl Gouveia, Pam Ketchum, Art Appleby, Joan Hamlin, Linda Ketchum, Susan Smith, Andrea Perry, Fred Webster, John Bush

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

Mayor Blackman expressed sympathies to the family of retired DPW Spt. Elliott Reynolds for the recent passing of his wife, Susan.

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 that while Brockport has had its share of controversy in recent years, there was controversy 100 years ago. He shared the following from the Brockport Republic in March 16, 1916:

"It might be well at this time to say a word on a subject about which there has been a great deal of discussion during the past few months, namely the removal of hitching posts in the business section of Main Street. The present Board of Trustees has been severely criticized in many quarters because these posts have been taken out. This criticism is entirely unjust and is not warranted by the facts. In the first place, it was necessary to remove the old posts because they stood three feet inside the present curb line and it was not considered advisable to restore them until the curb had had a chance to get seasoned by the weather before exposing it to possible damage from horses hoofs. In the second place, it has been generally understood and talked in the Village for the past four or five years that when the business section of Main Street was improved the hitching posts overhead wires and telephone poles would be removed. The people expected it and the present Board had good reason to think that they were carrying out the plans of their predecessors and the wishes of the people by such action. Other towns both larger and smaller than Brockport have abolished hitching posts on their Main street and claim that there has been very little complaint on account of it. However it is no pet hobby with your Trustees and undoubtedly a public hearing in the matter will be held in the near future in order that the exact sentiment of the people may be determined. In the meantime as soon as the weather permits additional facilities for hitching will be provided in places adjacent to Main Street and it is to be hoped that this arrangement will take care of the matter satisfactorily."

April 13, 1916:

40 merchants attend meeting.

"Do we want to buy our groceries and fresh fruit and vegetables where the wind has swept the disintegrating particles of dried horse manure into everything? Do we wish our meat markets to have swarms of flies coming from the filth of Main Street to light upon the meat we are to have for our tables? What a delightful picture for the artist to paint with the return of the hitching posts."

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Proposed Local Laws of 2013 as follows:
 - Amendments to Village Code Chapter 34 entitled Parking
 - Deletion of Village Code Chapter 19B Fire Lanes (absorb into Chapter 34)
 - Minor amendment to Village Code Chapter 58 Zoning – 58-8(A)(1) Application

Clerk Morelli read the following legal notice:

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 Tuesday, November 18, 2013**, in the Brockport Village Hall Conference Room, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York 14420 (with the A.D. Oliver Middle School L.G.I. at 40

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Street as a backup location to relocate to only if the Village Hall Conference Room exceeds maximum occupancy) to consider proposed Local Laws of 2013 as follows:

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Text of proposed local laws will be posted to the Village website at www.brockportny.org and may be examined at Village Hall during regular business hours. 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

Clerk Morelli shared that it wasn't until yesterday afternoon that she was made aware of an error in the notice indicating Tuesday, 11/18 instead of Monday, 11/18. She thanked CRC Chair Art Appleby for e-mailing her about it yesterday. He was the only one who caught the error. The appropriate thing to do would be to open the public hearing this evening, but not close it. She will have to put out a new legal notice indicating the error and continuation of the public hearing at the 12/2 meeting.

→ At 7:05pm Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to open the public hearing.

Public comment:

- Joan Hamlin of Park Avenue – shared that there may be business type truck/bus vehicles on her

street that exceed the size and weight limits of the Village Code for residential zoning. She wondered if they would be grandfathered in or if the code would be enforced. She also shared that there is no parking specified on a portion of the east side of Park Avenue by High Street near Remembrance Park, but often sees vehicles, including the USPS truck, park there. She further asked for clarification regarding expansion of driveway parking.

Mayor Blackman asked CRC Chair Appleby if he could respond. A. Appleby said he can't speak to matters regarding enforcement of the code. He said the CRC believes no more than a 1-ton truck is appropriate in residential zoning. As to expansion of driveway parking, the minor change in Chapter 58 puts that in the purview of the Planning Board.

J. Hamlin said she doesn't necessarily have a problem with what she pointed out. She just wants equal and even code enforcement as this has not been done in many years.

No further public comment.

→ At 7:12pm Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to continue the public hearing at the December 2nd meeting and reopen the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Angela Markham of Monroe Avenue shared that she purchased her son's home approximately 3

years. He had and now she has worsening problems with feral cats and animals. Her son's dog took care of the problem when he was there by scaring them away or catching them. She bought a Have a Heart trap as she does not believe in killing living things. She trapped possums, raccoons, wood chucks, squirrels and skunks. She like many in the Village are blessed with old houses with porches, but sometimes they serve as tenements for wild animals. They are drawn to the area as there is plenty of food. Recently she had an odor problem and it was due to a skunk in her cellar. The Sweden/Clarkson Dog Control Officer couldn't help. She called every agency she could think of and ended up calling an exterminator who quoted \$325 to \$350. She is on a fixed income so her son helped. She has done traps, chemical spraying and the like. She wanted to bring the exploding wild animal and rodent problem to the Board's attention. She knows others who have had issues. The Village Board having Code Enforcement deal with exposed/uncovered & tipped over garbage throughout the Village is a good starting point.

- Sri Ram Bakshi of Evergreen Road as a member of the Seymour Library Board announced a panel discussion called "Dignity for all Students" Saturday, 11/23 10am-1pm at the Library. They will discuss causes and effects of bullying and remedies for stopping bullying. He also introduced Carl

Gouveia, the new Library Director. S. Bakshi said the Search Committee and Library Board unanimously supported his appointment. He is committed, hard working and hands on, even having made recent plumbing and computer repairs. He understands the Library's problems and its need for **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD November 18, 2013 continued.....page 3**

stability regarding finances and staffing. His experience in school and public libraries will be an asset.

Carl Gouveia shared that he and his wife and child live in Gates. He has a Bachelor's in English and Literature from 2003 and a Masters in Library Science from 2007. He has experience with the Rochester City School District and Gates Libraries. He is very excited to be here and has had a busy start. He and his wife enjoyed the After Hours @ the Library fundraising event. He looks forward to many years with the Seymour Library serving the Brockport-Clarkson-Sweden community.

- John Bush of Barry Street referred to the Barry Street water main project started by DPW last May and expressed disappointment that the street is still dug up – only patched and that it will not be completed until spring. He said it seems not enough workers were put on the project in order to get it done before winter. He urged the Board to put more money of the budget into paving and infrastructure and cut elsewhere. There are other streets in the Village needing work.

OATH OF OFFICE: None

CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: None

GUESTS:

- Family Energy – 6 month peddling application – Applicant did not show. Clerk Morelli shared that she e-mailed and called and spoke with the applicant in advance, to remind him of the meeting. No action.

- Parks Committee presentation – Parks Committee Chair Andrea Perry made a Power Point presentation (**attached to the end of these minutes**). She thanked Trustee La Pierre for his assistance with putting together the presentation.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 11/4/13 meeting be approved as amended.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the bills be paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	11/18/13	\$132,479.42
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	11/18/13	\$47,707.88
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	11/18/13	\$33.50
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust & Agency</u>	-	-
		\$180,220.80 grand total

CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

- Employee Benefits – 2014 rates & recommendations for future – Clerk Morelli referred to the documents included in the packet which included 2014 employee benefits rates and recommendations for the future as well as copies of the annual benefits notice “hidden paycheck statements” she will be providing to all Village employees and retirees later this week. She said she began doing this several years ago as it is important not only to confirm the benefits the employees and retirees have, but to share with them the cost of those benefits.

- UNYMWCP (Workers Comp) membership meeting – Clerk & Treasurer attended 11/7 – Clerk Morelli reported that the program is in good financial shape and that loss control efforts have really paid off. She said a refund is anticipated at the May program meeting. Treasurer Hendricks concurred and reminded the Board that the program is self-insured and does not operate like typical insurance where you pay a premium and do not have an opportunity for refunds.

- Sales Tax – Clerk Morelli said the Mayor asked her to report that the 3rd quarter Monroe County Sales Tax check came in today. The Village's share was \$420,425.36. This compares to \$391,415.48 distributed for the same quarter in 2012. This is further indication that the economy is picking up. Trustee Hendricks concurred.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks

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- Financial reports for period ending 10/31/13 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the reports included in the packet. This reflects 5 months in to the fiscal year. All is on track.

Mayor Blackman referred to the Celebrations line and said the revenues from the May 2013 Low Bridge High Water events were held until the new fiscal year and should have been placed in that line. Treasurer Hendricks said it may be in the miscellaneous revenue line, but can certainly be moved to the Celebrations line. He will check on this.

- Budget Transfers & Budget Amendments – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the items included in the packet.

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the following budget amendments:

Account	Description	Amount
A8560.4005	Tree Fund Expenses	\$425.00 (1)
A3320.4000	Parking Enforcement	\$1,519.00 (2)

Purpose:

- (1) Increase General Fund Budget for expenditures from Tree Fund donations.
- (2) Fees associated with collection of parking tickets

- 6/1/14-5/31/15 Budget Prep – Trustee Hendricks shared that he provided the Department Heads with materials and reviewed with them at the November Department Heads meeting the need for budget estimates by 12/2. This is earlier than usual per the Board’s wishes. The information presented by Parks Committee Chair Andrea Perry this evening was previously shared with DPW Spt. Donahue so he could incorporate the figures into his estimates.

- PILOT – Park Place Apartments - Trustee Hendricks shared that he spoke with the Town of Sweden Assessor who indicated being fine with the Village carrying the ball on this and to approach Belmont Management with the recommended figures worked up last spring. He reminded the Board that of the current ~\$12,000 per year in PILOT fees for this property, the Village retains ~\$3,000. He believes it can be handled with little, if any, work needed by the Village Attorney.

- Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement –

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- Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti (excused)

- Lt. Mark Cuzzupoli attended in the Chief’s absence and referred to the 3rd quarter report and highlighted the high number of arrests re vehicle and traffic, DWI, Village ordinance violations as well as administrative order re a focus on Brockport Central School area re speeding, and driving with cell phones and while texting. Lt. Cuzzupoli shared that the National Take Back of unused, expired, unwanted pharmaceuticals happens twice per year in conjunction with the DEA. The recent event collected 84 pounds of pharmaceuticals from 56 people. This helps avoid improper disposal or getting in the hands of prescription drug abusers – now more prevalent than illegal drug use. Lt. Cuzzupoli shared that Gates PD is working through Offsprings Charities on “My Buddy in Blue”. Interested officers spend volunteer time to assist children affected by domestic violence issues. Brockport PD will be participating. While time spent will be in uniform, it will be on his/her own time. Lt. Cuzzupoli reported on the recent homicide outside a local bar and that the investigation detached Sgt. Wheat and Officer Hagen to do follow up work during daytime hours since they normally work nights. They are now back to their normal shift. He said he is proud of the entire BPD – truly a team. While certain staff had to focus on the investigation, others picked up the slack to allow them to do so. Lt. Cuzzupoli reported 2 burglaries on Erie Street where the residents were home. Suspects were charged and most items recovered. He wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving holiday.

- Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue (excused)

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- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- Appointment to fill vacancy on Tree Board to complete a term in progress to 6/30/15 –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Cheryl Blount as a member of the Tree Board to complete a five year term in progress to June 30, 2015.

- Appointment to fill vacancy on Planning Board to complete a term in progress to 6/30/15–

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Kent R. Blair as a member of the Planning Board to complete a five year term in progress to June 30, 2015.

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- Accept resignation of Scott C. Zarnstorff as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to accept the resignation of Scott C. Zarnstorff as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer with thanks for 12 years of service.

- Cease the services of Labor Attorney Mary Lou Conrow -

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to cease the services of Labor Attorney Mary Lou Conrow.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- Authorize grant application NYS DEC Urban Forestry – Tree Planting Project –

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to authorize application due 12/5/13 for a grant from NYS DEC Urban Forestry for tree planting. The Tree Planting grant will request funds to plant trees along the South Avenue Extension. A 50% match is required, but this can be met with DPW and College personnel and volunteer time, as well as cash from the tree donation program. (Costs are still being developed, but the maximum grant award is \$25,000.)

RESOLVED, that Margaret B. Blackman, as Mayor of the Village of Brockport, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport for a Tree Planting project.

- Authorize grant application NYS DEC Urban Forestry – Tree Maintenance Project –

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to authorize application due 12/5/13 for a grant from NYS DEC Urban Forestry for tree maintenance. The Tree Maintenance grant will request funds to train citizens to be tree pruners. A 50% match is required, but this can be met with volunteer time from the citizens to be trained. (Costs are still being developed, but the maximum grant award is \$25,000.)

RESOLVED, that Margaret B. Blackman, as Mayor of the Village of Brockport, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport for a Tree Maintenance Project.

- Authorize grant application NYS DCJS Operation Impact – OT Investigating Motor Vehicle Theft & Burglary -

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to authorize application due 11/26/13 for a grant from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services: Operation IMPACT Tools to provide overtime to police officers for the purpose of investigating motor vehicle theft and burglary. (The program/project/costs are still being developed, but the maximum grant award is \$50,000 and no match is required.)

RESOLVED, that Margaret B. Blackman, as Mayor of the Village of Brockport, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport.

- Authorize grant application NYS DEC Urban Forestry – Tree Management Project –

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to authorize application due 12/5/13 for a grant from NYS DEC Urban Forestry for a tree management plan. No match is required. (Costs are still being developed, but the maximum grant award is \$25,000.)

RESOLVED, that Margaret B. Blackman, as Mayor of the Village of Brockport, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of
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Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport for a Tree Management Plan.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman

▪ Grants – Mayor Blackman reported that since August 2013 the Village has submitted 6 grant applications totaling over 1 million dollars. Tonight we’ve approved the submission of 4 more. Since December 2012 when J. O’Connell and Associates Grants Consultants were hired at a rate of \$32,000 per year, the Village has received \$139,000 in grant money. Their hiring was a very good investment.

▪ 200 State Street - Mayor Blackman shared that this property continues to a problem and is in limbo. Monroe County had put it up for auction a few years ago. A bid was accepted but the sale was not finalized due to a vapor intrusion issue. It would be wonderful if it could be developed. She said she had a meeting with Peter Murad of Architectural Resources – the firm involved with the SUNY College at Brockport master plan residence hall piece. She then invited Tim Murphy, Director of Monroe County Real Property Services, to the Department Heads meeting. There have been safety and break in concerns – such as theft of copper and wiring.

▪ Building/Codes/Fire Marshal – Mayor Blackman shared that the Board will need to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss temporary coverage of Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal duties. She has reached out to Clarkson Supervisor Kimball and Sweden Supervisor Connors about the possibility of borrowing their people for priority needs until the vacancy is filled. In the meantime, Part Time Building/Codes Clerk Pam Krahe is working heroically to keep the office running and better organize it. She has come up with a complaint form that can be used for codes or public works issues. Mayor Blackman said once she reviews it with the Department Heads a final version will be made available at Village Hall and departments and downloadable from the Village website.

▪ Newsletter – Mayor Blackman shared that the Village of Brockport Newsletter has been completed. The focus of the first issue is an introduction to this administration, the Village Hall staff and to the services the various Village departments offers. It was all very nicely put together by our new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica Linden. It will come as an insert in the Suburban News with a copy on the Village website and available at Village Hall, Town Hall and locations.

▪ CGI Videos - Mayor Blackman shared that the proofs of the Village videos were received today. The project is coming along nicely.

▪ Shop Local - Mayor Blackman reminded everyone to shop local. Saturday, 11/30 is Small Business Saturday. She proposed Village Board members offer a taste of coffee, cider and donuts to shoppers from 10am to Noon.

▪ Mayor Blackman shared that she will be out of town 11/20-11/24. Trustee / Deputy Mayor Andrews will be “minding the store”.

8:10pm – Chief Varrenti arrived.

o Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews

▪ Parks Presentation – Trustee Andrews commended Parks Committee Chair Andrea Perry, Committee members and Trustee La Pierre for the research and presentation made earlier this evening. He suggested they collaborate with Walk Bike Brockport Action Group where possible as WBBAG promotes outdoor exercise.

▪ Monika W. Andrews Creative Volunteer Leadership Award – Trustee Andrews shared that the 3 member committee his willing to serve again this year. Clarkson and Sweden are reappointing their representatives. He wishes Brockport to reappoint its representative.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Mary Ann Thorpe as

Village representative and Chair of the Monika W. Andrews Creative Volunteer Leadership Award Committee.

- Landmark Society - Trustee Andrews shared having attend the 75th anniversary celebration last evening in the High Falls area. The event was well attended including Alma Brown of Clinton Brown – the firm assisting with various Historic Preservation Board projects via CLG grants. She will be meeting with the HPB at their upcoming meeting. Trustee Andrews met with Richard Reesom who did a new bio on a local historical figure.

- Clarkson Historical Society - Trustee Andrews shared having attend the awards **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD November 18, 2013 continued.....page 7**

ceremony in which the Clarkson Historical Society accepted the Good Stewardship Award for their outstanding efforts with the Clarkson Academy.

- Sweden Bicentennial Celebration Committee - Trustee Andrews reported that planning is going like gangbusters with at least 1 event every month in 2014. If all goes well there will be an open house July 4th weekend of the Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History.

- Seymour Library – Trustee Andrews attended the recent After Hours @ the Library fundraising event – having created with Mayor Blackman a presentation for the evening.

- R.I.T. Filming Project – Trustee Andrews said he arrived on the day and time specified, but found the film crew came later in the day.

- Pro Brockport - Trustee Andrews attended the recent Pro Brockport PAC meetings. They plan to have a float in the upcoming holiday parade.

- Brockport Community Museum - Trustee Andrews shared that an interpretive sign on the history of agriculture in the Town of Sweden is underway for the Sweden Farmers Museum.

- Welcome Center - Trustee Andrews reported 271 boat nights in 2013 as compared to 375 in 2012. All canal communities experienced a decline due to the high water on the Mohawk early in the canal season and the NYSCC shutting down at 6pm instead of 10pm. It is hoped NYSCC will extend the hours next season as communities felt the economic impact.

- RPTL 421m - Trustee Andrews reported that he is working on getting the Town of Sweden and Brockport Central School District to extend RPTL 421m tax exemption benefits to certain properties in the Clinton Street Master Plan. They next meet 12/3.

- Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti

- Executive Session - Trustee Ciciotti read from law the following regarding Executive Sessions.

A public body cannot close its doors to the public to discuss the subject of its choice, for the law specifies and limits the subject matter that may appropriately be discussed in executive session. The eight subjects that may be discussed behind closed doors include:

- (a) matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- (b) any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agency or informer;
- (c) Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- (d) discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- (e) collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law);
- (f) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- (g) the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
- (h) the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

These are the only subjects that may be discussed behind closed doors; all other deliberations must be conducted during open meetings.

It is important to point out that a public body can never vote to appropriate public monies during a closed

session. Therefore, although most public bodies may vote during a properly convened executive session, any vote to appropriate public monies must be taken in public.

The law also states that an executive session can be attended by members of the public body and any other persons authorized by the public body.

Trustee Ciciotti said the Village has a number of employees, 2 collective bargaining agreements, and pending litigation for example. The Board could either not address issues, thereby not do their jobs. The Board could discuss outside Executive Session – in public – thereby violating the law. The Board could do it the right way by discussing such issues in Executive Session as needed.

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- Trustee Carol L. Hannan
 - Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History – Trustee Hannan commended the 2 college student volunteers who completed their volunteers and enjoyed it so much they put in 4 extra hours by scanning myriads of the museum’s documents.
 - House Histories - Trustee Hannan shared that she continues with researching and writing up various house histories.
 - Holiday Decorating - Trustee Hannan referred to the 40+ wreaths she created and donated to the Village a couple of years ago for the Historic Downtown Commercial District. She needs to get them out of DPW storage to refresh them for the upcoming holiday season.
 - Police Department - Trustee Hannan shared that she plans to attend a PD debriefing tomorrow.
 - Code Review Committee - Trustee Hannan shared that the 11/25 6pm CRC meeting has been cancelled. Chair Appleby will be attending the 11/25 7pm Village Board work session to review the recommended amendments to Village Code Chapter 36 Minimum Housing and Buildings Code.

- Trustee John D. La Pierre
 - Police Department – Trustee La Pierre read the following prepared statement:

A couple weeks ago, Brockport was shocked to hear that there had been a fight, resulting in two people being stabbed, one killed and one charged with murder. By Monday, I, as probably many others, thought that the matter as closed, except for the trial and sentencing of the perpetrator of this senseless crime.

I arrived at the Police station Wednesday to meet with Chief Varrenti only to find that what now seemed to be history was still a very time-consuming process that the police were actively investigating.

You may recall that the news media said this crime was committed across the street from the police department. Some people wondered how this could happen “right in front of the police”. Perhaps too much Law and Order, with a sergeant sitting by the front door and several detectives sitting around waiting to “catch” the next case...

Brockport’s Police Department doesn’t have the luxury of having someone sitting in the station at all times. But Brockport is fortunate to have a highly skilled, competent police department, which was again reinforced to me during my Wednesday visit.

That Saturday night, Brockport Police had five officers on duty, with the fifth officer handling a DWI detail. I learned that Office Hagan was first to discover the disturbance while on routine patrol. He immediately called for assistance. Officer Sarratori, Officer Dawson, Officer McCracken along with senior Officer Vandervort arrived and immediately assumed their roles with this crime. Lt. Cuzzupoli was informed of the crime as was Chief Varrenti who both arrived to continue the investigation.

Brockport doesn’t have a major crimes unit, but we do have police officers well trained and understanding what is required of them at a moment such as this. A suspect to be located, evidence to be discovered and properly secured, witnesses to identify and interrogate, the need to accompany the victim and the suspect to the two hospitals—all amongst a group of a couple hundred people who were at the scene, having enjoyed perhaps more than one adult beverage. And lots and lots of paper work, all required to be perfect, wanted immediately by the DA, who could then take this crime to the next

level of justice.

And the work was not done when I visited on Wednesday. Paperwork still being processed, witnesses to be identified and interviewed, a grand jury waiting for the results. Brockport can be proud and rest assured that we have a well-trained and competent Police Department able and ready to ensure our safety at all times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

→ At 8:34pm, Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss a personnel related matter – ...leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Chief Varrenti and Clerk Morelli were invited to sit in.

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→ At 9:28pm, Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to temporarily appoint Town of Clarkson Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry through a verbal agreement with Clarkson Supervisor Kimball for priority building inspections and code enforcement matters and to temporarily appoint Town of Sweden Fire Marshal Charles Sanford through a verbal agreement with Sweden Supervisor Connors for priority fire marshal matters while the Village of Brockport searches to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Scott Zarnstorff. Should either municipality wish a written intermunicipal agreement, the Board would be amenable to such.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 9:29pm, Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk