

Special 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, December 15, 2008 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Trustee Hal S. Legg, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

From Town of Sweden: Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook, Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine

From Town of Clarkson: Councilperson Allan Hoy, Councilperson Christa Filipowicz, Councilperson Patrick Didas, Highway Superintendent David Goodwin

From NYSDOT: Dan Schwind, Kevin Bush

ALSO PRESENT: Jim & Joan Hamlin, Archie Kutz, Cora Schrader

Notice dated December 5th:

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will host a presentation by NYSDOT to the Village Board, Sweden Town Board and Clarkson Town Board beginning at 6:00pm on December 15, 2008 (just prior to the regular Village Board meeting at 7:00pm) in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York. NYSDOT will present to the Boards their preferred intersection improvement alternative, a modern roundabout, at the NY Rt 19 intersection with West and East Avenues as part of its Rt 19 Reconstruction Project, which is currently in the design stage and slated for 2010/2011 construction. Please note that this meeting is not geared toward the public, as NYSDOT intends to do a follow up public information meeting about the project for the general public in early 2009.

As a follow up to its two and a half hour meeting on December 4th with Brockport, Sweden, Clarkson representatives, NYSDOT made its presentation, provided handouts and showed a short video regarding modern roundabouts.

Questions and concerns raised included: unsignaled pedestrian crossing for a number of visually impaired people residing at Wellington Woods, anticipated impact when the Main Street Bridge is raised or closed for an event, landscaping and maintenance thereof of center of roundabout, potential impact of elimination of 2 out of 4 curb cuts at Mobil on the Run, bicycles need to take the roundabout as opposed to a designated bicycle lane.

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, December 15, 2008 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Trustee Hal S. Legg, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Interim Treasurer Kari A. Olson, Village Attorney David F. Mayer

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Cora Schrader, John Lessord, John Bush, Fred Webster, Norm GianCursio, Bernie LoBracco, Kathy Snyder

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wexler called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meetings.

- ➔ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the minutes of the meeting held November 3, 2008, be approved as amended.
- ➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the minutes of the meeting held November 24, 2008, be approved as amended.
- ➔ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the minutes of the meeting held December 1, 2008, be approved as amended.
- ➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser abstained due to absence, carried 4/0 that the minutes of the meeting held December 9, 2008, be approved as written.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

GUESTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

1. Authorization to declare surplus and place on AuctionsInternational.com – 6 time clocks – Superintendent Donahue shared that the Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement Office has use for the 4 tubular map cabinets that he no longer needs.

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to declare surplus and authorize placement on AuctionsInternational.com of 6 time clocks.

2. Happy Holidays and thanks to the Department's supporters throughout the year.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti (excused)

1. Authorization to declare surplus and dispose of various computer equipment –

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to declare surplus and dispose of various computer equipment outlined in Chief Varrenti's memo.

Trustee Castaneda asked Clerk Morelli about back up of computer information. Clerk Morelli said equipment is taken to Sunnking where computer hard drives are destroyed so they are cleared of proprietary information and properly disposed and recycled.

2. Brookdale Road speeding – update on enforcement efforts – Trustee Wagenhauser forwarded information from Chief Varrenti that they have been deploying radar details on Brookdale Road almost twice a day since the November 24th Village Board meeting. They have yet to find a vehicle exceeding the speed limit. He doesn't know if that's because they may see the police cars, or if it's due to the inclement weather. They will continue this enforcement effort in to the near future as time permits.

Mayor Wexler shared that per Brookdale Road resident Jack Mazzarella, the police presence helps slow speeders down.

3. Receipt of \$750 community grant from Greece Wal-Mart for Explorer Treasury – Trustee Wagenhauser forwarded information from Chief Varrenti that for the third consecutive year they received a Community Grant from Mr. Douglas McCane of the Greece Wal-Mart in the amount of \$750. This money, as intended, will be placed in the Brockport Police Department Explorer treasury.

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

1. Update on landlord registration program – S. Zarnstorff reported that per the new Village Code Chapter 36 requirements regarding landlord registration program, his department is finalizing a form and mailing to go out to rental property owners the last week of December for return by the end of January.
2. Happy holidays.

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Calls for Service – 942 Fire calls year to date and 2,042 EMS calls year to date for a total of 2,984 – ahead of 2007 call load with 16 days to go. This is a record pace for a volunteer department. He commended the members for doing a wonderful job.
2. Membership Drops & Adds – Chief Rombaut asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Terry Taylor, the following adds: James Maier to active fire, Jeremy Soehner to active ambulance, Gregory Gaulin add to active ambulance, Branden Smith remove from Explorers and add to active fire.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve the previously mentioned drops, adds and exempt certificates.

3. Accept Department Election Results –

→ Trustee Castaneda congratulated and moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to accept the Department election results which include the following Chiefs: Chief Scott Smith, Deputy Chief Michael Henry,

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4. Appoint Rachel Weaver as ALS Supervisor – provisional pending Civil Service – Chief Rombaut referred to EMS Chief VanDervort’s memo regarding the need to create this position. The Ambulance Career Staff Manual that was recently approved by the Board called for a position of an ALS Supervisor. This is required by State and local regulations and in the past a volunteer Paramedic served in this capacity. It appeared that 4 paid Paramedics met the requirements and 2 of those 4 expressed interest. Paramedic Rachel Weaver best meets the requirements. Clerk Morelli reminded EMS Chief VanDervort that this position and that known as Career Staff Administrator have to be established through Civil Service. The necessary steps are underway, so this appointment is provisional in nature.

Trustee Wagenhauser said this is mandated by the Department of Health and that it is paid from Third Party Billing, not taxpayer dollars.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to appoint EMT-Advanced (Paramedic/ALS) as EMT-Advanced (Paramedic/ALS) Supervisor at \$17.50 per hour for a maximum of 24 hours per week without benefits – provisional pending Civil Service.

5. Reinstate Daniel Azzolina as part time dispatcher – Chief Rombaut indicated that he is already trained and is once again available to take on hours.

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to rehire Daniel Azzolina as a part time dispatcher effective immediately at \$12.30 per hour for a maximum of 24 hours per week without benefits.

6. Travel request – NYS Chiefs Conference June 11-13 Turning Stone – Chief Rombaut shared that the location has changed from Lake George to Syracuse and the room rate is slightly higher. 10 rooms are reserved and can be cancelled within 48 hours.

Trustee Castaneda asked if this is in the budget. Chief Rombaut said yes – and previously approved.

Trustee Wagenhauser stressed that there is a 6am start time and late evening end time, which prevents driving to and from Syracuse each day. Asking these volunteers to leave Brockport at 4am to get there is not reasonable.

Trustee Legg said the travel request for this conference was budgeted for and previously approved by the Board for Lake George. This is just a change of venue.

Trustee Hunsinger shared that past Fire Chief (and past Trustee) Norm Knapp will be inducted as President of the New York State Fire Chiefs. Chief Rombaut said the Department would show its support.

→ Trustee Legg moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to authorize this amended travel request.

7. Authorization to declare surplus and place on AuctionsInternational.com – radio equipment –

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to declare surplus and place on AuctionsInternational.com the following radio equipment:

4 Regency Rhi-256-B 16 channel 2-way radios

3 Relm RH-256-B 16 channel 2 way radios

1 Regency BTH-204 4 channel 2-way radios

4 Regency BTL-304 4 channel 2-way radios

8 Regency TR-200 2 channel 2-way radios

that were purchased in the 1970’s, 80’s and early 90’s. The TR-200’s were given to the Village by Brockport CSD. They are not narrowband compliant for the upcoming County narrowband conversion project.

2 Wilson WH-2510 10 channel 2-way radios

that were purchased in the late 1980’s and are not narrowband complaint for the upcoming County narrowband conversion project.

8. Authorization to purchase a skid unit at \$4,214.95 for Polaris ATV – Chief Rombaut reported that they gathered quotes for a Skid unit for the new Polaris ATV, which was acquired through a grant. Quotes ranged from \$3,450 plus accessory equipment to \$13,400. He recommends awarding the bid to J.D. Welding and Fabrication for a grand total of \$4,214.95. This will come out of next year’s new equipment budget and half will be funded with Third Party Billing monies due to its dual use.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to authorize the purchase of a skid unit at \$4,214.95 from J.D. Welding and Fabrication.

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9. Happy Holidays and thanks for the support through his term as Fire Chief.

E. INTERIM TREASURER – Kari A. Olson (excused)

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Commend Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kari Olson – Clerk Morelli thanked Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kari Olson for her work as Interim Treasurer these last 6 months. Village Hall looks forward to working with Gina Tojek when she begins as Treasurer on January 5th.

2. Happy Holidays.

G. VILLAGE MANAGER – (vacant)

H. VILLAGE ATTORNEY – David F. Mayer, Esq. (excused)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:30pm – consider Local Law establishing real property tax exemption “Cold War Veterans Exemption”

The following notice was published in the Suburban News and posted at Village Hall and on the Village website.

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a **Public Hearing beginning at 7:30pm on Monday, December 15, 2008**, in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York to consider proposed Local Law as follows:

- To establish real property tax exemption: “Cold War Veterans Exemption” which authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991)

The text is available for review at the Village Clerk’s Office or on the Village website: brockportny.org. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

→ At 7:35pm Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Mayor Wexler shared that he contacted the Town of Sweden as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars to try to ascertain how many residents this could impact. The Town of Sweden indicated that it has received 4 applications thus far. Elliott Reynolds of the local VFW said they would let their members know that the Town of Sweden recently adopted this exemption and that the Village of Brockport may as well.

Clerk Morelli shared that should the Village establish such an exemption, it would mirror the one recently adopted by the Town of Sweden.

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted by §458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, real property in the Village of Brockport which meets the requirements for qualified residential real property shall be exempt from taxation by the Village of Brockport to the extent authorized therein, subject to the following maximum exemption.
- B. Qualified residential real property shall be exempt from taxation by the Village of Brockport to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$8,000. In addition, where a Cold War veteran received compensation from the United State Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-related disability, qualifying residential rental property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000.
- C. Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owners of such real property on a form prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services. The application shall be filed with the Assessor on or before the first appropriate taxable status date.
- D. The Village Board may, from time to time, amend, supplement, change, modify or repeal this article pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Law and the Real Property Tax Law of New York State applicable thereto.

- Hearing no public comment, at 7:40pm Trustee Legg moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting.
- Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to establish such exemption and label it as Local Law #9 of 2009.

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VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Mayor Morton Wexler

1. Certificate of Appreciation honoring Timothy Rombaut's service as Fire Chief – The Board thanked Tim Rombaut for his service as Fire Chief.

→ Mayor Wexler moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to present the certificate signed by the Board:

Certificate of Appreciation
Presented to

Timothy J. Rombaut

In recognition for
Volunteer service to the
Village of Brockport
As Fire Chief for the
Brockport Fire Department
For the years 2007 & 2008.

With gratitude from your community.

Mayor Wexler introduced and welcomed Fire Chief-Elect Scott Smith, Deputy Fire Chief-Elect Mike Henry and Assistant Fire Chief-Elect Don Marenus.

2. Village Treasurer Gina M. Tojek to begin January 5th – Mayor Wexler thanked Trustee Legg for Chairing the Search Committee and Clerk Morelli, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Olson, former Manager/Treasurer Coyle and SUNY VP Spiro for their involvement in the search.
3. Accept resignation of Jeff Davignon from Code Review Committee – Mayor Wexler shared that due to other commitments and conflicting meeting schedules, J. Davignon found it necessary to tender his resignation from the Code Review Committee.

→ Trustee Legg moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to accept with regret the resignation of Jeff Davignon from the Code Review Committee.

4. Appoint Matthew Sauers to Code Review Committee – Mayor Wexler shared that Code Review Committee Chairperson Art Appleby met with and recommends applicant Matthew Sauers.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to appoint Matthew Sauers to the Code Review Committee to complete a term to June 30, 2011.

5. Appoint Sue Novinger to Seymour Library Board – Mayor Wexler thanked Bob Getz for his many years of service on the Library Board. Per the Library's By-Laws, he will reach his maximum term limit on December 31st. Library Director Guthrie reviewed the comprehensive resume submitted and recommends applicant Sue Novinger.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to appoint Sue Novinger to the Seymour Library Board for a 5-year term to December 31, 2013.

6. Brockport Police Department Press Conference re Bryan Parslow 172 Main Street Investigation – Mayor Wexler reported that he attended the recent press conference given by Chief Varrenti, Sgt. Cuzzupoli, SUNY Chief Kehoe, and a representative from the District Attorney's Office. He said he was impressed with the cooperation between the Chiefs.

B. Trustee / Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda

1. Morgan Manning House Candlelight Christmas – attended on December 5th.
2. Village Advisory Committee – met December 9th – notified members in attendance of the December 15th NYSDOT presentation to Boards and anticipated public meeting in early 2009.
3. Lions Club – attended December 10th – interesting speaker on identity theft.
4. Lakeside Foundation Annual Gala – attended December 12th – inspirational speaker.

5. NYS Comptroller's Audit – had twice recommended the Village ask for a State audit and they were too busy. Since the last State audit, there have been 2 Mayors and 2 Treasurers with a 3rd to begin soon.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved to request a State audit.

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Discussion:

Trustee Legg said the Village just had an audit. Trustee Castañeda said that was the annual independent external audit (conducted by CPA Chris Trento), it was not an impartial State Comptroller's audit. Trustee Legg said his understanding was that when the State previously turned down the Village's request for lack of compelling reason and because they were too busy.

Trustee Wagenhauser asked if there was something Trustee Castañeda hoped to glean from a State audit. Trustee Castañeda said to make sure that everything is being done correctly and that even C. Trento's recent audit report indicated "In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of Village of Brockport for the year ended May 31, 2008, I considered the Organizations control structure to plan my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure."

Trustee Legg asked if anyone recalled the outcome of the last State audit. Clerk Morelli said it had to be 7 years ago.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he almost feels better that there have been 2, going on 3 different Treasurers since the last audit since the same set of eyes hasn't been on the books for a really long time.

Trustee Legg said he is not opposed to placing the request since it doesn't bind the Village to any expenditure should the State choose to do it.

Mayor Wexler said the external audit was just done and the new Treasurer should be given a chance to get acquainted and draw her own conclusions. If she expresses a need to the Village Board, we could request a State audit. However, it is unlikely the State would jump to do an audit.

Call to Question:

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to request a State audit.

6. Civil Service Police Chief Promotional Exam – Mayor Wexler shared that the Village received a notice from Monroe County Department of Human Resources – Civil Service's Ann Marie Connell. He spoke with her today and she informed him that a promotional exam will be held for Police Chief for participating jurisdictions. Since Brockport Police Department does not have any Lieutenants, its Sergeants with at least 36 months are eligible to take the exam, which is open to anyone who meets the qualifications. Mayor Wexler commented that there will be a new Mayor in Brockport in 6 months and that the future Mayor and Village Board would be involved in any ramifications related to the position and Civil Service.

7. Corresponding via E-mail - Trustee Castañeda shared that on November 20th, former Village Manager Coyle forwarded an e-mail to Village Hall regarding guidelines dealing with Section 211 waivers. She said she wished to go on record that on December 1st; Police Chief Varrenti e-mailed the rest of the Village Board in response to this, but not her. She stressed that she is one of 5 elected officials, represents the taxpayers and asks that correspondence sent to more than just the designated liaison(s) be sent to her as well.

Trustee Castañeda also expressed concern that the Board continues to break the Sunshine Law by conducting some Village business by e-mail. She cited a recent example of communications resulting in a decision by the Mayor to pay a police officer shift differential while out on workers compensation. She said this should have been discussed and decided by the Board, not the Mayor. She referenced an e-mail in which Trustee Hunsinger suggested it be given Board consideration. She cited another recent example of communications resulting in a decision by the Mayor to curtail Village Attorney presence at Village Board meetings. She said while she does not necessarily disagree with the result, she feels it needs to be discussed by the Board at a public meeting.

Regarding the shift differential, Mayor Wexler said he asked Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Olson to look into this and she found history that the past Deputy Clerk-Treasurer established precedent regarding shift differential pay for this Officer during a 1998 workers compensation injury. Is it legal to pay him shift differential? Yes. Is the Village obligated to do so? No.

However, past precedent was established. Should he have brought it to the Village Board meeting? Maybe. However, an incredible amount of effort was spent on the issue and he believes any worker injured in the line of duty should receive remuneration. The Village would likely not win if it were grieved.

Trustee Wagenhauser commented that he would normally object to the Mayor acting unilaterally, but not when something is so cut and dried. The Labor Attorney weighed in and Village staff found past precedent. The Board can't vote on every single thing that is done daily. It was settled. It was the right thing to do. There would have been no way around it. It's done.

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Trustee Castañeda responded that it is not as cut and dried as was said. In the past, some officers had been paid shift differential and some had not. The Village's Labor Attorney and NYCOM confirm that fringe is not owed and it is not in the contract.

Trustee Castañeda expressed concern that officials are relying heavily on e-mails and quick responses when matters should be discussed by the Board at a meeting after the entire Board has been provided the same information. This continues to be a concern.

Trustee Legg said of the 2 examples Trustee Castañeda presented, both were fairly cut and dried and do not require formal action by the Village Board. Law and past precedent was found regarding shift differential and it is the Mayor's prerogative as to the Village Attorney's attendance at meetings. Trustees weighed in. He said it sounds more like sour grapes. He said he often responds to or forwards e-mails. Sometimes he throws them out. If Trustee Castañeda is not pleased with his handling or timeliness in responding to e-mail, he can't help that.

Trustee Castañeda said she is just concerned over the open meetings requirements and sharing information with the entire Board. She said she has gotten some e-mails that weren't very friendly, but it is not sour grapes. Trustee Legg said her examples don't support her concerns.

Regarding Village Attorney attendance at Village Board meetings, Mayor Wexler said per the feedback from 3 Trustees, he chose to let the Attorney know his presence was not needed and that he could be invited only as needed. Otherwise, he is being paid to sit through lengthy Village Board meetings, usually for no reason.

Trustee Legg commended Mayor Wexler for making a prudent decision.

Trustee Castañeda said she agrees, but the Mayor just stated 3 Trustees basically made that decision. Trustee Legg said he provided input. He didn't make the decision.

Mayor Wexler said he got input from 3 Trustees and even without a formal vote, took their concerns under consideration. The first to 3 wins.

Trustee Castañeda urged everyone to simply follow the rules.

Trustee Wagenhauser pointed out to Mayor Wexler that he agreed with him. Mayor Wexler said he was so surprised he almost had to reach for his nitroglycerin. Trustee Wagenhauser said a new day may be dawning and commended Mayor Wexler for making the right decision on both examples.

8. Seymour Library – attended the December 17th Library Board meeting.

9. Shop Local – reminded everyone to support our local merchants.

10. Happy holidays.

C. Trustee David J. Wagenhauser

1. Santa Train Rides – commended Walk Bike Brockport Action Group for their work.

2. Fire Chief Rombaut – commended Tim Rombaut on an incredible job as Fire Chief – one that is certainly not a figurehead but practically a full time job in a volunteer capacity. He said he'd miss their 6am phone chats.

3. Pedestrian Crossing Signs – realizes they had to come down for winter snow plowing, but can't wait to get them back up come spring since they do help get people across the Main Street crosswalks safely.

4. Fire Department – he and Mayor Wexler as Fire Department liaisons met on December 10th with Fire Chiefs and representatives from the Sweden and Clarkson Town Boards regarding long-range equipment needs and capital costs. He commended the professionalism of the Chiefs and the information they put together. They really have their act together. Although they face many challenges and unfunded mandates, they still manage to deliver quality service economically.

Mayor Wexler concurred and stressed the low cost compared to the surrounding area. He asked the Fire Chiefs to be sure the entire Board gets the informational packet that was reviewed at the meeting.

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5. 60 Clinton Street – congratulated the Greater Brockport Development Corporation for the purchase of the former Whiteside Barnett building and referenced the GBDC’s recent press release. Development of the property is quite an undertaking, but this is a good group for it.

6. 200 State Street – said he wished to voice his displeasure with Monroe County regarding their attempts at a “fire sale” of 200 State Street – the former Kleen Brite Labs property. He said he is nervous at what the no minimum bid attempt might mean. He stressed that the Village does get taxes for the property, but that if it sells for less than it’s assessed value, the Village will get less taxes. There are issues regarding environmental testing. This could turn out to be an unfunded mandate for the Village. The County seems to want to wash their hands of this contaminated property and the whole white elephant. It needs to be done right.

- 7. Budget – urged the Department Heads, whose budget proposals will soon be due to the new Treasurer, to come in 2% under the current budget. This does not include the Fire budget or Library budget, which each recently completed their process.
- 8. Bidding – indicated that soon after the New Year he would like to review the bidding of Village services.
- 9. Happy holidays – encouraged support of the Brockport Food Shelf, Brockport Clothing Shelf and Brockport Toy Shelf.

D. Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger

- 1. Fire Department – thanked Chief Rombaut for including him in a recent meeting regarding harnesses.
- 2. Budget – echoed Trustee Wagenhauser’s challenge to Department Heads to decrease their budgets by 2% and urged fiscal responsibility.
- 3. Capital Improvement Plan – is working with Department Heads on vehicle and equipment replacement needs.
- 4. NYSDOT 5 corners issue – reported that NYSDOT has agreed to treat the problem as a priority and will correct the stopping line issue at the 5 corners as weather permits.
- 5. Salvation Army – will be ringing the bell at Ryan’s Big M and Wal Mart this weekend and shared that a portion of the monies collected stays here.
- 6. 200 State Street – concurs with Trustee Wagenhauser’s concern with the direction of this property.
- 7. 12/3 Brockport Police Department Appreciation Dinner – attended briefly and commended all involved.
- 8. 12/3 Lions Club Meeting – as President, he welcomed a Mr. Bruce, a representative from the NYS Attorney Generals Office who spoke on identity theft and provided a free pamphlet about protecting one’s privacy, the federal fair credit reporting act, and opting out of lists to marketers, scams targeted to senior citizens, the need to shred or burn information, etc. Opt out - call 1-888-567-8688. Telemarketing do not call registry – call 1-888-382-1222. He hopes to schedule him in Brockport again, as he was very knowledgeable, passionate and informative.
- 9. Happy holidays.

E. Trustee Hal S. Legg

1. 12/3 Brockport Police Department Appreciation Dinner – commended the entire Department and its deserving honorees including Outstanding Police Work award recipients Officers Winant and VanDervort, Explorer award recipient Danielle Watkins and Commitment to Community award recipients Kent Blair and Kelly Smith.
2. Village Advisory Committee – “When I stopped by the village offices to check my mail last Tuesday prior to heading over to the Tree Board meeting, I poked my head into the conference room where the Village Advisory Committee was meeting to see Wayne Bennett, perhaps better known lately for his involvement with the Ethics Board, Joan Hamlin, and Trustee Castaneda engaged in a lively discussion. As a former member of the VAC, it’s always nice to see this group at work.”
3. Restoration of area of Village – “With the Smith Street Bridge refurb and the Tree Board’s idea to enhance that project with plantings in the surrounding area and Corbett Park, the recent

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Historic Preservation Board grant for Clinton Street, and the GBDC’s acquisition of 60 Clinton Street, it sure is great to see so much energy and funding going into restoring that part of the Village. I was one of the Directors of the GBDC when the idea to buy 60 Clinton was introduced, so I’m pleased to see it come to fruition. The GBDC is a wonderful complement to Brockport’s other preservation efforts.”

4. Main Street Rehabilitation – commented on the presentation earlier in the evening by NYSDOT to the Boards of Brockport, Sweden and Clarkson on the preferred intersection improvement alternative, a modern roundabout, at the NY Rt 19 intersection with West and East Avenues as part of its Rt 19 Reconstruction Project, which is currently in the design stage and slated for 2010/2011 construction. He said he looks forward to feedback from residents once NYSDOT holds the public information meeting.
5. Santa Train Rides – commended Joe and Barb Blosenhauer and the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group for coordinating the Santa Train Rides with the Medina Railroad Museum.
6. New Treasurer – looks forward to the new Village Treasurer and some fiscal belt tightening.
7. Happy holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Bush of Barry Street – commented that watching the Village Board meetings on television could prove to be competition for Saturday Night Live.

Mayor Wexler thanked Clerk Morelli for providing coffee and dessert this evening and invited all in attendance to enjoy the treats. Clerk Morelli added that Trustee Castaneda also brought in a plate of cookies.

Executive Session:

- ⇒ At 8:50pm, Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation involving an employee and a past workers compensation claim.
- ⇒ At 9:00pm, Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.
- Trustee Wagenhauser moved, unanimously carried 5/0 to pay DPW employee Kevin Swartout \$3,187, \$972, \$869 for a total sum of \$5,028 as remuneration for wages that were not paid as non-taxable income for past workers compensation claims.

AUDIT:

- ➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Village</u>	12/9/08	178074-178077	\$404,028.83
	12/12/08	178078-178079	\$7,329.58
	12/16/08	178103-178171	\$197,899.51
<u>Fire</u>	12/16/08	178080-178102	\$123,024.06

<u>Third Party Billing</u>	12/9/08	001400-001401	\$12,185.79
	12/16/08	001402-001420	\$11,234.25
<u>Capital Projects</u>	12/16/08	002289-002292	\$50,895.06
<u>Water</u>	12/9/08	002143-002146	\$35,826.18
	12/16/08	002147-002151	\$7,181.04

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Legg moved, unanimously carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk