

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, October 9, 2012 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Trustee William G. Andrews, Trustee Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Cain, Linda Ketchum, Joan Hamlin, Daniel Donovan, Brian Winant, Frank Barker, Andrea Tillinghast, Pam Ketchum, Rich Miller, Norm Giancursio, Fred Webster, Kristina Gabalski

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

Mayor Castañeda thanked Robert Cain of PathStone for presenting a workshop earlier this evening on energy efficiency and for Jimmy Z's for providing the food.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those that serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Brian Winant of the Stetson Club referred to the holiday parade scheduled for 5pm Sunday, December 2nd. The one held last year had great weather and an excellent turnout. They are hoping to add fireworks this year. Duane Beckett of Sunning is willing to sponsor them. Representatives from Young Explosives were here and 3 locations were determined as possibilities – one of them being the north side of the canal between the 2 bridges. That is NYS Canal Corp property so they would likely need authorization from them. B. Winant said he spoke briefly with Codes Officer Zarnstorff as to whether any permits would be needed.

Mayor Castañeda suggested B. Winant e-mail the Board with the possible locations and that Clerk Morelli contact the Village Attorney. Clerk Morelli said there is a chapter in the Village Code related to such and that she would suggest B. Winant also contact the Town of Sweden as to any permits or approvals needed.

- Pam Ketchum of Park Avenue read the following prepared statement into the record:

Sidewalks = an Active Lifestyle and Healthy Future for Brockport Residents

As a person who bikes from Park Ave to Hinklyville Rd to Talamora and back to Park Ave on a regular basis and knows the route and where there are no sidewalks, I believe that we need sidewalks on BOTH sides of Route 31 and Route 19; east, west, north and south of the intersection of those 2 major roadways. Having a bike lane may be helpful to slow traffic and some bikers may prefer a bike lane but I feel much safer riding my bike on a sidewalk. When I ride from Park Ave to Sweden Village, I ride on the sidewalk along Main St. not the bike lane.

Our community has people of all ages, economic and physical abilities as well as many people who are in wheel chairs and strollers. Residents enjoy walking their pets, exercising, taking young children out and some like to walk to "run" their errands. School kids enjoy being independent; walk to school, rent a movie, get an ice cream cone, walk to work or bike to the library. Some people have no car and are dependant on walking to get to work and shopping. It is imperative that the greater Brockport area has sidewalks.

We have incredible assets and amenities in our community including the Sweden Town Park/Trails, Rec Center, Senior Center, hospital, movie theater, cultural arts at the college and public schools, shopping on Main St. and at the Wal-Mart, Wegmans and old Ryan's shopping centers and restaurants of all sorts. Unfortunately many of these destinations are not easy for people to get to on foot, wheel chair or bike. There are several senior housing and/or low income developments that are isolated with limited ability for the residents to avail themselves of shopping, schools, churches, banks, post office, cultural arts, library, restaurants and recreation unless they are driven in a car. Young children and teenagers also are dependent on parents / cars to get to these assets in a safe fashion. Residents on Talamora Trail, for example, are limited to car travel to the village and town amenities. It is very dangerous to walk, bike, push a stroller or ride in a wheel chair on Routes 31 and 19. West Ave. and East Ave. are also major roads that need sidewalks on both sides to connect amenities and housing.

A major attraction for the Brockport area is that this community is, in many ways, a complete entity; a full service, attractive, walkable community. As our population ages, it becomes even more important for safe, inviting, walkable accessibility to provide for independent living and also increased health that

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active life style provides. NO ONE feels comfortable walking on Route 31 from Sweden Walker to Redman Roads AND NO ONE desires walking on Route 19 from Lakeview Cemetery and the Farmer's Museum to Wegmans. WE NEED SIDEWALKS.

Think about it – wouldn't it be nice to have a parade from the Morgan Manning House to the Sweden Rec Center, play games, listen to a music concert and then watch the fireworks next July 4th? What a memory we would create. Support an active lifestyle and healthy future for Brockport residents - demand sidewalks and bike lanes.

- Rich Miller of Kendall brought to the Board's attention the concern of Brockport Police Department listing addresses of vacant/abandoned properties in their police blotter and/or special watch lists that goes in the paper and on the website. He said he represents a couple of vacant houses that have had break ins or incidents and appreciates police response and special watch of such properties. However, he is concerned that listing addresses of vacant/abandoned properties could encourage future problems.

Mayor Castañeda asked Clerk Morelli to relay this concern to Chief Varrenti. Clerk Morelli shared that Brockport Police Department handles their own website which can be accessed from the Village website.

CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- Landmark Society of Western New York – Trustee Andrews said this did not make it onto the agenda, but he had proposed such at the recent work session.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Mayor Castañeda seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following proclamation.

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
PROCLAMATION

Whereas the Landmark Society of Western New York has a long and distinguished record of support for historic preservation efforts in this area, having been the first such organization in the country; and

Whereas the said Society holds semi-annual informal "get-togethers" to foster better communication among historic preservationists in this area; and

Whereas the said Society holds annual conferences to inform and inspire those historic preservationists; and

Whereas the said Society has indicated a wish to hold such a "get together" in Brockport in November 2012 and such an annual conference in Brockport in April 2013; therefore be it

Hereby resolved that this Board, on behalf of the Village of Brockport, does hereby extend its most cordial welcome to the Society and the participating historic preservationists and offers to facilitate its plans in any and every appropriate manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we do hereby set our hand, and cause the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 9th day of October, in the year 2012.

Trustee Blair said the Board adopts and presents a lot of certificates and proclamations. He asked Clerk Morelli if she would be willing to put together a list of such. Clerk Morelli said she would do so.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 9/25/12 meeting be approved as amended.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	9/28/12	\$2,421.20

Mayor Castañeda voted ____ no or abstain?
Motion passes 4/

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• NEW BUSINESS:

- Bid results from Auctions International for sale of the 2001 Dodge 2500 Ram pickup truck

with plow attachment VIN# 3B7KF26Z51M276892 - Clerk Morelli said this did not make it onto the agenda and just came in. She asked if the Board wished to act on it this evening or wait until the next meeting.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to accept the high bid of \$2,500 via Auctions International, Inc. For the sale of the 2001 Dodge 2500 Ram pickup truck with plow attachment VIN# 3B7KF26Z51M276892. Should the high bid fall through, the next 2 highest bids shall be accepted.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- Mayor M. Connie Castañeda

- Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged – Mayor Castañeda shared that she was invited to the 10/12 opening ceremony and has asked Trustee Andrews to attend in her place.

- Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce evening with Al Plumb – Mayor Castañeda shared that the Chamber of Commerce meeting 10/18 at 7pm will be at Salmon Creek Country Club. Reservations are needed. Al Plumb, the new owner of 100 Fair Street (formerly Kleen Brite) will be presenting his plans and strategies for the revitalization of the property as a multi-purpose facility.

- Brockport Fire District – Mayor Castañeda encouraged attendance at the 7pm 10/16 Brockport Fire District budget hearing at the Exempts.

- Trustee William G. Andrews

- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor – grant application due 10/12 – Trustee Andrews said he proposed such at the recent work session. Pam Ketchum of the Historic Preservation Board and Parks Committee is the lead on this. It is a grant application for beautification of the north bank of the canal between Park Avenue and Main Street.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to sign and submit an application for a grant in the amount of \$5,380.00 from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for a Canalfront Beautification Project.

- Historic Commercial District – upper lofts feasibility – tax abatement component – Trustee Andrews said he did some further research into the state legislation and it became clear that the tax abatement law used for the single family home improvement project is not applicable for this. The one that Attorney Leni distributed is, indeed, the one applicable for this. Trustee Andrews said Attorney Leni suggested he present a motion authorizing his work on this.

Mayor Castañeda said this work is outside the cap for the Village Attorney. She asked Trustee Andrews

if he gave an indication of cost. Trustee Blair asked same – number of hours Attorney Leni anticipates will be needed. Trustee Andrews said he did not. However, he cannot imagine much time would be needed.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 5/0 via roll call to instruct the Village Attorney, as out of scope work, to prepare and present to the Village Board meeting of October 23, 2012, a draft local law to create a tax abatement program for the Village based on New York State Real Property Tax Law 485-a.

- Request for Proposals – Architectural Consultant & Website Creator – Trustee Andrews said this did not make it onto the agenda, but he had proposed such at the recent work session.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to put out the following RFP's:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Architectural Consultant

The Village of Brockport is currently seeking applicants for the position of Architectural Consultant to its Historic Preservation Board to conduct an updated survey of all National Register-eligible properties within the Village.

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This survey is intended to validate information in the current downtown National Register district and enable the Village to develop future National Register districts in residential areas, thereby increasing access to rehabilitation tax credits. Information from the survey will be used for a new historic preservation website, a tool that will help the Village increase public awareness of historic resources and access to information about the work of its Historic Preservation Board and will also provide more support for the Board's Certificate of Appropriateness reviews.

The successful applicant will survey approximately 340 structures in collaboration with members of the Board and other community volunteers who will prepare the historical sketches of the structures and take the required photographs. The Village estimates that about one-half hour will be required by the architect to survey each structure.

Applicants should be fully-qualified and certified professional architects, preferably with experience in historic preservation and knowledgeable about the Village. The position is budgeted for 170 hours at \$35 an hour. The project must be completed by September 30, 2013. To be considered for this position, please forward a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to the address below by November 15, 2012

Leslie Ann Morelli
Village Clerk
Village of Brockport
49 State Street
Brockport, NY 14420
lmorelli@brockportny.org

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Website Creator

The Village of Brockport is currently seeking applicants for the position of Website Creator with responsibility for creating a website for the Historic Preservation Board of the Village. For a detailed description of the specifications to be met, contact Leslie Morelli, Village Clerk.

Applicants must submit estimates of the cost for the creation in accordance with the prescribed specifications, including the charges for hosting the site once created and the hourly rate for additional work outside the scope of the proposal. The project must be completed by September 30, 2013.

Applications must be received in good order by November 15, 2012, and must include the cost estimates, a professional resume, and the names and contact information of three clients for whom the applicant has created websites.

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▪ Billboard – Trustee Andrews updated the Board on the Village billboard on Main Street near the railroad tracks. George Dahl and Art Appleby are in the process of making needed repairs. Walk Bike Brockport Action Group is covering material costs and G. Dahl and A. Appleby are volunteering their labor. Trustee Andrews said he was under the impression it was vinyl, but the green part is painted. Therefore, he has Brian Reed of Paramount Painting doing that work. Trustee Andrews

said he will cover the \$570 cost of the painter by donating the money to the Village so the Village can pay the bill. This is coming from his Trustee pay that he finds good uses for. Don Riling of Signs Following will then do the lettering. Trustee Blair reminded that all volunteers working on Village property must sign a hold harmless agreement. Clerk Morelli said she would prepare such for Trustee Andrews to have signed as well as remind the painting contractor to provide certificate of insurance.

- Welcome Center - Trustee Andrews updated the Board on the enhanced security at the Welcome Center. The cameras were installed and are operating. Flood lights were installed.

Trustee Andrews reported that the Welcome Center closes this weekend for the season. The season to date had 370 boat nights as compared to 375 in 2011. The season to date had 312 boats as compared to 285 in 2011.

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Trustee Andrews read into the record the following excerpt from an email from Dave Meyer who grew up in Brockport at 110 South Avenue and had his first lengthy visit back in 50 years:

“I was particularly pleased to learn about all the great efforts at preservation of Brockport’s historical and architectural heritage: the old high school, Firefighters’ Museum, the churches, the downtown business block, the Erie Canal, many classic old homes. It was good to see so many things that have not changed but have been preserved, as well as the new, like the BCS campus, the SUNY Campus.”

- Walk Bike Brockport Action Group - Trustee Andrews shared that he attended the various Mark Fenton talks last Friday at SUNY Brockport. M. Fenton is a native of Brockport and one of the foremost experts on designing walk and bike friendly communities. He really uses Brockport as a model of a walkable community. He stressed the importance of bike lanes and sidewalks. Trustee Andrews said as a member of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee he’s asking for inclusion of such recommendations – especially the Routes 19 and 31 intersection.

- Vikings - Trustee Andrews shared that he received a call recently from Rich Miller of Kendall to let him know the Vikings are coming! Norwegians settled in Kendall in 1825 and their leader’s home was across the street from Rich Miller’s. All that is left is the cellar. Trustee Andrews said he entertained 43 Norwegians at the Welcome Center and encouraged them to shop and eat in the Village. He said he welcomed the call and that his Sons of Norway Lodge would like to arrange something special for the next visit.

- Summer Serenades - Trustee Andrews shared Clerk Morelli received a letter and packet of information recently from the American Wind Symphony Orchestra that she forwarded to him since GBDC now handles Summer Serenades concerts. He said 2013 will mark the 56th anniversary of this orchestra that performs from a 195-foot floating stage along waterfront communities in the US and abroad. Trustee Andrews said he has agreed to meet with the representative at 10:30am on 10/16. Once he learns the time and location, he’ll advise the Board in case another member wishes to join in. He looks forward to the information as GBDC would be pleased to partner with the Village to host them. He asked if the Board wished to make any informal interest. Mayor Castañeda suggested waiting until he gathers the information and associated cost.

- Tax Credit Workshop - Trustee Andrews shared that he plans to attend a tax credit workshop on 10/11 in Binghamton. He will be making the trip down and back all in one day should anyone wish to accompany him.

- Downtown Commercial District - Trustee Andrews shared that he and other volunteers took down the hanging flower baskets on Main Street further marking the end of summer.

- Brockport Community Museum - Trustee Andrews shared that the new Hampton Inn under construction in Sweden and to open mid-November has agreed to allow a Brockport Community Museum display case showcasing Brockport history.

- Trustee Margaret B. Blackman

- Canal – Trustee Blackman shared the following report:
I attended the conference, held in Oswego, for two of the three days it ran, September 30-October 1. The conference meets biannually and is formed of three component groups: the New York State Canal Corporation, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, and the Canal Society of New York State. About 170 people attended, a mix of members of these groups, elected officials, and interested private citizens.

In addition to the plenary session, keynote addresses, and topical break-out sessions, conference attendees were offered tours of five museums, tours of vessels at the port of Ontario (including the *Urger*, the Canal corporation's oldest tugboat, now an educational vessel¹), a tour of canal side mixed use commercial/residential space in a restored mill building, and a tour of the Port of Oswego, a deepwater mid-size port created by an Act of Congress in 1799.

I took advantage of the tours and attended plenary and keynote addresses. I chose the breakout session, "Making Your Place Great" which focused on the development of canal villages, historical sites, and parks as great places to live, work, and play, to attract tourists and businesses. Presenters included Jerry Ashley, Lyons Main Street Program, Linda Vincent, Canal Place (Little Falls), Marlene Bissell, Hudson

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Crossing Park, John McVeigh, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group (Cohoes). Moderators included Andy Kitzman and Jean McKay from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and Sharon Leighton, NYS Canal Corporation.

Some general conclusions from this session for making your place great:

- Focus on what's already there
- Partnerships between business/government/schools/community organizations
- Reverse local and regional negative perceptions
- Bring back community pride and sense of place using a brand for your place—e.g. Lyons, the Peppermint Village (Brockport, The Victorian Village on the Erie Canal)
- Have an educational component. e.g. work with the local schools to get a community service requirement which gets students invested in the community
- Think "events" to publicize your community (e.g. Lyons—"Pumpkin Palooza")
- Include the arts (e.g. Muralmania along the canal)
- Find any way you can to promote, promote, promote your place and its events—bring in every organization you can; use Facebook, websites, media releases, email blasts, get in the Mobil Guides.

Some interesting Erie Canal facts:

- 2012 was the 188th consecutive navigation season of the Erie Canal
- The Erie Canal brings in \$380 million annually in tourist dollars.
- Erie Canalway heritage travelers are older, more affluent, more educated, and spend more than other tourists
- The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has produced a series of 90 second "Erie Canal Minutes" which will be shown on PBS and available on their website. Segments shown at the conference included Tourist boats, marine shipping, hydropower generation, farm irrigation
- The official Erie Canal Museum is in Syracuse, NY. Its website: <https://eriecanalmuseum.org>
- A first: in 2012 an Erie Canal tugboat (the *Urger*) has a female captain

Perhaps most importantly, conferences like this allow one to make connections. I had an opportunity to discuss my ideas for an Erie Canal May opening event in Brockport with a number of key people, including among others, Brian Stratton, Director of the NYS Canal Corporation and John Joyce, Deputy Director, the mayors of Palmyra (Vicky Daly) and Spencerport (Joyce Lobene), Mark DeCracker, the creator of Muralmania, Jean McKay, of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, and Jerry Ashley, the head of the Main Street Program in Lyons.

A copy of my draft proposal for a Brockport canal opening event, "Low Bridge, High Water," follows.

Each year the opening of the Erie Canal to boat traffic on May 1 signals the end of winter and the promise of summer. Just as we watch with regret the canal waters inching downward in November, we thrill to the rising waters each spring. The arrival of high water calls for a celebration. The occasion will be a strong reminder of yester-year's important waterway and the continuation of today's Erie Canal as an economic engine, tourist attraction, and natural asset to our region, state, and country.

Throughout the summer, Erie Canal villages host canal days and canal festivals, but no municipality celebrates this most welcome annual event that inaugurates the canal season. Brockport could be the first to do so in 2013 and, if successful, the NYS Canal Corporation could promote an annual celebration in communities along the entire length of the canal.

¹ The *Urger* will be in Brockport October 10th for 4th grade school tours

PREMISE:

Brockport’s celebration would be specifically canal-focused to include a welcome to the first boat, historical pageantry drawing upon Brockport’s role in Erie Canal history, a themed parade on the water, and canal activities for school classes studying New York history.

Below are some proposals, including dates, participants, local events and activities.

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, the first weekend in May 2013.

PARTICIPANTS: The Village (Welcome Center, Emily Knapp Museum, Village Hall), downtown merchants, Brockport Central Schools, The Western Monroe Historical Society (Morgan Manning House), Walk/Bike/Brockport, Village of Brockport Historic Preservation Board, NYS Canal Corporation, Stetson Club (local Police union) The College at Brockport, Others? e.g. Sweden Senior Center, Service Organizations (BISCO, Elks, etc.), Brockport churches.

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SUGGESTED EVENTS:

- High water mark lottery. Paint a line at the high water mark on the canal wall between the Main St and Park Ave bridges. Sell 50/50 lottery tickets to guess the date and time the canal waters reach the mark (usually around April 15th). Winner announced at the celebration. Half the prize money to the Brockport Food Shelf, half to the winner.
- Opening celebration, Friday, Welcome Center on the Canal (Remarks/historical re-enactment/canal music?)
- NYS Canal Corp tugboat--tours for BCS 4th/5th graders (Friday); Saturday--public tours
- Emily Knapp Museum tours (Friday/Saturday)--Brockport as a canal village
- Village architectural tour (Kathy Goetz and Bill Andrews)
- Village hall (or Welcome Center)--continuous looping slide show on Brockport’s canal history by Bill Andrews (Friday)
- Downtown merchants—special activities associated with the canal (e.g. Seward Candies--Old fashioned candies, Country Treasures—rug weaving demo, Liftbridge Bookstore—canal books display, canal book authors’ readings, book club—read *Wedding of the Waters*, etc. Presentation of first tourist boat to Brockport with welcome basket of merchant wares).
- Canal liftbridges tours (Main Street & Park Avenue)
- Canoe, kayak, boat parade on canal with a Mayday or historical theme—prizes awarded
- Canoe and kayak races on the canal from the college dock to Park Ave bridge, and/or between the two bridges
- Morgan Manning House tours with focus on its and its occupants relationship to canal history; perhaps also a quilt show, high tea, and 19th century fashion show
- Canal themed movie at The Strand, the second oldest movie theater in the U.S.
- Pioneer-type day or a play performance at the public elementary school
- Seymour library—a series of 3 illustrated talks during the first two weeks of May ranging from some aspect of canal history to canal engineering, to canal tourism, to “muralmania”
- Music (choruses: community, school, Sweden Senior Center) and food—a must for any celebration!
- Sweden Senior Center (old fashioned ice cream social)

ADVERTISING

- A video of Brockport community groups each singing a verse from “15 Miles/Years² on the Erie Canal.” Groups could include the Senior Center chorus, the Welcome Center Greeters, the police, fire, and DPW, the Brockport Interfaith clergy, downtown merchants, etc. Media Outlets: YouTube and Village website.
- Media: D&C, Suburban News, Genesee Valley Pennysaver, Village Schedule of Events, College at Brockport’s *Stylus*, The Point (radio)

THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT CONNECTION

- Interns. A Communications major in video production to film “15 Miles/Years on the Erie Canal and put it on YouTube; a history or social sciences major to research Brockport canal history with

² In the original version, it’s 15 years, not 15 miles.

an eye towards event planning, guest speakers, and historical events to showcase; a Recreation and Leisure major interested in event planning to help coordinate disparate events.

- Participants for canoe and kayak races and historical pageant

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- Walk Bike Brockport Action Group – Trustee Blackman shared that she participated as a monitor stationed at College Street and Main Street 10/3 for National Walk to School Day. It was nice to see kids, parents, grandparents and even family dogs. There were 455 kids. Volunteers including a Brockport sports team helped wherever necessary.

- Building/Code Enforcement Software - Trustee Blackman shared that she participated in a conference call 10/4 with Building/Codes Clerk Krahe – a webinar of sorts on a codes software she had heard about. It might not fit our needs. Clerk Krahe is looking into several companies programs.

Trustee Blair said the software proposed by General Code at the 10/2 work session was really expensive. He stressed the need to do due diligence and negotiate affordable software and per month or year maintenance.

- Grocery Store - Trustee Blackman said she hasn't given up on trying to get a small grocery store interested in opening in the North Main Street location formerly occupied by Ryan's Big M. She spoke with representatives of Ellicott Development who own the property as well as Dan Petree, the Dean of the School of Business at SUNY Brockport about the possibility of utilizing the help of student interns to get a grocery store there. The space is fairly large, so it may interest a second business as well.

- Trustee Kent R. Blair

- BCSD Homecoming Parade – Trustee Blair referred to the 10/5 BCSD Homecoming Parade and the ramifications of it being held on a Friday rush hour. It interfered with traffic, businesses and public. Trustee Blair said valuable lessons were learned and the Board needs to

take into consideration the feedback from Department Heads and suggestion of Chief Varrenti as to adding a second page to the parade/procession application and street closure application to include Department Heads feedback, estimated costs, and such.

Mayor Castañeda said she will be discussing this with Department Heads at their meeting later this week and will be soliciting the Fire Chief's feedback.

- Brockport Fire District – Trustee Blair encouraged attendance at the 7pm 10/16 Brockport Fire District budget hearing at the Exempts. He said he keeps hearing how the District is exempt from the 2% tax cap this year but not in subsequent years. He said he thinks they are now realizing just all that is involved including things possibly not previously considered such as building and grounds maintenance, plowing, mowing, and the like.

- Trustee Carol L. Hannan

- Brockport Merchants Association – Trustee Hannan shared that BMA is planning to participate in the holiday parade 12/2 and doing things to encourage shopping locally. They are also planning another Wine Walk event 3/9.

- Holiday Parade – Trustee Hannan said some ideas are being bantered about for a Village Board float. Trustee Blackman suggested utilizing Phoebe the mule from the Welcome Center. Trustee Andrews said she is pretty hard to move. Clerk Morelli said the few employees at Village Hall don't have Village vehicles or equipment to decorate or showcase like the other departments. If the Village Board could consider theirs a Village Hall float, she and others may be willing to help. Just keep them in the loop on the time and place to work on it. Trustee Hannan said she

would gladly do so and that they'd like to keep the theme on a need-to-know basis so it will be a

surprise.

- Walk Bike Brockport Action Group – Trustee Hannan shared that she attended the Mark Fenton talks last Friday at SUNY Brockport. A walkable and bikeable community can really benefit citizens and businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

→ At 8:00pm, Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss the continued employment of special counsel in the matter involving Mayor Castañeda.

→ At 8:15pm, Trustee Blackman moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 8:15pm, Trustee Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk