

**Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the A.D. Oliver Middle School Large Group Instruction Room 40 Allen Street Brockport, New York, June 26, 2012 at 7:00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, Building/Zoning/Codes Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Fire Chief Michael J. Henry, Attorney Robert S. Leni, Esq.

**EXCUSED:** Trustee Margaret B. Blackman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joan Hamlin, Harry Snyder, Mary Jo Nayman, SriRam Bakshi, Andrea Tillinghast, Harold Mundy, Dean Westcott, Eduardo Galan, Jarl & Doris Boyst, Sue Donk, Kristina Gabalski, John Cohen, Norm Giancurcio, Penny Gardner, Randy Dumas, Fred Webster, Pam Ketchum, Val Ciciotti, Bill Andrews

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE:** Mayor Castañeda called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Castañeda asked that all in attendance observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. If not, they may be asked to leave.

**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:**

- Fire Chief Mike Henry – presented a plaque to the Village Board

Presented to  
The Village Board of Brockport  
Village of Brockport DPW  
Village of Brockport Police Department  
Thank you for the 100+ years of support to  
The Brockport Fire Department

- John Cohen of Utica Street – read the following prepared statement:

Ladies and Gentleman of the board:

Before I begin in earnest, I understand the last meeting got a little fractious sometime after I departed. For the record, I appreciate everyone who I believe is on the opposite side from me but has still been neighborly and polite. I wanted to say thank you and I hope I return that politeness should it come up.

I'm sure all of you are aware of the term blogosphere; if you weren't already aware, Brockport has its own little corner of it. I am a regular reader and while the blogs can be a bit of an echo chamber at times, sometimes a comment catches my eye. One, for example, made a comparison between people who call for the mayor's resignation and the bullying that's been in the news lately.

I, of course, disagree with that writer, but perhaps they have a peripheral point - let's look at prevention rather than cure at the moment. The mayor has claimed that there are people out to get her. Her opponents claim she is incompetent or corrupt. You all know where I stand on that. But whichever side of that discussion you fall upon, there is a relatively simple solution, and that is increased communication and transparency. If there were more communication, the truth, whatever it is, would be more apparent to more people. While I am going to focus on the mayor for a few moments, I want people to keep in mind this applies to everyone; it's just I'm more conversant with the mayor's actions and the mayor, being the chief executive, gets to make more decisions about what to communicate.

I've been a chief executive. Granted, it was of a rather small library as opposed to merely a somewhat small municipality, but the theory that communication solves problems still applies. I did very little which did not get communicated to the board, only the most mundane of tasks weren't in my reports. At the very least, they got an extended email once a month talking about library going ons, with highlights mentioned at board meetings, at most, when things were bigger and more important, they got emails instantly, as the problem was going on or immediately after. (I'm good at multitasking like that).

Creating the budget in secret and presenting it as take it or leave it doesn't help. Input from everyone makes the final budget a better budget, and eliminates the need for others to plan their own action where they don't communicate back to make a change.

Not discussing the issues with the ethics board as you are under scrutiny for your own ethics leads to the accusations of more ethics violations. If there were true problems, the board could help them be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

I know it's hard. Most things worth doing are. I think it's important to our democracy that leaders do their best to lead. Indeed, most of my speeches have been made because I think democracy is worth doing right. One of the biggest tools in doing it right is communicating effectively, even if the message isn't something you want to say, or want to hear. Open and honest debate is one of the best ways to inform everyone of what is going on, what both sides have to say, and let them make their own conclusions. Two people can hear the same facts and come to different conclusions, and that's okay.

It's not that decisions, even split decisions are bad. It's that uninformed decisions are bad. Bad both spiritually, as in its the wrong way to do things, and wrong in that they are often not what is best for any situation.

So instead of making my usual request, I will make this one: let's work on communicating. With the board, with the mayor, and with the community.

- Donna LaFontaine of Keable Court – Clerk Morelli read the following prepared statement from Donna LaFontaine. The writer e-mailed it to Mayor Castañeda and copied the Trustees on 6/13.

Dear Mayor Castaneda:

I have been a resident of Brockport since 1992. I'm not aligned with a political group nor am I on the either side of the hot issue du jour regarding Brockport politics. Just a homeowner and thereby a taxpayer. I have raised two boys through college. One attended SUNY Brockport. I am aware that there are charges pending against you both personally and in your capacity as mayor, and you have now made notice of possible litigation against the Village. Of course you are innocent until proven guilty, and those issues all to be decided another day. However, today you are the elected mayor and I believe as such you deserve respect.

I attended my first Village board meeting last night. I showed up with the hope of learning information regarding the referendum which comes up for public vote on next week.

I am writing to express how upsetting it was to sit through that meeting. From the random outbursts, inappropriate clapping, and foul language coming from the audience (which looked to be all members of the same large family), to the police chief's indifference during their chaotic eruptions. Most troubling however, is the treatment of the mayor by the trustees - Mr. Blair and Ms. Hannan. Snarky remarks, defiance, outbursts, even goading of the audience. This is not the way professionals behave.

I would like to thank you for remaining professional throughout the meeting. Trustee Blackman acted in a professional manner as well, in my opinion.

While clearly people are upset, there is a right way and a wrong way to handle yourself in public and in your professional capacity. I am still in disbelief as to the actions of Pam Ketchum, who churns out a lot of material on Brockport. I will view her in a much different light and will be reading her "information" with a big, big grain of salt from here on out. Brockport deserves better than what happened last night and I hope you hang in there.

Perhaps the most poignant (and sad) moment came when the invited guest from the college stood up and thanked the board for allowing him to present, "on this joyous occasion." How ironic his mission and reason for being there was to extend a hand on behalf of the college in support of improved student-community relations.

Donna LaFontaine

- SriRam Bakshi of Seymour Library Board – shared that the Library Board conducted a thorough search and hired Andrea Tillinghast to fill the Library Director vacancy. He said she has a deep understanding of all aspects of a library and the library system. They were very impressed with her answer to a particular question posed to her as to serving more than 1 master (since the Seymour Library is a joint municipal library serving Brockport, Clarkson, Sweden. He introduced Andrea Tillinghast.

**GUESTS:**

- Andrea Tillinghast – Seymour Library – Introduction & Annual Report & request for use of Shafer Trust – A. Tillinghast said she is pleased to be able to attend each municipality's board meetings and

since the Seymour Library is a library funded by the municipalities of Brockport, Clarkson, Sweden, feels

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it is important to keep the Village and Town Boards apprised as to their successes and struggles, where the funding goes, and their programs and services. She presented a copy of the annual report and will make copies available at the meetings and at the municipal halls as well as the Library. She reviewed the mission of the library and highlights of the report and the statistics of 2011 as compared to 2010. She referred to sources of funding with the Village being the largest due to population. She said 2011 struggled with inconsistent leadership and there has now been an increase in communications. She said she reviewed the municipalities strategic plans (i.e. the Town/Village Joint Comprehensive Plan) and has taken some of the goals as to improving cultural resources into consideration. The library is offering a diverse set of opportunities from sign language to e-book reading clubs and the like. She said she has met with leadership of the Sweden Senior Center and the Sweden-Clarkson Community Center and is willing to partner to further the greater community as a better place to visit, work, live, shop, and play.

Trustee Blair questioned the funding of the municipalities listed on the report. Clerk Morelli said the Village pays the highest share as it is based on population. Trustee Blair asked that the figures be double checked.

Andrea Tillinghast referred to her letter of 6/20 seeking Village Board approval for use of funds from the Shafer Trust for proper care of the landscaping. A committee of Library Trustees sought 3 bids from landscape services and recommends the quote for \$7,950 from Salmon Creek Nursery. She said restoration of the landscape would make the maintenance more manageable and show pride in one of the jewels of the community: the public library. She said the needs are beyond the skill of volunteers and require a professional landscaper.

Treasurer Hendricks confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the Shafer Trust should it be approved.

Mayor Castañeda asked A. Tillinghast if she had approached the Sweden and Clarkson Town Boards as to the landscaping needs. A. Tillinghast said no, since they were looking to fund it through the Shafer Trust which is solely in the Village's purview.

Trustee Hunsinger said when he met with the Library Board as liaison; they discussed various needs and possible uses for the Shafer Trust funds. He said when he learned of the Shafer Trust fund his goal was that it be used in the best interest for the Library. It is not as tangible as books, equipment or programming, but the Library Board deems landscaping work a necessity. They did the right thing by obtaining 3 quotes. However, there may be more creative ways to cover this. A. Tillinghast said one of the quotes was for \$34,000. She said the current condition of the grounds makes it look as though the municipalities do not take care of their public library.

Board suggested A. Tillinghast reach out to the Mayor & Supervisors, the municipal liaisons, and the DPW Superintendent and Highway Superintendents to work together on a plan to deal with the landscaping.

Village Attorney Leni concurred that the 3 municipalities working together via their public works departments would be appropriate.

Trustee Hannan said there is a local community service program as well in which some labor could be drawn from. A. Tillinghast said she would be happy to reach out to those suggested, but stressed again that it is beyond volunteer help and needs professional attention.

- Eduardo Galan – peddling & soliciting application – taco & enchilada stand at 11 N. Main St 6/30  
– 12/31 – E. Galan presented his application to use his currently vacant and overgrown property at 11 N. Main Street (which once had a building on it for a pizza parlor) for a concession trailer to sell tacos and enchiladas. He would like approval for 6 months and if it is successful, may consider building a building for such and add to the tax base.

Village Attorney Leni shared for the record that E. Galan is a former client of his firm. There is not a conflict of interest.

Mayor Castañeda asked the size of the trailer. E. Galan said approximately 5' x 10' and approved by the Health Department. He said he has one in Medina. He said he has neglected the property this year and let the weeds grow. He would clean up the property so that it blends with the adjoining NYS Canal property.

Trustee Hunsinger shared that there have been other applications for concession stands under the Peddling and Soliciting chapter of the Village Code that the Village Board has turned down. Concerns have included things such as littering, loitering, security, hours of operation.

Mayor Castañeda said most of those were to utilize Village property, not private property.

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Trustee Blair said one recently was on Clinton Street on Rocco's property and was denied.

E. Galan said he is well-known in the community and would operate a decent business and keep the property nice. He urged the Board not to be anti-business. He reminded them that it is his property, not the Village's. He is trying to bring business in. If there are problems, they will be addressed.

Trustee Hunsinger said he would want to see a business plan and layout – something more than his word.

E. Galan said he is a C.P.A. and can produce a 20-page business plan if that's really what is necessary.

He stated that if the Board denies the permit, he would want the reasons in writing. He chastised Trustees Hunsinger and Blair and said it seems they are laughing at him.

Mayor Castañeda said she just learned of a new small business (Stephen's Loft) closing. It is difficult for small businesses to succeed.

Trustee Hannan said her only issue is the proposed hours of operation being so late at night.

Trustee Blair asked Village Attorney Leni if there is an issue with the Board granting such permit when it denied a similar permit just a couple of months ago (re late night hours of operation, etc.) Bar goes should funnel their way home at 2am closing – not necessarily hang out at concession stands until 3am.

Village Attorney Leni said the Board should consider the same issues and what affect it will have and how to mitigate any issues. The Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and DPW Superintendent should weigh in.

Trustee Blair asked if there would be tables and chairs set up on the property.

E. Galan said yes – a few for people to relax while they eat. He said it would not be 2<sup>nd</sup> class and will be kept up. There will be no debris – otherwise close it down. He would be willing to have a 30-day probation period. He would be willing to close at 2am instead of 3am.

Mayor Castañeda said bar patrons often like to stop for something to eat after closing. Trustee Blair said there are restaurant opportunities that wouldn't keep people on the streets.

E. Galan said not everyone wants pizza or burgers. This is an alternative and is not an unreasonable request. He is not looking for the business to create any disturbance.

Trustee Hunsinger asked E. Galan if he had spoken to CEO Zarnstorff. E. Galan said yes – he referred the application under peddling and soliciting.

S. Zarnstorff said if there were to be changes to the site (i.e. parking lot, major site improvements) he would be referred to the Planning Board.

E. Galan said he already has an entrance and parking lot from when the pizza building was there. He just needs to clear it.

Chief Varrenti asked if there was information on this request in the packet. Clerk Morelli said yes – right on the agenda and included in the packet put out several days ago.

Trustee Blair said he just wants to be sure the Board is fair with similar applications.

Village Attorney Leni concurred and said he would advise the Board not to expose the Village to liability.

Trustee Hunsinger said while the Board certainly wants small businesses to prosper and it understands where the applicant is coming from, he hopes E. Galan understands that the Board needs to look at the big picture and consider safety and quality of life issues.

E. Galan said he already owns a restaurant elsewhere.

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 to table the application until receipt of more information.

To include:

- a simple written business plan
- a simple map of the property with concession stand, drive, parking, any outdoor tables and chairs drawn on it
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- a rendering and photo of the concession stand
- Health Department certificate for the concession stand
- Anything else he believes would be of benefit to provide to answer any questions and concerns

Mayor Castañeda said depending on when the information is received, he could return to the 7/10 or 7/24 meeting for further consideration.

- Randy Dumas – Brockport Kiwanis – street closure request – part of Smith Street – Soap Box Derby weekend of 8/25 – R. Dumas appeared in place of applicant Ray Bardol. They did not hold the soap box derby last year. The two years prior it was held in alternate locations in the Village. They would like to return to the Smith Street location. The hill off the bridge is the fastest in the area for derby racing. He said the road was resurfaced for the race 4 years ago and is currently too rough for derby cars. They have marked potholes needing attention.

DPW Superintendent Donahue said it is already on the list as they are in the process of getting an estimate for milling and paving. He can be sure it gets done by the time of the race.

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 to approve the street closure request application to hold the Brockport Kiwanis Soap Box Derby Regional Races on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – authorizing the following street closure: 6pm Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through 6pm Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Smith Street from Clark Street south to and including the Smith Street Bridge and necessary portion of Clinton Street to block traffic from bridge access.

Clerk Morelli said she will send out a letter to the property owners on that section of the street.

**CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Bienvenida – Mayor Castañeda read and presented the following proclamation to Penny Gardner. P. Gardner thanked the Board and said it has been a privilege to work with the area farm community the past 5 years. She said there are fewer farm workers this year due to the spring climactic conditions.

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 1,000 migrant farm workers who come to the Hamlin, Clarkson, Sweden and Brockport area constitute the backbone of our area’s agriculture workforce; and

WHEREAS, the farm workers are members of our community for approximately six months of each year, during which time they plant and harvest our crops; and

WHEREAS, as residents of the Hamlin, Clarkson, Sweden and Brockport community, migrant farm workers make a substantial contribution to our local business economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, Maria Connie Castañeda, Mayor of the Village of Brockport along with Trustees Blackman, Blair, Hannan, and Hunsinger do hereby proclaim the week of July 1<sup>st</sup> as a week of recognition of the presence and contributions of our local farms and farm works, and proclaims this as a Week of Welcome to the migrant farm workers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we do hereby set our hand, and cause the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year 2012.

- 25 years of service – DPW’s David Moore & John Streb – Mayor Castañeda shared that an invitation was extended to Dave Moore and John Streb via DPW Superintendent Donahue, but they were unable to attend. Their Village and NYCOM certificates of appreciation for 25 years of service will be forwarded to them.

Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented to

David N. Moore  
in recognition of 25 years of service  
to the Village of Brockport  
since 2/16/87.  
With gratitude and congratulations.  
Presented this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012

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Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented to  
John A. Streb  
in recognition of 25 years of service  
to the Village of Brockport  
since 5/21/87.  
With gratitude and congratulations.  
Presented this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012

- Service as Fire Chief – Michael J. Henry

Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented to  
Michael J. Henry  
In recognition for  
Volunteer service to the  
Village of Brockport  
As Fire Chief for the  
Brockport Fire Department  
For the years 2011 & 2012.  
With gratitude from your community.  
Presented this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, Trustee Blair and Mayor Castañeda abstained due to absence that the minutes of the 5/30/12 special meeting be approved as written.

With Trustee Blackman being excused this evening, and this being Trustee Hunsinger's last meeting, there will not be a time when the three Board members who attended the 5/30/12 special meeting can approve them. Village Attorney Leni said as long as the Board members have reviewed those minutes, they can vote on them.

Carried 4/0 that the minutes of the 5/30/12 special meeting be approved as written.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, Trustee Hunsinger abstained due to absence, carried 3/0/1 that the minutes of the 6/12/12 regular meeting be approved as amended.

Trustee Hannan said the amendment to the minutes relates to Mayor Castañeda essentially calling some Trustees liars. Mayor Castañeda referred to the comment "the truth will set you free" by a Trustee. She reminded the Board that during negotiations regarding the Fire Department the first MOU proposed would have let the Village keep the \$640,000 in reserves. The Board approved it. Then the Trustees rescinded that approval and lost their chance at keeping the reserves. Village Attorney Leni concurred that the terms were never approved of the earlier agreement. Mayor Castañeda said three Trustees wrote a letter in Suburban News that said the Village would be giving everything up for one dollar. That was not the case. Mayor Castañeda said she would call that lying.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Mayor Castañeda seconded, Trustee Hunsinger abstained due to absence, carried 3/0/1 that the minutes of the 6/14/12 special meeting be approved as written.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

Abstract Date                      Amount

FUND (A): <u>General</u>	6/26/12	\$807,245.53
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	6/26/12	\$47,478.97
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>(Trust &amp; Agency)</u>	-	-
		\$854,724.50 grand total

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**CLERK REPORT:**

- o Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli
  - o Village Elections results – Per Monroe County Board of Elections:

The County Board of Canvassers having canvassed the whole number of votes cast at the Village of Brockport election held in this state on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, do hereby certify that the following votes were received:

BROCKPORT VILLAGE TRUSTEE		
Revitalize Brockport	Margay Blackman	571 Votes
Revitalize Brockport	Bill Andrews	575 Votes
Write-In	Margaret Weber	253 Votes
Write-In	Kristina Telles	231 Votes
Scattering		50 Votes
Blank and Void		412 Votes
Whole number of votes		1,046 Votes

Bill Andrews and Margay Blackman, by the greater number of votes, are hereby elected to the office of Brockport Village Trustee in and for the Village of Brockport.

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Local Law be approved entitled a Local law Modifying Chapter 59 of the Code of the Village of Brockport titled "Code Enforcement", the purpose and effect thereof being that the Code Enforcement Officer and the Code Enforcement Inspector would be removed from the supervision of the Mayor and instead directly report to and be supervised by the Chief of Police?

Yes	481 Votes
No	560 Votes
Blank and Void	5 Votes
Whole number of votes	1,046 Votes

Peter M. Quinn and Thomas F. Ferrarese, Monroe County Board of Canvassers

- **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (Treasurer & Department Heads are in attendance the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

- o Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks
  - Report – Treasurer Hendricks said the Village ended the fiscal year in good financial condition. He is in the process of closing out May. The new year has been set up.

Trustee Blair asked when the Board could expect the monthly report. Treasurer Hendricks said they have and will continue to receive them each month, but May is different since it means closing out the fiscal year.

- o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – Codes Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff
  - Vacant or Abandoned Properties – Codes Officer Zarnstorff said he provided the Board with a list of the properties considered vacant or abandoned. It keeps being added to. He wants to keep the topic on the minds of the Board. He said it has been discussed in Trustee Hannan’s Ad-Hoc Housing Committee meetings. The Village Board really needs to tackle this issue and generate resources. Mayor Castañeda said she would schedule discussion on the topic at either the August or September Village Board work session in hopes that CEO Zarnstorff and Village Attorney Leni could attend.

- o Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
  - Concession Cart Applications – Chief Varrenti said he would patronize the concession cart proposed by E. Galan earlier in the meeting. However, he urged the Board to be consistent on how they rule on concession cart applications. His concerns would be similar to the past application that was denied (Rocco’s) – late hours of operation, loitering and the like.

- Response to Public Comment statement of D. LaFontaine – Chief Varrenti referred to the statement read earlier in Public Comment as to his “indifference” regarding the 6/12 meeting. He said after 11 years here he has seen and heard it all and maybe he has become somewhat indifferent.

- Trustee Hunsinger – Chief Varrenti said he wished to thank Trustee Hunsinger as this is his last meeting. Over the last 4 years they developed a professional relationship but also a friendship that he anticipates will last for many years to come. As one of his 2 Board liaisons, he appreciated that he regularly came to see him at the Police Department, learned firsthand what the Department does, did police ride alongs, not just from his own vehicle, and communicated regularly.

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- Statement - Chief Varrenti read the following prepared statement:

My report tonight will consist of setting the record straight.

First I'd like to address my waiver situation. My waiver is allowed by law and I'm one of two chiefs in Monroe County that works for a municipality that applies for a waiver on a regular basis. The Town of Ogden does so without issue and is pleased to apply for a waiver since the waiver saves the municipality money that they would otherwise have to pay into the NYS retirement system.

Unfortunately this isn't the case in Brockport. In Brockport the waiver process has been used to threaten me and attempt to financially hurt me and my family. While doing so past and present mayors spew lies about the process and the legality of the waiver. Why? Because it's all personal and certainly not professional. When Mayor Wexler was in office and after he, and then trustees Castaneda and Nayman revoked my contract he refused to sign my waiver unless I conceded to his employment demands. I refused to do so and unfortunately for Brockport his attempted coercion lead me to file a law suit against the village. Thanks to former trustees Wagenhauser, Maziarz and Heyen the litigation was adverted and an amicable resolution was agreed upon saving both me and the village a considerable amount of money.

For the 7 years Mayor Castaneda has been on the board, 4 as a trustee and 3 as a mayor, she has always voted no for my waiver with the exception of last year. Additionally she has only signed my waiver because of mandated board resolutions and in fact on one occasion after signing my waiver attempted to retract the waiver. Two years ago after signing the waiver Mayor Castaneda penned a letter to the NYS Civil Service Commission. In the letter she stated that former village attorney, Mike Leone, had advised her, after she signed the waiver that she shouldn't have signed it and thus wanted to withdraw her signature. Prior to sending the letter the Mayor reviewed what she wrote with Mr. Leone. Mr. Leone after reading the letter informed her that the contents of the letter, as it pertained to what he said was not even close to accurate and the letter was ultimately never sent to Civil Service.

Last year, the mayor for the first time since she's been in office voted yes for my waiver. I subsequently learned she was advised to do so by former treasurer Mary Beth Lovejoy. Ms. Lovejoy pointed out to the mayor that it would not look good to vote no for my waiver after having employed a part time employee in the Village who was also collecting unemployment at the same time.

At the June 12, 2012 Village Board meeting, and during discussion of my waiver, the Mayor said that I was hired off the Ontario County Civil Service list. In my opinion she did so in an attempt to justify a canvass of police chief lists outside of Monroe County. Either the mayor was provided with bad information, or she doesn't understand to this day how I was hired or she lied. Regardless, the mayor is wrong. The fact is although I was on the Ontario County Civil Service list at the time I was laterally transferred to Brockport as a lieutenant and then Non Competitively Promoted to Chief of Police for Brockport. For those that like to FOIL documents I invite you to FOIL the document dated January 7, 2002 from Civil Service. Then I invite you to report back as to what it says relative to my hiring. Better yet just come in and see me and I'll provide you with a copy just make sure you report the truth after reviewing it.

The fact is that a past and present mayor of this village have and continue to refute the waiver process under the guise of perjury, legality, etc. to either obtain what they want from me or to prevent me from obtaining what is legally afforded to me by law and in turn threaten to cost the village thousands of dollars.

You ask yourself is this right? Is this how to effectively manage people and a village. Is it ethical or last but certainly not least is this what's best for the village? The answer to all these questions is No. Why is this the case because it's all personal not professional. It's all about like and dislike rather than what is right, ethical or legal.

As for Code Enforcement:

Well over a year ago I was approached by Trustees Hunsinger and Blair and asked if I thought moving code enforcement to the police department would increase communication and ultimately have a favorable effect on code enforcement in the village. I believed it would do both. By Board resolution Scott and his assistant have been at the police department for about one year now. This move which has already been done for some time now dealt with the enforcement aspect of Code Enforcement. See shortly after Code Enforcement was relocated to the department, and in concert with the Board's wishes, the police department began to take a more proactive roll in the quality of life code enforcement issues that continue to exist in the village today. As has been previously reported we divided the village into quadrants and assigned an officer to each quadrant. Since doing so we have been able to address the aforementioned issues and also assist the code enforcement officer with complex issues such that existed and still exist with the Kleen Brite Properties, the collapse of the church wall and the both code **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD June 26, 2012 continued.....page 9**

enforcement and criminal charges that were brought against the current mayor. Additionally we have been able to reduce the need for legal advice and thus reduce legal cost to the village.

To improve the **management** of code enforcement the board thought it best to have the Code Enforcement fall under the supervision of me, as the Chief of Police. While I didn't ask for this added responsibility I didn't refuse it either. As we all know this proposal was the subject of the recent referendum. What many village residents didn't know was that this referendum was about management, the writing of policies and procedures, and the administration of unilateral code enforcement laws and NOT about how the police department was going to enforce the code, police states, fines, etc. as stated by Mayor Castaneda and others who purposely and willfully mislead the citizens of Brockport.

Knowing how everything in Brockport either is or becomes contentious including my waiver, the cost of the police department, the simple hanging of Christmas lights to help make the village festive during the holiday season, watering of flowers, or the placing of cross walk signs on Main St. I thought it best to not become involved in either promoting or defending the code enforcement referendum. In hind site this was a mistake. Not because of the outcome of the referendum but because of the lies and slanderous statements that were made by the mayor, Mr. King, and others that went unchecked. Well tonight everyone is going to hear the other side of the story.

As for the mayor's June 2012 letter entitled "A message from the Mayor":

In the first paragraph the mayor stated this was a transfer of "power". This was only about power in the mayor's mind. In my mind it was all about management, policies, procedures and unilateral code enforcement.

In paragraph two the mayor stated "in plain talk, ALL village property owners will pay more fines and fees. That's a lie. Only those who have and continue to be in violation of code enforcement laws will pay fines. I personally feel the only people who may have a problem with that are people who don't abide by the laws.

In paragraph three the Mayor stated "The Chief of Police and four village trustees are proposing to turn our police department into an army of tax collectors". She may call it tax but the truth is violators of law pay fines. Fines that are imposed by a Judge not the police.

Paragraph four she stated: "Recently, the chief of police suggested other strategies to extract more revenue from residents" Yes I have suggested some new and innovative policies that could assist the village with offsetting the rising costs of healthcare, and pension funds. The only thing the mayor ever has and continues to recommend is the elimination of the police department. I wonder if this is truly for cost saving measures or so the laws of the village won't be readily enforced as readily enforced as they are now. She goes on to say some of my recommendations have been: prohibiting smoking in the public village parks (more fines) Absolutely no truth to this statement. I've never even spoken of smoking in a public village park. Increasing fees for the Building Department...Not true. I've suggested either increasing the fines for code enforcement violations or ensuring that fines are levied against violations but I never spoke about increasing fees for the Building Department. She also said I suggested increasing fines for parking tickets. Yes I did and I stand behind it. My question is what's wrong with that? These despite what the Mayor says these aren't taxes they are fines. Fines that are only paid by those that violate the law. She also said I've suggested that the village take over of abandoned properties. Yes it's something I suggested looking into...so what...what's the alternative? Let them rot and become locations for non-prosecutable offenses of burglary, criminal mischief, trespass and other crimes to occur. The final statement made by the Mayor is the most troubling. She stated that I wanted to arrest visitors/boaters who drink or have open containers of beer at Harvester Park in violation of village law. This couldn't be further from the truth. My officers have reported that

boaters are consuming alcohol in Harvester Park and wanted to know how to proceed with this issue. The Lieutenant in an email that is attached addressed issues that were presented to him by another command officer. During the exchange of emails you will clearly see how we don't want a police state and never will have a police state however when left with no alternative we will enforce the code fairly and consistently regardless of who you are or what you're your affiliation to Brockport is. To verify this on May 29, 2012 in an email to the Mayor and the Board that is also attached I requested that additional signage at Harvester Park be erected stating that open containers or the consumption of alcohol is illegal so we DIDN'T have to affect arrests. See I don't believe it's OK to drink in Harvester Park in violation of the law just because they are boaters and not OK for residents or of age college students to drink in Corbett Park. It's called equal, fair, consistent and unilateral code enforcement. To date nothing, that I know of has been done to prevent arrests that the Mayor so passionately claims to not want while at the same time acknowledging that it's against the Village Code.

The mayor then goes on to presumably quote various people in one form or another. I say presumably because after all the false statements that I have read and identified I have no reason to believe the quotes may be truthful, accurate or properly put into context. On page two of the mayor's letter she **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD June 26, 2012 continued.....page 10**

goes on to say that the four trustees, me and Pro-Brockport's only agenda is to keep the police department no matter what the cost. Mayor while you continue to be obsessed with the police department or I should say the elimination of it, this wasn't a referendum on the police department but on the administration of the code enforcement department.

Now as for Rhett King I'm going to address two statements he made. First in a Suburban newspaper publication he quoted me as saying I'm an expert in the area of eavesdropping and I know more about the laws of eavesdropping than any attorney who ever did or will serve as the village attorney. I believe I said something exactly like that some 9 years ago at a Village Board meeting. I stand by it today even more so now after being here almost 11 years and here's the reason why:

Shortly after I came to Brockport I was casually approached by a public official. The public official told me I had to be careful about what I said about certain "political" people on the phone because people are listening. I asked him what he meant. He said that I should know all our telephones at the police department are tape recorded and that certain dispatchers were replaying my telephone calls in an attempt to learn what type of person I was. In other words they were illegally eavesdropping on my telephone calls with the public official's knowledge.

During this time in my life my mother was dying of cancer and I was discussing very private and personal issues with doctors, my mother and my sister. Additionally, as you can image, I was also discussing various law enforcement issues relative to my new position as Chief of Police. I took the statement from the public official very seriously and then asked him if he was aware of Article 700 of the New York State Penal Law. When I got the "deer in the headlights" look I realized he had no idea what Article 700 of the NYSPL dealt with. This Article of law dictates when, by whom, and in what manner eavesdropping can occur and the potential punishments that can be imposed if the section is NOT explicitly adhered to.

As many of you may know the majority of my career was spent investigating major cases and more so major narcotic cases. I've written hundreds of search warrants and over 50 State and Federal eavesdropping warrants. For years I supervised narcotic task forces that traveled internationally and was comprised of local and state police agencies along with DEA, FBI and IRS agents. I've been flown by DEA private jets to NYC to critique their eavesdropping operations and I've taught major case investigations that includes how to author and administer eavesdropping warrants to hundreds of seasoned investigators throughout the Country. I've been granted the title of an Expert Witness in this area in both State and Federal Courts, including the State of Florida. As such, I did then and more so now, believe in what I said. What is so wrong with that statement especially when said at a VB meeting following what the Board knew was done to me and condoned by the public official.

The two individuals who were illegally eavesdropping on my telephone calls immediately resigned when confronted with what I had been told in lieu of federal and state criminal charges being levied against them. I immediately began the transition to 911 as a huge cost saving measure to the village and since obviously the village dispatching office lacked, amongst other things, policies, procedures, ethics and professionalism.

The second and final issue I'm going to address relative to Mr. King is the statement he made in a document entitled "voices from the community" In this publication Mr. King stated "How many times would you allow the police to invade your home, look through all your personal belongings because of a property code violation before you sued to preserve your constitutional rights?"

The answer to Mr. King's question is: you may be subjected to such a criminal search warrant if as a

**public official** you fail to perform your duties as prescribed by law and you profit by not performing those duties. I assure you Mr. King if this were ever the case with you or anyone else in the community the same practice that was followed in your example will be followed again. A thorough investigation will be conducted by the Brockport Police Department, the case will be reviewed by the District Attorney and then if recommended or believed necessary a search warrant issued by Order of a Monroe County Court Judge.

In conclusion I truly feel sorry for many of the people of Brockport. They have and continue to be duped with lies, inaccuracies, scare tactics, terms like police state, statements taken out of context, and a number of other less than honest ploys to achieve various objectives. There remain people in this community that have done things wrong and illegally for so long they actually feel they have an entitlement to continue as they always have. Let me assure you this hasn't been and will not be the case as long as I'm honored to hold this position and serve this community.

This referendum, and all the propoganda that was associated with it, was never about the enforcement aspect of the code...which will continue to be administered in a fair and equitable manner, but more so the policy and procedural aspect of Code Enforcement or in this specific Village the lack thereof. This concludes my report for tonight.

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- o Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
  - Bid Results – 2012 medium duty 6 wheel cab & chassis truck, dump box, snow plowing equipment & stainless steel salt box -

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 to accept DPW Superintendent Donahue's recommendation and accept the sole bid of \$107,500 of Regional International for purchase of one (1) 2012 medium duty 6 wheel cab and chassis truck, dump box, snow plowing equipment and stainless steel salt box.

- Trustee Hunsinger – DPW Superintendent Donahue thanked Trustee Hunsinger for his service as Trustee and as one of his two Board liaisons. He said he hopes his future liaison(s) will be as active and communicative.

- o Fire / Ambulance – Chief Michael J. Henry
  - Chief Henry provided the following report:

Calls YTD: 411+

Calls or events of significance since the last Meeting:

1. Quiet, nothing to report

Notes:

- Progressing with the district
- Inventory sent to Rob Leni

Chief Henry said this is his last meeting as a Department Head as the Fire District is set to start 7/1. He said it has been a privilege to serve in good times and bad. He believes positive changes have been made. He thanked staff at Village Hall, Code Enforcement, Police Department and DPW. The Fire District is only a management change – not a functional change. The same great service can be expected.

Trustee Blair said it has been an honor to serve as a Board liaison to the Fire Department and to work with Fire Chief Henry who has been a blessing to the Brockport Fire Department. He said he has always been professional. He wished he and the District good luck.

Mayor Castañeda said Department Heads were excused with the exception of Fire Chief Henry who is asked to stay through New Business.

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- o Assistant Building Inspector (part time) Civil Service competitive – pursue non-competitive? – Clerk Morelli said the filling of the vacancy was approved for the current year budget but tabled until the proposition. She asked the Board if they wished to keep the position as competitive and proceed with requesting and hiring off a Civil Service list or if they wish to have her pursue changing the position to non-competitive.

Mayor Castañeda said keeping it competitive would assure that the candidates already meet certain

requirements.

Trustee Blair said that is true, but there may not be a list to draw from and a search committee could weed out unqualified applicants if it were changed to non-competitive.

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize Clerk Morelli to begin the process with Civil Service to pursue the Village's Assistant Building Inspector title as non-competitive.

Clerk Morelli said she would begin the process as soon as she has an opportunity. The submittal and review process will take some time.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Banners – correspondence re Bienvenida banners – Mayor Castañeda said DPW

Superintendent Donahue responded to the Board with the questions posed to him regarding banners.

Trustee Blair expressed concern that the estimate provided for the hanging of the Bienvenida banners is extremely low and labor only as compared with the estimate provided last year for the hanging of the Hometown Heroes banners that included equipment and use of the highest paid workers. He said it is an insult to the Hometown Heroes program.

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Trustee Hunsinger said there are many banners changed out over the course of each year including SUNY welcome, SUNY Homecoming, Soccer Tourney, Arts Festival, Farmers Market, etc. It falls to DPW Superintendent Donahue to be fiscally responsible in getting the banners put up and taken down utilizing the appropriate labor.

Mayor Castañeda said when the Village was at its worst fiscal distress, non-essentials were eliminated. It was for the Village Board to decide.

Trustee Blair said the Bienvenida banners have been put up.

Trustee Hunsinger said banners should be a non-political issue. It is up to DPW Superintendent Donahue to get the job done and charge it to the street maintenance line. Banners are part of the whole picture in making sure Main Street and the Historic Downtown Commercial District look good. It is important to the businesses and to the community.

Trustee Blair said the Board is continuously reminded that there is no money in the celebrations line.

Clerk Morelli reminded the Board that for insurance liability reasons, it is inadvisable to have community volunteers up on ladders or bucket trucks putting up or taking down banners or putting up or taking down flower baskets. This really should be the responsibility of DPW. Flower basket watering is a different story as with proper equipment it can be done by standing on the ground.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 to require the DPW Superintendent to include the Hometown Heroes banners on the schedule of banners to be put up and taken down.

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, Mayor Castnaeda opposed, carried 3/1 to require the task of hanging or taking down banners and hanging or taking down flower baskets (anything that requires the use of a ladder or bucket truck and the like) be performed by DPW. It is up to DPW Superintendent to properly manage the appropriate budget lines, wisely utilize appropriate personnel and equipment and work with the various community groups to develop a manageable schedule that satisfies all parties.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fire District: transfer of assets, fire protection through end of year, use of Village's fuel facility, use of Village's local government radio frequency, antique equipment, etc.

Village Attorney Leni referred to the packet and said page one of the deed was amended to indicate "parcel 1" on restriction for parking. The agreement bridges the gap to get fire protection from July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The special legislation passed the senate and assembly and is being signed by the Governor.

Clerk Morelli read the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Brockport, together with the Towns of Clarkson and Sweden, have duly determined to form a joint fire district to be known as the Brockport Fire District, following a special election for that purpose held on November 29, 2011, pursuant to the underlying "Proposal to Establish the Brockport Fire District", dated July 28, 2011 as amended August 9, 2011, upon which a public hearing was held on September 6, 2011, and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village of Brockport to provide fire protection to its residents through December 31, 2012, pursuant to the above-referenced Proposal, and in conjunction with the formation of said joint fire district, the newly created Brockport Fire District will thus provide fire protection services to the Village of Brockport for the period of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, with the Brockport Fire District thereafter assuming all responsibility for fire protection within the Village of Brockport as of January 1, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Brockport to enter into the proposed fire protection agreement with the Brockport Fire District, dated as of June 26, 2012, pursuant to which fire protection services shall be provided to the Village of Brockport by the Brockport Fire District for the period of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, and
2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

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MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Trustee Blair

Seconded by Mayor Castañeda

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT**

Mayor Maria Connie Castaneda	Voting yes
Trustee Margaret B. Blackman	absent
Trustee Kent R. Blair	Voting yes
Trustee Carol L. Hannan	Voting yes
Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger	Voting yes

Dated: June 26, 2012 Adopted

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- o Mayor M. Connie Castañeda
  - Association of Villages – Mayor Castañeda thanked Village Attorney Leni and Treasurer Hendricks for attending the 6/21 Monroe County Association of Villages dinner meeting in which a presentation on the Seneca Falls dissolution experience was made. She was disappointed the Trustees did not attend.
  - Summer Serenades – Mayor Castañeda thanked GBDC for organizing and many, including Village Board members, for helping to sponsor the July and August Summer Serenades concerts. She encouraged attendance.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Mayor Castañeda encouraged attendance at the Western Monroe Historical Society's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the Morgan Manning House.
- o Trustee Margaret B. Blackman (excused)
  - Report – Trustee Hannan read the following in Trustee Blackman's absence:

I am out of town attending two milestone events, my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Indianapolis and my Mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in California.

I extend my congratulations on his election victory and a welcome to the Village Board to Bill Andrews.

I extend my best wishes to Scott Hunsinger as he exits the Village Board after 4 challenging years. Among other things, he can take pride initiating the discussion and study of the village court issue, which has progressed to the point of a forthcoming final report. And in the transfer of the office of code

enforcement last year to the police department, where its operations and efficiency have markedly improved. We know that, on or off the board, he will continue to be involved in making Brockport a better community.

Finally, a comment about the referendum. Though the referendum that I and my fellow trustees supported failed, the office of code enforcement, its administration, and its daily operations will continue to benefit from being housed in the police department.

- Trustee Kent R. Blair
  - Movie in the Park – Trustee Blair updated the Board on a possible community event he was looking into – a movie in the park. He is not recommending approval at this point as the estimated cost includes a \$300 license fee and \$1,200 to \$3,000 screen fee depending on size.
  - Videotaping and airing of Village Board Meetings - Trustee Blair shared that he has been in contact with Scenic View and Synnova Solutions to receive quotes on setting up a Webcam streaming video feed for our meetings. Also working to archive the meetings on our website. This would remove the complaints we have recently received about selective audio and distorted video problems.
  - Referendum - Trustee Blair read the following prepared statement.

Even though the referendum failed I feel good about the process. Why? Because we do not run a smear campaign or mislead the community. We were did not use scare tactics and threats as the opponents did. In fact, I believe there should be something said about the misleading remarks that were said on behalf of the referendum.

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Code enforcement will become a criminal, rather than civil matter. **Explain to us how, because the person writing the ticket has a different badge and wears a gun?** Mayor claimed that the chief has pushed to create a village court – **the fact is that is a board decision** “Turn the police department into an army of tax collectors” – **finer aren’t taxes last I checked** The chief of police suggests other strategies to extract more revenue from residents. Prohibiting smoking in public villages – again last I knew the board creates laws – **this was a discussion with Trustee Hunsinger during a work shop, not the chief** Increase fines for parking tickets – **again, this is the board’s decision** Village to take over abandoned properties – **this was a suggestion to a problem we are dealing with now, again, the board’s decision** Arresting visitors/boaters at harvester park for drinking – **the chief stated there was a concern because “Legally” the laws are written specific about open containers – Still needs to be addressed** The mayor refers to Bob Confer – Bob Confer writes a blog site and opinion column in Niagara and Orleans County. **Funny how the mayor refers to the local blog sites in a negative way when they don’t benefit her yet she refers to this one because he wrote something she agrees with.** The Mayor quotes John Galligan from NYCOM – Stated he was not aware of any village in the state where one department head supervises another. **Question asked and received. The code enforcement officer would not have been a department head any longer. However his comments needed to be prior to January 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 because Mr. Galligan passed away.** The mayor suggests that the police department would have used this tool to go against anyone that who questions the cost of the police department. **Question, the police enforce the same laws/codes now as then have for years. If this statement were true, this vote didn’t need to happen. Scare tactics**

“The Land of the Free and not the Land of the Fee” – **I agree, just like frivolous law suits.**

Mayor Castañeda asked why the need to move Code Enforcement over to the Police Department when the Police can and should have been enforcing the Village Code all along?

- Trustee Carol L. Hannan
  - Merchants Association – Trustee Hannan shared that the Merchants Sidewalk Sale is coming up in July. They are also considering a 2<sup>nd</sup> Wine Walk event – possibly sometime in August.
  - Code Review Committee - Trustee Hannan shared that the CRC has completed work on the trees chapter and would like the Village Board to review it and schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendments. She said some recent correspondence came in from NYSDOT regarding signage in state right of ways. Once that is reviewed, the sign chapter will be ready for Village Board

review and scheduling of a public hearing on the proposed amendments.

- Ad Hoc Housing Committee - Trustee Hannan shared that they are waiting on the Habitat for Humanity mortgage lender regarding a vacant house in the Village. The Committee is looking to plan a day of caring opportunity for homeowners needing maintenance assistance.
- Joint Comprehensive Plan Update Committee - Trustee Hannan shared that the committee comprised of Sweden and Brockport representatives has finalized review of the plan. The next step is to put the proposed updates in draft form and hold hearings this fall or winter.
- Trustee Hunsinger - Trustee Hannan thanked Trustee Hunsinger for his service on the Village Board. He has persevered through a long and difficult four years. There is no doubt of his love for the Village.

Trustee Hannan welcomed Bill Andrews as Trustee.

B. Andrews was in the audience and said he assured Trustee Hunsinger well in advance that he would not run if he had planned to seek re-election.

o Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger

- Parks signage – consider adding smoking restriction – Trustee Hunsinger reminded the Board of his research and recommendation to ban smoking on any/all public grounds (i.e. parks/playgrounds) and the need for parks signage to indicate such. He said he will not be able to see that project to fruition, but Trustee Blair has offered to pick up the torch and run with it. He believes the quality of life for all park goers will be improved if smoking is prohibited.

- Statement - Trustee Hunsinger read the following prepared statement:

If you would have asked me 4 years ago how my term would go I probably would have said there would be a lot of good work to do. The good in my mind was revenue based and looking outside the box to make things better.

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Good work was helping to preserve and save the Village from those who wish it harm and ill will.

Looking back on the financial landscape that was these last years I see great strides made by this board to right the ship, keep the ship sailing along. We have done that.

I wanted to make people happy. It is my nature. I thought I accomplished that although I have found that even the supporters and some I called friends could never be satisfied. Their opinions and ideals were not mine and I would not be manipulated.

Dissolution and the Fire Department, Police Department, DPW have all had challenges along the road.

I wish Trustees Andrews, Blackman, Blair, and Hannan the best of luck.

There are many I wish to thank.

Thanks to my family and friends.

Thanks to Hal Legg. He and I came into office with great enthusiasm and care for the community.

Thanks to Pete and Carrie Maziarz for their support and guidance.

Thanks to Bill and Hanny Heyen for their morals and understanding.

Thanks to Kevin McCarthy and Val Ciciotti.

Thanks to Jo Matela.

Thanks to David Markham.

Thanks to Tom Mangan for your opinions and help.

Thanks to Kent Blair for our lunches, pre-gaming, and support. We may not have always agreed, but I will always consider you a trusted friend.

Thank you to Leslie, Debbie, Bambie, Pam, Linda for all you do.

Thank you to Harry and Dave and the DPW for all you do.

Thank you to Scott for all you do and Larry for all you did.

Thank you to Fire Chief Henry and the Brockport Fire Department for all they do for the community and good luck on a new beginning with the Fire District.

Thanks to all past and present members of the Brockport Police Department. Your service keeps us safe and makes Brockport a great place to live.

Thank you to Police Chief Varrenti – for your professionalism, guidance, support, friendship, integrity

and dedication.

While my term as Trustee ends 6/30, this is not goodbye, but more of "See you soon".

Mayor Castañeda thanked Trustee Hunsinger for his service to the community as Trustee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

→ At 9:00pm, Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss a matter regarding Ethics Board membership. Village Attorney Leni was invited to sit in.

→ At 9:18pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

Clerk Morelli was directed to reach out to Ethics Board members Bernie LoBracco and Kathy Kristansen to advise them that the Village Attorney further clarified with the Village Board the Ethics Board membership disqualifications as laid out in Village Code Chapter 13 Section 26 and that they remain eligible to continue with their term to 6/30/14.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 9:18pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk