

**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, February 26, 2013 at 7:00pm.**

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

**EXCUSED:** Trustee William G. Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Marone, David Brannigan, Linda Sanford, Andrea Tillinghast, Patty Good, Frank Barker, Joan Hamlin, Joe Cario, Pam Ketchum, Linda Ketchum, Susan Smith, Brian Winant, Kevin McCarthy, Norm Giancursio, Fred Webster

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

**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:**

- Joe Cario of Roc City Sammich reminded the Board that he was granted a 6 month peddling and soliciting permit for his food truck last September. He will soon be applying to renew the permit, but is looking to change locations. He said he spoke to Clerk Morelli today who suggested he present his proposed location change to the Board sooner rather than later. He has been leasing space in the private parking lot on Clinton Street between Rocco's and Ameriprise. He wondered if in front of the Post Office on Main Street would be ok.

Trustee Hannan asked if he means the sidewalk or the parking spaces. J. Cario said his cart has been upgraded to a full service truck. He would need the use of one parking space. His hours end by 2am so they will not interfere with the no parking 2am-6am on streets rule.

Chief Varrenti said he is not aware of any complaints regarding the current permit. However, he would be opposed to a private enterprise occupying a public parking spot. He cautioned the Board of setting a precedent.

Clerk Morelli said past concession cart permits have been on Village property – on the sidewalk.

Chief Varrenti said use of the Village sidewalk poses its own problems. He said sometimes the Board grants approval for things that conflict with other things like vehicle and traffic law. He said if a public parking space had to be used, he would rather it be in a lot owned and maintained by the Village as opposed to NYS Route 19. While municipal parking in the lot by the Police Department is somewhat limited, it might be safer.

Chief Varrenti asked J. Cario his reasons for wanting to relocate.

J. Cario said to be frank, there can be a lot of bar crowd traffic in the current location that can cause problems and he wishes to protect his equipment from vandalism. He would like to be in a highly visible location.

Trustee Hannan suggested he consider approaching the property owner of Our Village Optician on Main Street next to Sagawa Park. The parking lot is vacant in the evenings, is well-lit and is highly visible. Clerk Morelli said she could get J. Cario the contact information.

- Christine Gray Collier – Clerk Morelli said she was asked by a resident to read the following into the record during Public Comment:

February 22, 2013

To Mayor Castañeda,

I would like to inform you that I am withdrawing my application to the tree board of Brockport. I sent in my application four months ago and have not had a response. I am very disappointed that my willingness to volunteer in Brockport has not been encouraged or recognized. I would like to make clear, for the record, that at the time of my application I was not affiliated with any outside group.

Regards,

**GUESTS:**

• Mary Marone & David Brannigan from Seymour Library Board – request authorization to utilize Shafer Trust for roof replacement – Mary Marone introduced herself and David Brannigan from the Seymour Library Board, President Linda Sanford, Director Andrea Tillinghast and Senior Library Clerk Patty Good. M. Marone shared that she called Clerk Morelli a few days ago to get this on the agenda. She provided the quote approved by the Library Board – for \$59,000 by The Reliance Contracting Group of Rochester, NY. She said Village Board Liaison Trustee Hannan has been at the Library Board meetings and knows of this. The roof is in need of replacement. They solicited criteria to quote the job from the Town of Clarkson Building Inspector since the Library is located within the Town of Clarkson. She said the committee got 8 quotes. She said the just need the Village Board to authorize use of Shafer Trust Fund money for it.

Village Attorney Leni asked if this was a competitive, sealed bid process.

M. Marone said she didn't know what that meant. They just called companies and asked for quotes.

Village Attorney Leni said New York State General Municipal Law Section 103 requires competitive bidding for purchases of goods of \$20,000 or services over \$35,000. The Library is a joint municipal library funded by the Village of Brockport, Town of Clarkson, Town of Sweden, such law applies. It is irrelevant that the money would be coming from the Shafer Trust Fund.

Village Attorney asked if the recommended quote was the lowest price. M. Marone said no, but it's the one they want. Village Attorney Leni said they must pick the lowest responsible bidder.

Chief Varrenti interrupted and said it seems like the Library folks need guidance from the municipalities on this.

Village Attorney Leni said typically a Town or Village Engineer draws up the specifications, the Town or Village Attorney draws up the legal notice and the Town of Village Clerk publishes the notice and makes the specs available for a particular period of time. They are kept sealed and then opened at a designated date and time.

Clerk Morelli and Village Attorney Leni will forward them information on competitive bidding. All agreed that any costs incurred by use of the Village Attorney or Village Engineer would likely have to be billed to the Library so that it is shared by taxpayer dollars of all three municipalities. Further, the Seymour Library might be wise to retain an Attorney for general guidance, as the attorneys for the 3 municipalities do not serve in that capacity.

Mayor Castañeda commented that she is pleased Andrea Tillinghast is staying with the Seymour Library as Director and read a letter as to such from Library Board President Linda Sanford.

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 that the minutes of the 02/12/13 meeting be approved as written.

• **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit subject to Trustee Hannan reviewing and initialing the bills after the meeting.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	2/22/13	\$65,923.49
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	2/22/13	\$2,791.76
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	-	-
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>(Trust &amp; Agency)</u>	-	-
		\$68,715.25 grand total

**CLERK REPORT:**

- Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli
  - 2013 Events Schedule – items due by 3/1 – Clerk Morelli reminded everyone that Friday is the deadline for submitting events for the 2013 schedule that will be held in the Village and be

open to the public.

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o Affordable Care Act – Clerk Morelli reported that she attended a program this morning put on by the Village’s Broker of Record regarding employee/retiree benefits: Titan Insurance and Employee Benefits Agency, LLC who is now affiliated with US Employee Benefits Services Group. It was a presentation by Peter Marathas, Esq., one of the country’s leading attorneys regarding the Affordable Care Act and Health Care Reform. Clerk Morelli said the Affordable Care Act is very complicated and will require many steps in compliance and administration. She said although the Stetson Club and CSEA contracts do not expire until 5/31/15 and each lays out the specific health plans, Federal law trumps Union contracts. She has set a meeting with Titan and has invited Treasurer Hendricks to determine an action plan.

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

- o Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks
  - Financial reports for period ending 1/31/13 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the reports included in the packet. The Village is in solid financial condition.

Treasurer Hendricks distributed a packet for the 3/5 Village Board work session. One item to be discussed is the various DPW equipment needed and options re funding/financing them.

Trustee Blackman inquired as to the status of the re-negotiation of the Park Place PILOT. Mayor Castañeda said she has spoken with Attorney Leni about this and it is underway. Clerk Morelli said the Board, Treasurer and Attorney have received all the supporting materials on it. Treasurer Hendricks said Belmont Management still owes this fiscal year’s PILOT. They have promised it by end of fiscal year. He suggested any new agreements spell out that PILOT is due by July 1<sup>st</sup> just like Village tax bills. Clerk Morelli concurred and said the Village will invoice PILOT and COMIDA.

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

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize the following budget transfers:

Account #	From	Account #	To	Amount	Explanation of Transfer
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1325.4030	Clerk-Treas computer supplies	\$1,250	additional supplies (1)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1620.4034	Celebrations-Electric	\$300	electric for signs (2)
A1990.4000	Contingency	A1950.4000	Taxes on Village Property	\$35	County Pure Waters (3)
A3620.1000	Salaries – Code Enforce	A3620.4030	Safety-computer supp	\$1,700	computer software (4)
F1990.4000	Contingency – F8310.4200	Postage		\$1,000	postage (5)
F1990.4000	Contingency – F8340.4041	Fuel		\$3,000	fuel (6)
F1990.4000	Contingency – F8340.4050	Stone		\$100	stone (7)
F1990.4000	Contingency – F8340.4110	Water Transmission-Electricity		\$2,500	water – electricity (8)

Purpose:

- (1) Transfer to pay for computer supplies
- (2) Transfer to pay for electric related to
- (3) Transfer to pay for billing of Monroe County Pure Water charges
- (4) Transfer to pay for software
- (5) Transfer to pay for postage
- (6) Transfer to pay for fuel
- (7) Transfer to pay for stone
- (8) Transfer to pay for Water Transmission Electricity

and he following budget amendments:

Account	Description	Amount
A3120.2010	Police Vehicles	\$51,000.00 (1)
A5112.2000	CHIPS Funding	\$67,084.00 (2)

Purpose

- (1) increase General Fund Budget, reflect funds from insurance recoveries to purchase replacement vehicles
- (2) increase General Fund Budget to reflect funds from CHIPS funding

- o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – Codes Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff

▪ Planning Board – Codes Officer Zarnstorff referred to an application of Jose Mendez coming before the Planning Board for a new mixed use commercial building at 22 North Main Street. The Board granted conceptual approval in November and will be starting the preliminary process in March for possible spring start of construction. S. Zarnstorff said this is a positive thing to have added to the tax rolls.

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- Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
  - Recruits – Chief Varrenti referred to the 3 recruits and although it was not in time for the agenda, he asked if the Board would be amenable to taking action tonight. On 3/1 Officers Pietrantonio, Sarratori and Sime will graduate from the GCC Rural Police Academy. As per prior understanding, it is now time to hire them as Part Time Police Officers since this was pending their successful graduation. They paid their own way through the Academy Part I, were paid minimum wage of \$7.25/hour as recruits with Brockport. This has been a tremendous savings to the Village. Now they will be paid \$20/hour as part time officers in accordance with the Stetson Club contract.

Clerk Morelli concurred.

Chief Varrenti said in his 33 years in law enforcement, these are 3 of the best. Many in the department plan to attend their graduation ceremony. He said overtime hours have gone down now that there is a good pool of part time officers. He said the State requires a certain number of FTO hours, but the County requires more. This extended training accounts for some exceptional officers in Monroe County. Therefore, they will still be riding with a full time officer to complete their FTO hours.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize the hiring of Recruits Pietrantonio, Sarratori and Sime as Part Time Police Officers upon successful graduation of the Police Academy 3/1.

Chief Varrenti said he would have them see Clerk Morelli early next week to be officially sworn in. Then he would like to swear them in ceremonially at the 3/26 Village Board meeting so that their families can attend.

- Donation – Chief Varrenti shared that they received a complimentary letter and \$100 donation. He read the letter and his response into the record.

To the Brockport Police Department –

Thank you so much for caring for our house while we were on vacation. We are proud to live in Brockport where our policemen care for us as if we were family. Thanks for all you do to make our community warm, welcoming and safe. God Bless, Jeanie and Allan Berry

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Berry –

While I'm humbled by your generous donation, I can't accept it, or forward it to the village, in good conscience. Although I believe donations are very generous offers of appreciation, I believe your tax money is more than sufficient to fund the police department and the services we provide. While all police departments are expensive to operate I believe it's important to let you know that the Brockport Police Department is more than \$100,000 less expensive to operate today than it was five years ago.

I'd therefore respectfully request that you either use your enclosed check that I'm returning to you for dinner or possibly consider reallocating the money to the families of the Webster tragedy.

Honestly your note of thanks and support, which I'll read at the next Village Board meeting, and post on the police department bulletin board, means more to us than any monetary donation.

Again thank you very much for thinking of the Brockport Police Department. Should you ever need our services please don't hesitate to call on us.  
Sincerely, Daniel P. Varrenti, Chief of Police

- Call Follow Up – Trustee Hannan asked Chief Varrenti if he could share any information on the recovery of the Willowbrooke stabbing victims. Chief Varrenti said the male had a collapsed lung and spent four days in the hospital. The female and baby were treated and released.

Chief Varrenti commented that the recruits have seen quite a bit during their training in Brockport. This includes gang assaults, stabbings, attempted murder, a hand stuck in a snow blower in which one of them recovered lost fingers.

Trustee Hannan said it sure isn't "Mayberry".

- Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

- CHIPS Funding – DPW Spt. Donahue shared that he is going to Albany with the Highway Superintendents Association 3/5 & 3/6 for their annual lobbying to hold the line or increase CHIPS funding. This is no cost to the Village as it is covered by the Association.

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Trustee Hannan wished him luck on lobbying the State.

- Barry Street Water Main Replacement Project - DPW Spt. Donahue referred to the project and although it was not in time for the agenda, he asked if the Board would be amenable to taking action tonight.

→ Trustee Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 to accept the CDBG grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement between Monroe County and the Village of Brockport for the Barry Street Water Main Replacement Project.

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Blackman seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize going out to bid for materials once the specifications are prepared by the Village Engineer and reviewed by the Village Attorney.

- Proposed construction near 22 N. Main Street - DPW Spt. Donahue referred to the project coming before the Planning Board. He reminded that there has been a drainage issue that has been discussed with Codes Officer Zarnstorff, applicant Jose Mendez and the Village Engineer. Chatfield drew up per prior Village Board approval a win/win to resolve the issue that has DPW do the labor and getting the easements with others funding the materials. This helps the Village, the applicant Villager Apartments and area homes with ponding issues run into upgraded Village system.

At 7:55pm, Mayor Castañeda excused the Treasurer and Department Heads. Chief Varrenti stayed.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Canal Season Opening Celebration – authorize transfer of funds \$100+ into celebrations line – Trustee Blackman provided an update on the various events being planned for “Low Bridge, High Water” celebration of the season opening of the Erie Canal the week of 4/28-5/5. Many community organizations are helping to sponsor modest amounts for music, advertising and such. She knows the Celebrations line was not funded in the current budget, but suggested \$100 be transferred from another line. Trustee Blackman said she hopes to even be able to put some money into the Village coffers by way of selling Taste of Brockport tickets.

Mayor Castañeda asked Village Attorney Leni if they can sell tickets. Attorney Leni said yes. Clerk Morelli said they can't sell raffle tickets and that's probably what the Mayor was thinking of.

→ Trustee Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$100 from contingency into the Celebrations line.

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- Mayor M. Connie Castañeda

- Tree City U.S.A. – Mayor Castañeda shared having received a letter from NYS DEC Division of Lands and Forests congratulating Brockport on being recognized again as a Tree City U.S.A. community. She was invited to participate in the awards ceremony and workshop to be held on 3/28 in Albany. She cannot attend and suggested Trustee Blackman consider attending in her place since she is Liaison to the Tree Board. Clerk Morelli would need to RSVP by 3/22.

- Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester - Mayor Castañeda shared having received a letter from Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester congratulating Brockport on a successful grant application of \$2,843 contingent on their funding from the State of New York. Acceptance paperwork will be forthcoming. She was invited to participate in the awards ceremony to be held 3/19 in Rochester. She cannot attend and suggested Trustee Blackman consider attending in her place since she spearheaded the application. Clerk Morelli would need to RSVP soon.

- Monroe County Sales Tax - Mayor Castañeda shared that the Village received \$387,345.46 for its share of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 sales tax receipts. This compares to \$355,007.24 distributed for the same quarter in 2011.

- Canal Clean Sweep - Mayor Castañeda shared that she is again organizing participation in the annual Canal Clean Sweep of New York State Parks and Trails. Village and

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volunteers should meet at the Welcome Center on Sunday, 4/21 at 11am. Other clean ups include Saturday 4/20 where SUNY students will hold a cleanup event in a yet to be determined location and Monday, 4/22 where Healthy You, Healthy Earth students will be cleaning along the canal by the SUNY campus and the Cloverleaf Square Dance Club on the canal way trail north of the canal.

- Code Review Committee - Mayor Castañeda announced her appointment of Robert Duff as a member of the Code Review Committee to fill the vacancy left by Matt Sauers to **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD February 26, 2013 continued.....page 6**

complete a term to June 30, 2016.

- Local Government Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant – Mayor Castañeda referred to having emailed Gary at our grant writers on 1/3 regarding this grant. He responded on 1/4 and copied the Trustees. In this initial email he stated “the village can be the sole applicant. However the town should be involved in any discussions regarding delivery of services in the event the village is dissolved.” Then on 1/22 Mayor Castañeda brought it up to the Board for consideration. It did not receive a second but was discussed. At that meeting Trustee Blackman said the village would need to provide information on what service(s) to be consolidated prior to the study and that the village would need to adopt the recommendations of the study if it received grant money. Then on 2/12 Mayor Castañeda shared Gary’s response to Trustee Blackman’s misinformation. That CGR as the independent consultant that would do the study would through its process make the finding and recommendations. That the village is not obligated to follow through on any of the findings of the study, but must share the study with the public. Trustee Blackman submitted a letter to the editor in Suburban News containing the misinformation. Mayor Castañeda said this is troubling since Trustee Blackman had been provided with the correct information.

- Special Counsel – Mayor Castañeda said she had Clerk Morelli contact Attorney Lunn since he had not yet returned the unused retainer requested in a 10/31 letter to him 10/31 based on termination of his services at the 10/23 Village Board meeting. He has since forwarded a check for the unused retainer with an accounting of his services. Mayor Castañeda said Attorney Aloi used the entire \$5,000 retainer and provided an accounting of his services. She said it is puzzling that Attorneys Aloi and Lunn had been discussing issues of the case prior to Village Board authorization to hire either one. She said she brought this up previously. She questions who contacted them. She read Village Law 4-412(12) which states:

“An officer or person who assumes to create a liability or appropriate money or property of the village without authority of law, or assents thereto, is personally liable for such debt, or to the village for such money or property. Each member of a village board present at a meeting thereof when such unlawful action is taken is deemed to have assented thereto, unless he expressly dissents and requests such dissent to be entered upon the minutes of the meeting. If any person shall have heretofore appropriated or shall hereafter appropriate money or property of the village, contrary to law, and the facts in relation thereto are known to the board of trustees, and, after this section as amended takes effect, such board fail for thirty days to bring an action against such person to recover such money or property, each member of the board having such knowledge shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to removal from office unless within such period of thirty days he shall file with the village clerk a written request, signed by him, requesting the bringing of, such action or shall cause to be entered upon the minutes of a meeting of the board a motion made by him for the bringing of such action, or his vote in favor of such a motion.”

Mayor Castañeda said the Board authorized \$10,000 of taxpayer money on special counsel against her of which \$7,420 was spent. This is troubling as is billable hours prior to authorization.

Trustee Blair said he hasn’t seen it.

Mayor Castañeda said this was previously shared with Trustees. Clerk Morelli forward it again.

- Communities of Distinction – Mayor Castañeda referred to having been invited by Town of Sweden Supervisor Connors to join her in a phone conference interview with Zak Bunn from a television show called Communities of Distinction. The host is Terry Bradshaw. The show would publicize our area as a desirable place to live, work, play and visit. It would cost \$5,000. This is likely not a priority, but is an option should the Village Board and Town Board wish to consider it in the future.

- Threats on Local Blog(s) – Mayor Castañeda read a prepared statement into the record:

Today I have a chilling report to make about a threat made to my life by an anonymous person on a local blog published by David Markham. The comment states that “Can’t she just mysteriously

disappear. She leaves one day never to be heard from again and never seen again anywhere. There has to be at least one gun nut in town who can take care of that.”

I take this threat seriously and I have reported this incident to the police. I know they will take it as seriously as I do. Sadly, this is not the first time that my life and safety have been threatened in one of the local blogs. About a year ago a person stated that they wanted “to punch me in the mouth so she cannot speak, and break her neck”. I gave a report of that incident to Chief Varrenti. In another incident

in D. Markham’s blog a person wrote a comment inciting people to “burn the property of Town of Sweden Supervisor Milner and Town of Clarkson Supervisor Kimball”.

I believe these blogs do great harm to the community by inciting violence, incivility and witch hunting. **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEEITNG HELD February 26, 2013 continued.....page 7**

There was an incident at a Village Board meeting when I felt threatened by booing, hissing and name calling of a political group. I called on Chief Varrenti to restore order in the room. I believe the hate speech in these blogs is a contributor to incivility and intolerance of anybody in the village who does not agree with the views of this particular group.

Perhaps most of us could just have ignored the uncivil behavior displayed on these blogs. But nobody should ignore deadly threats made by a few fanatics. Death threats should not be tolerated by anyone anywhere. We all should take them seriously. Our nation has endured too many tragedies caused by these kinds of violent people. I will make certain that this incident gets investigated.

- Trustee William G. Andrews (excused)

- Trustee Margaret B. Blackman
  - Hosting Opportunity – Trustee Blackman shared that ELS Language Centers at SUNY College at Brockport is currently looking for families to host international students. They currently have 3 students who are interested in residing with a family while studying English with ELS. The students are from China, Japan, and Italy. There is a monthly stipend for any family who is interested in welcoming a student into their home. For further information about hosting an international student, please contact: Gail Thiel at [gailthiel@ymail.com](mailto:gailthiel@ymail.com) or call her at 585-705-7895.

- SUNY Off Campus Outreach Team - Trustee Blackman shared of a program 3/6 Fair Share Versus Fair Shot – What Should Higher Education Contribute to Communities.

- Canal Season Opening - Trustee Blackman shared that she met with Spencerport Mayor Joyce Lobene and NYS Canal Corps Director Brian Stratton regarding the celebration events. They can’t get the Grand Erie. They learned that the Lois McClure will be back on the canal this summer. NYS Canal Corp is suffering a reduction in workforce affecting mostly lock operators. Trustee Blackman said she will have the list of 4/28-5/5 events to Clerk Morelli by the end of the week for the Village events schedule. Suburban has already begun covering some of the plans. The Democrat and Chronicle will be doing so in their Towns West.

- Student Interns - Trustee Blackman shared that a SUNY College at Brockport student will be interning on historic preservation this semester.

- Local Government Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grant – Trustee Blackman responded to the Mayor’s comments earlier and clarified that her quote came directly from the grant application itself. She said had the Mayor handled the matter differently from the beginning the Board could have had an informed and intelligent conversation on it.

Mayor Castañeda said Gary at the grant writers copied the Board on his response to her initial inquiry. Trustee Blackman said that was not the way to spring it on the Board.

Mayor Castañeda said she would ask the same sharing from Trustees as many matters have and continue to be sprung on her. However, it was placed on an agenda so it shouldn’t have been a surprise.

Trustee Blackman said she would have needed more information than that.

Mayor Castañeda said she would have Clerk Morelli invite the grant writer to attend an upcoming work session.

- Trustee Kent R. Blair

- Previously Donated Piece of Fire Equipment – Trustee Blair shared that in 2004 the Village declared a 1972 fire engine surplus and donated it to the Firemen’s Home in New York State. The Brockport Fire District was recently contacted by them – that they do not want the fire engine any longer. They said there are a few options regarding the truck. However, if the Village declared it surplus and donated it the Village probably has no more rights to it.

Village Attorney Leni concurred. If the Fireman’s Home wishes, they can donate it somewhere, even back to the Brockport Fire District if they want it.

- Park Signs – Trustee Blair updated the Board that he is working with a vendor to get proofs of signs for each Village park that would indicate smoke free.

- Lakeside Memorial Hospital – Trustee Blair expressed concern over the recent news from LMH to close their emergency department and inpatient beds. He wondered if SUNY College at Brockport is concerned.

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Trustee Blackman said she knows SUNY College at Brockport is concerned. She and they have met with Assemblyman Hawley about this.

Trustee Blair said he recalls the public information meeting LMH had last year about the impact of Unity expanding in the area. He said the closing of the emergency department, in particular, will impact the greater Brockport area. He said he wonders if it was really thought through. He said this Village Board inherited a financial mess and fixed it. He said it almost seems like LMH is just walking away.

- Trustee Carol L. Hannan

- Seymour Library – Trustee Hannan said the Library Board is re-examining the concept of a Library District that was raised several years ago. This would be in place of the current format of being a joint municipal library of the Village of Brockport, Town of Sweden, Town of Clarkson.

- Student Interns – Trustee Hannan said the student intern re Historic Preservation that Trustee Blackman mentioned is Alissa Bailey. She will be working with Trustee Hannan and HPB member Pam Ketchum on the project to designate the High Street Cemetery to the Historic Register. A representative from SHPO did a walking tour and was enthusiastic about it.

- Museum – Trustee Hannan shared that none of the student museum volunteers chose as their project the researching/cataloging of artifacts found at 65 Fayette Street currently known as the project house. She may take this on herself once the work on the house is further along.

- Master Gardener Class – Trustee Hannan shared that she and HPB member Pam Ketchum and others are beginning a master gardener class at GCC in an effort to donate their services back into the community.

- Brockport Merchants Association Wine Walk – Trustee Hannan encouraged participation in the 3/9 Wine Walk. Tickets are \$20 with representation by 14 different wineries. Coffee and deserts will also be available.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 8:25pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk