

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York, May 6, 2010 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Deputy Mayor Christopher R. Martin, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Trustee Hal S. Legg, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli

EXCUSED: Interim Treasurer Mary Beth Lovejoy, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Fire Chief Scott Smith, Village Attorney Michael Leone

ALSO PRESENT: Charles Zettek, Jr. and Vicki Brown of CGR, Katherine Smith of League of Women Voters, Brian Winant, Bernie LoBracco, Norm Giancursio, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Fred Webster, Dan Kuhn, Kathy Snyder

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

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

DISCUSSION WITH:

- Charles Zettek, Jr. of Center for Governmental Research (CGR) regarding upcoming public information forums on dissolution

C. Zettek introduced himself and Vicki Brown of Center for Governmental Research and Katherine Smith of the League of Women Voters. He said the Village of Brockport is going through a turbulent time right now. CGR has been involved in acrimonious dissolution related matters elsewhere. He distributed a handout entitled CGR and the League of Women Voters Assisting the Village of Brockport with the Dissolution Vote Process – Process Discussion Meeting with the Village Board – 5/6/10". Mayor Castañeda provided a copy of the handout to members of the audience. Discussion included:

CGR/League Objective – assist with ensuring a fair and balanced dissemination of information to the Brockport community prior to the village dissolution vote on June 15th.

Venues for presenting this information: website hosted by CGR & 2 public forums May 26th & June 8th

Website overview –

-to be created week of May 10th – go live target May 19th

-items to be on web site:

- Place for questions to be asked. CGR will develop responses and post in a Q&A format. CGR will not respond to personal or non-specific questions. Answers will be categorized into the following general buckets:
 - True
 - False
 - Likely based on other examples – but there are options and questions
 - Unlikely based on other examples – but there are options and questions
 - Uncertain – no clear precedent or law at this time

Concept – we will develop a flow chart for each question that provides further information as background.

General information, either in .pdf or links to other useful sites or documents

Web site will be maintained until June 15th and updated continuously

Discussion took place as to the website component. It was suggested to have a link to the CGR website from the Village website. It was agreed that not all citizens use the internet, so hard copies of materials from the CGR website could be downloaded and hard copies made available at Village Hall. It was suggested that they also be made available at Town Hall, Senior Center and Library as well.

Public forums overview –

- Plan for 2 hours in length
- Set up –
 - League will provide moderator
 - Start with a CGR presentation of the process set forth by the law, questions and responses. Essentially a summary of the website as of the meeting – to be updated as a result of the discussion at the meeting
 - CGR will provide responses if appropriate. Answers will generally fall into the same five categories noted above for the web site
 - Foster a civil community debate about options for the future
 - Objectives: Let speakers ask questions so these can be clarified for the public before the vote
 - Provide for various sides of the issue to be heard

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- Process
 - Floor speakers at the end of each aisle
 - 2 minutes maximum speaker time, with 30 second warning and sound cutoff at 2 minutes
 - Must sign in to speak. Name and address. Speakers will be called in order of sign-in.

Possible option is to include a debate between one speaker from each side with CGR to wrap up and respond to any factual misrepresentations. Benefit – creates the opportunity for the public to see both sides at the same time. Negative – public might focus on the personalities rather than the issues and points they make.

Mayor Castañeda and Deputy Mayor Martin indicated they would be interested in that option. Trustees Blair and Hunsinger indicated they would not be interested in that option. Trustee Legg said he would like an opportunity to collect his thoughts and will advise the Board and CGR in a day. It was agreed that it does not require formal Board action. C. Zettek concurred.

It was agreed that the League of Women Voters would do the greeting. The Village Board will be in the audience. The forums will be taped and aired on Channel 12. A duplicate copy can be provided for viewing at Village Hall. Possible additional copies could be made and lent out.

CGR will provide Clerk Morelli with a press release by May 12th for publication in the May 17th edition of Suburban News and posting to the Village website. Clerk Morelli will also publish a simple notice of such forums from the Village.

Mayor Castañeda asked if any members of the audience had any comments.

Bernie LoBracco of Adams Street - suggested rather than designating 1 person from each side of the dissolution issue as spokesperson in the “possible option” debate, that there be 3 people from each side so there is a better chance of responding to issues. K. Smith said that would be more of a real debate. She said the League of Women Voters can consider a written request for such, but that’s not what these forums are designed for.

Dan Kuhn of Utica Street – would rather use his 2 minutes to ask questions and would like the opportunity to have the 10 minutes to put his position on the record. He said both sides probably feel they’ve been misrepresented. He suggested being allowed the 10 minutes to state his case and giving the experts the chance to tell him he’s completely wrong.

Trustee Hunsinger shared that he spoke with Wade Beltramo of NYCOM who had done the presentation on dissolution to Monroe County municipalities in January. W. Beltramo said he would be interested in doing the presentation for Brockport. Board agreed that information from another neutral party would be welcome. They asked Trustee Hunsinger to contact W. Beltramo with June 1st, 2nd, 3rd as possible dates. Clerk Morelli will check on Middle School Auditorium availability.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Any sidewalk café permit applicants –

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Blair seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to grant the sidewalk café permit application of Java Junction for the 2010 season.

- Appoint to Welcome Center Greeter Program –

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to appoint the following as Welcome Center Greeters: Carol Hannan, William Amos, Christine Pecora, Linda Bender.

- Farmers Market – approve & authorize Mayor to sign NYS Agriculture & Markets participation agreement -

→ Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2010 Farmers Market NYS Agriculture & Markets participation agreement.

- Resignation of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer -

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to accept the resignation of Kari A. Olson as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer effective May 14, 2010 with regrets.

Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement - Trustee Hunsinger shared that Code Enforcement Officer Zarnstorff wanted to apprise the Board that he has some notices that need to be served by a process

server at \$25 per service. Violators will go to court and could face fines and penalties. No Village Board action is required. He just wanted to inform the Board since the Village is still in a non-essential spending freeze.

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Executive Session:

⇒ At 7:05pm, Trustee Blair moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving an individual with the Fire Department.

⇒ At 7:55pm, Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk