

**Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held at the West Avenue Firehall, 191 West Avenue, Brockport, New York, May 1, 2006 at 7:00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Mary Jo Nayman, Treasurer / Village Manager Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

**EXCUSED:** DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Village Attorney Thomas D. Calandra, Fire Chief Laurence C. Vaughan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Daniel P. Varrenti and wife Anne, Michael DeToy, Hanny Heyen, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Norm GianCursio, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Jim Sutton, Betty Collins, Brad & Molly Mitchell, Ray & Jackie Morris, Harley Perry, Mary Ann Rogers, Joanne Marcello, Mark Laubison, Allison Hadley (Brockport Post), Robbi Hess (Suburban News), S. Mosher, Jack Wahl, Merv Beaney, Robert Canham, Iskra Alexandrov, Ute Duncan, Laura Fischer, Kathy Snyder, Tony Perry, Tony Peone, Fred Webster, John Bush, Hal Legg

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

**REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2006.

➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2006, be approved as written.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Betty Collins of 52 Holley Street said she has lived here since 1938 and has never seen it in quite so much turmoil. She said it would be a grave mistake to do away with the Police Department, even one shift or to expand it. The Village can't continue to add expenses to taxpayers and let it spiral out of control. She said this is especially difficult for those on a fixed income. She said the public does not know all the facts when it comes to the pending litigation against the Websters about rental housing or from the Police Chief regarding his contract. She said anyone offered a favorable contract would be a fool not to sign it. She said the Police Department has always responded well.

Regarding crosswalks, she feels that appropriate markers are needed and drivers need to be courteous and responsible.

B. Collins said the Federal; State, County and Village governments are not facing up to reality as costs are skyrocketing. She asked that the Board consider less instead of more. She said she watches the Village Board meetings on TV and occasionally attends and the bickering is noticeable as is the fact that the Board is often divided 3 to 2.

2. Harley Perry of 14 Meadowview Drive referred to his water bill and noticed that payments are still payable to the Board of Water Commissioners. He said this Village Board voted to abolish the BOWC several months ago. He asked the legal ramifications of the Clerks handling money payable to the BOWC when they no longer exist. Manager Coyle said per state law when the Village Board dissolved the BOWC as a separate entity, they became the BOWC. Therefore, there is no problem.

**GUESTS:**

1. South Avenue property owners – re 52 South Avenue – Bob Canham of Winston Woods said he and many South Avenue neighbors were at last week's Village Board workshop and are pleased that the Village Board rescinded its motion to declare the parcel as surplus. He said they celebrated by raking and cleaning the parcel yesterday. He spoke with H. Donahue and the DPW has agreed to pick up the brush. He asked that the Village Board take the next step and designate the space as a park like other parks and playgrounds in the Village. This will give it a degree of protection for perpetuity.

Trustee Maziarz said she worked with Manager Coyle on this today. She said the Village Board can designate this parcel as a park and then further define what it will consist of in the Town of Sweden / Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan. She distributed a section of the Comprehensive Plan that details all Village parks and playgrounds, their size, amenities, and special features. She said the Board needs to do this with the appropriate language and has consulted counsel. This may be able to be done by the next or following Board meeting.

Trustee Castaneda said at this point the Village has removed the surplus designation. Trustee

Maziarz said although the current South Avenue residents do not wish to have playground equipment on the parcel, the residents in 20 to 30 years may want it.

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B. Canham said they just do not want a future Board to sell the parcel when the Village is tight for money. He asked if the new resolution could be rescinded.

Trustee Maziarz read the resolution made December 19, 2005 by this Board regarding the acceptance of Sagawa Park. She said the word "perpetuity" needs to be checked.

Mayor Wexler said they also need to check the definition of park. Does this mean all green spaces not being used. He reminded everyone that until approximately 9 years ago the parcel in question had a house on it. Unfortunately, it came into such disrepair that the Village had it demolished. Trustee Maziarz referred to the Comprehensive Plan and said it defines each and every park.

B. Canham thanked the Board and said he looks forward to this being completed so all feel comfortable with it.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue (excused)

1. Summer Help – Manager Coyle referred to his memo asking for annual approval to hire 3 summer laborers at \$8 per hour not to exceed 120 days. Trustee Wagenhauser said these positions are budgeted. Manager Coyle said yes.

⇒ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to advertise and hire 3 summer laborers for \$8 per hour.

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

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report – submitted for review. There have been 3,393 calls for service year to date.
2. Accept Resignation of part time officer Justin Tierney – Trustee Maziarz shared that part time officer Justin Tierney has been hired full time with Gates Police Department.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to accept the resignation of part time police officer Justin Tierney with regret.

C. BUILDING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT - Scott C. Zarnstorff (excused)

1. Monthly Reports (April) – submitted for review.

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Laurence C. Vaughan (excused)

1. Report – submitted for review. Chief Vaughan left a written report as follows:  
Call Load: Fire Incidents year to date: 259  
                  EMS calls year to date: 553  
                  Total: 812 for an average of 6.7 calls per day

With the unusually windy, dry and early spring; they have not responded to any grass or brush related calls to date. Other departments in the area have handled their share – some very large.

Consolidation - appears to be favorable within the department. Several companies have already voted to approve the new by-laws. They will be polling the companies on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the regular Fire Council Meeting.

SUNY Donation – they are looking forward to tomorrow evening's visit from SUNY Brockport President John Halstead during their regular monthly Fire Department meeting. Dr. Halstead will be presenting the Department with a donation on behalf of the College.

Monroe County Volunteer Fire Chief's Association – Brockport is hosting the association's regular monthly meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

FDIC – The contingent that went to the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis last week are back and re-energized with some new ideas on training, as well as seeing the new technology in apparatus and equipment.

E. TREASURER / VILLAGE MANAGER / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Ian M. Coyle

1. Bid Results – sell 2001 Chevrolet Impala police vehicle – Board reviewed the bids received for \$2,570, \$3,243, or \$3,285.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to accept the high bid of \$3,285 of Alex Zagruzny Government Cars Distribution Center, Inc. of Miami, Florida for the 2001 Chevrolet Impala police vehicle.

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2. Bid Results – sell 1996 Ford Type III ambulance – Board reviewed the bids received for \$2,000, \$2,055, \$2,999.99, and \$5,000.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to accept the high bid of \$5,000 of William Liteer Exceptional Emergency Vehicles of Livonia, NY for the 1996 Ford Type III ambulance.

3. Resolution adopting 2006-2007 budget – Manager Coyle shared that they originally proposed an 11.4% increase and then pared that down to 6%. At the last workshop the Board added \$50,000 to the legal fees line. The current increase is at 9.7%, which translates to 9.83 per 1,000 of assessed value. This is an increase of \$76 for the average home. He reminded the Board that today, May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the deadline to adopt the budget.

Trustee Wagenhauser said if the Board does not adopt the reworked budget with the 9.7% increase, the tentative budget with the 11.4% increase kicks in. He said everyone must remember that the Board recently eliminated the sewer rent. Although that does not directly affect the tax rate, it does affect out of pocket expenses that the taxpayers pay. The average sewer rent was \$50 to \$60 per household, so if you subtract that from the \$76 average tax increase, it is really a \$15 to \$30 overall increase per household. The sewer rent computed to 2% in taxes. He said that may not be ideal, but it could have been much worse. He said in the face of an 11.4% increase, he would adopt the 9.7% increase, which includes the elimination of sewer rent for a \$15 to \$30 increase per average household.

Trustee Maziarz pointed out that by adding \$50,000 to the legal fees line, it added a 3 to 4% tax increase. She said this is regrettable, as it could have been saved.

Trustee Nayman said the Board needed more time dedicated to the budget as a Village Board to go through the budget line by line. She said although the budget was a topic at a few workshops, having other things on the agenda took time away from concentrating on this very important work. She said one workshop had to be held at the Market Street firehall with alarms ringing. Trustee Nayman reminded all that Manager Coyle said the Village was relying on some one-shot revenue sources (short term fixes and not long term solutions). The Village is in a precarious position and must address and analyze everything. She said the possible sale of the cell tower instead of monthly rent is a one shot source only good for this year. Therefore, even though 9% is better than 11%, Trustee Nayman said she does not feel it is a long-term solution for the taxpayers.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, Trustee Castaneda opposed, Trustee Nayman opposed, Mayor Wexler in favor - carried 3 to 2 to adopt:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport hereby adopts the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007

General Fund Purposes:	4,853,920.00
Water Fund Purposes:	960,566.00
Sewer Fund Purposes:	-0-
Combined Capital Reserve Purposes:	134,500.00
Total:	\$5,948,986.00

RESOLVED: that there be levied and assessed upon the real property of the Village of Brockport the following sums for the Village of Brockport and other charges for the fiscal year June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007 with a tax rate of \$9.83 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation:

General Fund:	1,741,203.00
Omitted Taxes (Loss of Exemptions):	1,116.80
Delinquent Special Accounts:	482.75
Total:	1,742,802.55

Mayor Wexler thanked the Village Board. He said it was a difficult time and all expressed their views. He said the tower sale of \$115,000 is a one-shot revenue source and will be difficult to find again next year. The Board worked to come down to a number that is somewhat acceptable. He said they may have argued, screamed, and fought, but everyone's efforts are appreciated. He said Manager Coyle said at the beginning that if the Village wants to maintain services as they are, taxes would go up. If the Village cuts services, taxes will go down. Mayor Wexler said the budget

is finished for the coming fiscal year. He said at last week's workshop Trustee Castaneda spoke of options for Crossing Guards and relayed some comments from BCSD officials. He said he had an opportunity to speak with 2 BCSD officials after that and he got one answer in the morning and a different answer in the afternoon. Therefore, what Trustee Castaneda said at the meeting was correct. He said the Village would go with what BCSD recommends. Therefore, money for crossing guards remains in the budget. BCSD is looking into ways to help pay for. However, Main Street and Centennial Avenue is not school property.

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Trustee Castaneda said she wished to clarify her no vote. She said she has spoken to previous Village Board members and learned that Trustees in the past spent much more time specifically on the budget. She said she brought a lot of issues to the table that were not taken into consideration. These included but are not limited to looking at new ways to share resources with the Town of Sweden including purchasing pools, labor freeze, and ways to reduce the cost of the Police Department. She said she hopes they consider these ideas in future budgets as well as other ways to save Village taxpayers money.

**F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli**

1. Welcome Center Greeters – drops and adds to volunteer list – Clerk Morelli reported the following drops: Steve & Kathy Alvito, Gert Hauck, and Maury & Liz Kleiman and the following adds: Mildred Basinait, Dorothy Bernreuther, Carol Brakenbury, Amy Crowe, Lynda Hale, Linda Hall, Paul & Nan Hoy, MaryIn Lafferty, Edward & Johnnine Lehman, Kyle McGonigal, Cora Schrader, James Stull.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to approve the drops and adds to the Welcome Center Greeters volunteer list as outlined.

2. Walk Bike Brockport Action Group – adds to member list – Clerk Morelli reported the following adds: Christine Florence, Louise Ribble, Nancy Washer.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to approve the adds to the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group list as outlined.

3. Sidewalk café Permit – Main Street Pizzeria – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual application for a sidewalk café permit for Main Street Pizzeria for 2 tables and 8 chairs.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk café permit.

4. 2006 Events Schedule – Clerk Morelli shared that the annual events schedule from April – December is completed. It is available at the Village Hall and on the website. Poster size will be distributed to the merchants. Clerk Morelli thanked Norm Frisch for volunteering to do the layout of the events schedule. She said this is another fine example of the great volunteers we have in the community.

**G. ATTORNEY – Thomas D. Calandra / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï**

**SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:**

- A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner
- B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Matthew Minor
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair John Bush

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- A. Trustee/Vice Mayor Maziarz
  1. Farm Market – Trustee Maziarz said planning is underway. She said many will be disappointed that there will be no donut kids this year as they have moved away.
  2. Senior Citizen Tax Abatement – Trustee Maziarz reminded the Board of a workshop discussion regarding the tax abatement program. She said the Village has not kept up with the Town on its income limit for seniors over 65 to receive a break on their property taxes. She recommended that the Village's income limit go from \$21,500 to \$24,000 for the next tax roll.

⇒ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to increase the senior citizen tax abatement income limit from \$21,500 to \$24,000 for the 2007 tax roll.

Mayor Wexler said a senior citizen wrote to the Village Board and asked that this be taken into consideration. He thanked the person for bringing this to the Board's attention.

**B. Trustee Castañeda**

1. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castaneda announced that the next meeting of the Village Advisory Committee is Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm. All are welcome.
- C. Trustee Wagenhauser
1. End of Sewer Rent – Trustee Wagenhauser reminded all that the Village Board recently voted to eliminate sewer rent. They had yet to determine the date collection would be suspended. By suspending collection August 1, 2006. This will allow the same number of cycles to hit each household. It will leave the Village with \$20,000 from June and July's collection. He proposed it be kept for sewer purposes. Manager Coyle said there would be no sewer fund, but it could go

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to sewer capital.

⇒ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to suspend sewer rent collection as of August 1, 2006.

2. Lawsuit – legal fees – Trustee Wagenhauser said he spoke at the last workshop about apportionment and realized that he might have been unclear. He said the Village's Insurance Company has indicated that they will not pay the legal fees as they relate to the lawsuit from Chief Varrenti. The lawsuit consists of 5 claims. The 5<sup>th</sup> claim is a tort claim specifically against Mayor Wexler. The question is – should the Village pay for the defense of this claim. Trustee Wagenhauser said the Village should cover it until such time as it is judged to have merit and have been outside the scope of his duties. If this is determined, then the Mayor should be responsible for this claim. It could be rather expensive. He said he hopes when a law firm is hired, that this claim could be sequestered out from the others. He said he speaks of this as a strictly budget issue. He said he encourages the Trustees to make their thoughts on this known to Manager Coyle.

Trustee Castaneda said according to e-mail from Manager Coyle today, she is not sure it is final yet that the insurance company will not cover the lawsuit. Manager Coyle said they can fight the insurance company, but the Village still needs to provide funds for the defense of the case. Trustee Wagenhauser said that is why the Board built in contingency funds in the budget for legal fees. Mayor Wexler said after checking with counsel it was determined that the 3 members of the Board named in the lawsuit are indemnified under Section 18 of Public Officers Law per a resolution by the Village Board in 1981. He said he would be making a motion to hire legal counsel. Village Attorney Calandra requested and received a 30-day extension to May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Wagenhauser said it is obvious that legal counsel needs to be secured. He referred to Section 3a of Section 18 that states a public entity shall provide ... while an employee is acting within the scope of their duties... He said NYCOM agrees that the intentional tort is outside the scope of duties. Mayor Wexler said he understands that Trustee Wagenhauser has a legal degree, but that he needs to follow direction of attorneys on this matter.

Trustee Maziarz said she contacted NYCOM regarding Section 18 and the 1981 Village Board resolution and the concern is the 5<sup>th</sup> claim – the tort. If the claim is found to have merit through the court or declaratory judgment, then it should be apportioned off and must be the responsibility of Mayor Wexler as the defendant.

Trustee Castaneda said a lot of time is being spent on this and the Board has no knowledge yet.

- D. Trustee Nayman
1. Parks – Trustee Nayman thanked H. Donahue and DPW for their quick response. She said disrepair was found on the tunnel slide in a park and the DPW was there within 30 minutes and had the danger removed within 2 hours.
  2. Assessment – Trustee Nayman said the Village Board met in workshop some time ago with a representative from New York State Real Property Services about the benefits of the Village abandoning its function as an assessing unit and allowing the Town to do this. Brockport is one of the few Villages in Monroe County that maintains its own assessing unit. However, the person appointed as our Assessor is not certified, and it places a lot of paperwork on Deputy Clerk Coopenberg. Trustee Nayman said this could save a little money, but more importantly save time and duplication of services. She said the 30% or so of Deputy Clerk Coopenberg's time spent on the assessment roll and exemption paperwork could be dedicated to Scott Zarnstorff's office to keep him up to date with filing and such. She said Deputy Clerk Herzog will no longer have to bill sewer rent and maybe the time she would have dedicated to that can also go to help the building/zoning office.

Ute Duncan asked who the Village's Assessor is. Manager Coyle said it is Scott Zarnstorff.

Trustee Wagenhauser said the Village also has a 4-member Assessment Board of Review that hears grievances once a year. Manager Coyle said the Village currently adopts the Town of Sweden's roll with very few exceptions. These exceptions computed to approximately \$1,000 this year.

Trustee Nayman said this is an opportunity to utilize our present personnel more efficiently. She said Deputy Clerk Coopenberg had indicated to her that for the Village to continue assessing, it would need to update its equipment. Trustee Maziarz said that by removing assessing from the Village, taxpayers are now beholden to one government agency regarding their assessment for their 3 property taxes. To get relief, they would only have one opportunity – through the Town of Sweden.

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Trustee Maziarz said with all due respect, if you ask any employee if they would like some of their duties removed, they would say yes.

Trustee Castaneda said Scott Zarnstorff is not a certified Assessor and he reported that 2/3 of the grievances with the Assessment Board of Review were successful. She said there was an opportunity from the state for grant funding for consolidation of services. Manager Coyle said he would need to check on that particular program for shared municipal services.

⇒ Trustee Nayman moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, Trustee Wagenhauser opposed, Trustee Maziarz opposed, Mayor Wexler in favor. Carried 3 to 2 to abandon the Village as an assessing unit and go with the Town of Sweden's roll.

**E. Mayor Wexler**

1. Board of Ethics – appointments – Mayor Wexler said this item needs to be tabled to the next meeting.
2. Hire Legal Counsel – Mayor Wexler said Village Attorney Thomas Calandra has recommended a law firm and individual to represent the Village, Mayor, and Trustees Nayman and Castaneda in the lawsuit from Chief Varrenti.

Trustee Maziarz asked the name of the firm. Mayor Wexler said Woods, Oviatt, and Gilman. Trustee Wagenhauser asked the name of the individual attorney. Mayor Wexler said he was unsure, but thinks his last name is Smith. Trustee Maziarz asked the rate per hour. Mayor Wexler said \$200 per hour. Trustee Maziarz asked why this was not on the agenda and why she and Trustee Wagenhauser have received no information on this either verbally or in writing. She said when the Board was considering appointing the Village Attorney they received a resume. Then attorney David Lippitt was thrust on them as labor attorney with no resume or information. Now the same is happening here. She said this is yet another example of this not being open government.

Anthony Peone of the audience asked why the Village Attorney does not handle all legal matters. Mayor Wexler said it is like a Doctor. There are generalists that refer you to specialists or surgeons. Mayor Wexler said this is really not the time for public comment. Mayor Wexler said the Trustees have the right to vote no. Trustee Maziarz said he did not give her the opportunity to vote yes. Trustee Wagenhauser said it is obvious that we must get representation. However, a simple memo in the Trustees mailboxes with some details would have been helpful. Trustee Maziarz said apparently the 3 Board members named in the suit have discussed this. Mayor Wexler said no. However, he has confidence in Village Attorney Calandra's recommendation. He said he would line up with him 101 times out of 100.

⇒ Trustee Nayman moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, Trustee Wagenhauser opposed, Trustee Maziarz opposed, Mayor Wexler in favor. Carried 3 to 2 to authorize Village Attorney Calandra to hire a law firm pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 18 to defend the Village against the Chief Varrenti lawsuit.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Tony Perry questioned why there is such dissension among the Board on the decision to go with a law firm when the Village Attorney recommended it. He said there is a lot of grandstanding going on. He said adding money to the legal fees line is long overdue. It has been an under budgeted line for years. He said he wouldn't be surprised if they go over the \$127,000 budgeted for it as well. T. Perry said a lot of problems are from prior administrations that have dragged on for years. He asked why they don't use T. Calandra more as Village Attorney and refer to NYCOM when necessary. He said some of the conversations tonight were premature without an attorney in place. He said they are all elected officials and the bickering at public meetings should stop because it is an embarrassment. There is a lot of grandstanding going on.
2. Sandeep Singh of Brook Terrace said being ignorant has served him well until he began

attending these meetings recently. He said the Village seems to take a band-aid approach to the budget. Regarding the placards and picketing at the last meeting: it was an embarrassment. He said people should not lose their civility and they should remember that the elected officials have children and families. He urged the Board to appoint 3 to 5 people without a vested interest in petty politics to work on solving the Village's budget woes. He said if the legal fees were not increased, doesn't mean the tax increase would have gone away.

3. Hal Legg of Gordon Street said he is growing accustomed to the Village Board venue moving. He echoed the sentiment of the speakers. It is tiresome that things are not working so well among the Village's leaders. Regarding T. Perry's comments to trust in the Village Attorney and the Mayor's unwavering confidence in T. Calandra. He said the voters do not vote for the Village Attorney not place their trust in him to spend Village taxpayers money. The Board should review the qualifications of anyone it wants to hire.

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4. An unidentified person asked why time is so short regarding the lawsuit. Mayor Wexler said when the Village was served April 6<sup>th</sup> a 20-day response was requested. Attorney Calandra secured a 30-day extension to May 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. A legal brief must be written. The next Village Board meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>. If they waited until then to hire the law firm, it leaves only 10 days to prepare the response.
5. An unidentified person asked why Village Attorney Calandra is not present at Board meetings, or at least the ones where he could be helpful. Mayor Wexler said the Village is saving \$140 to \$150 per hour by not having him sit here. Another unidentified person said that tonight it would have been well worth it. He could have at least written the Board a memo on the issue.
6. Lisa Saeva asked if the Board has ever explored using volunteers for part time clerical work. She said there are probably some retirees who would be willing to help out. Mayor Wexler said no. However, utilizing volunteers was suggested when they spoke of crossing guards. Mayor Wexler said anyone willing to make a firm commitment to a department to train and put in a certain amount of time would be considered. Trustee Castaneda suggested Manager Coyle put this in the next newsletter.
7. An unidentified person asked if they had considered paid or unpaid internships through the high school or college. Ute Duncan said that is not a new idea as her husband placed several interns with the last Mayor. Manager Coyle said he met with the Chair of the MPA department. The person suggested he talk with the Business Administration department and the High school internship coordinator.
8. Kathy Snyder of Lyman Street said if the Police Chief's contract should not have been signed at that time, shouldn't the Village Attorney at that time known that?
9. John Brugger of Holley Street said he is afraid the Village is shooting itself in the foot by turning over assessing to the Town of Sweden. He questioned what Village residents get for their Town taxes. He also said he would like to see the part time clerical position in the Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement office replaced. Having S. Zarnstorff out in the field more and generating more revenue from increased inspections is a win/win situation. He said he is concerned of what enforcement will not be getting done if S. Zarnstorff has to be in the office more. He said there is enforcement yet to be done in his neighborhood. He also questioned the partial judgment filed on an outstanding lawsuit 3 years ago.

Mayor Wexler said if they see revenues drop off, they might need to take a look at that.

10. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said the Village Board has an awesome job ahead. He suggested they begin tomorrow to look to the 2007-2008 budget year. Don't wait. He also encouraged them to adopt an incremental pay system for the DPW as currently within a year a new DPW employee is up to top grade. He said the Village Board really needs to work on the Union contracts and get rid of paying 100% of health benefits for life. He said the employees are going to price themselves right out of a job. He said past administrations spent \$700,000 to rehabilitate 49 State Street for use as the Village Hall and often the conference room is not large enough for Village Board meetings. J. Bush said he is not against the Police Department or the DPW, just what they are costing the taxpayers.
11. Tony Peone of Smith Street said government costs keep going up. He said he used to work at Kodak. In 1983 Kodak employees had to start paying towards their benefits. Taxpayers can't keep covering 100%. He said you vote for people who you think are going to do something.
12. Molly Mitchell said they lived in the Village until recently moving to the Town of Clarkson. She suggested the Village work with the Towns of Sweden and Clarkson on extending police coverage to them. She said she would be happy to pay more in taxes for police coverage.

Mayor Wexler said he meets monthly with the Supervisors of Sweden, Clarkson and Hamlin. This has been discussed. However, they have indicated their satisfaction with Monroe County Sheriff's Department coverage. He said if they were willing, it would sure spread out the base. However, they are very different municipalities. They have no downtown area, nor SUNY.

Brad Mitchell said the surrounding towns are not the wholly agrarian society they used to be. He said he would support local police coverage in Clarkson. It seems like an appropriate mechanism to reduce taxes and defray costs. Mayor Wexler said if Town leadership were interested, they would be happy to look at it.

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**AUDIT:**

- ➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
4/24/06	173268	2300.00
5/1/06	173274-173314	11,827.58
<u>Fire</u>		
4/18/06	173267	105.00
5/1/06	173269-173273	907.15
<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
5/1/06	774-784	2868.97
<u>Capital Projects</u>		
<u>Sewer</u>		
5/1/06	1085	139.11
<u>Water</u>		
5/1/06	1402-1409	1654.26

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9pm.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk