

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, July 5, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Note: This was a floating holiday. Village Hall was closed and its employees off.

PRESENT: Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger

ALSO PRESENT (per sign in sheet): Trustee-Elect Margaret B. Blackman, Fire Chief Michael J. Henry, Deputy Fire Chief Don Marenus, Assistant Fire Chief Mike LaDue, Dan Donovan, Josephine Matela, Hanny Heyen, Bernie LoBracco

This was a special meeting, not a regular meeting. No public comment.
Intended for Board discussion, not action. Therefore, meeting minutes are not required.
If any action is taken, a Board member needs to take minutes of such & forward to Clerk.
Individual Board members may have taken their own notes.

- **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE:**

- Please silence cell phones & electronic devices & refrain from texting

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

→ At 6:02pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss fire protection contracts.

→ At 6:37pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the special meeting.

Trustee Blair read the following prepared statement into the record:

I personally have struggled with what direction to take with our fire protection. When we decided to withdraw from talks with the towns about the formation of a fire district, it gave us time to research the potential cost to maintain the Brockport Fire Department exclusively for the Village of Brockport. The cost is approximately \$380k annually to operate the department. Cost is a huge factor as is the manpower concerns. Splitting up the fire fighters and line officers Brockport fire departments certainly would not be in the best interest of anyone that falls within the fire protection district.

Forward thinking is required for the operations of the department and we must implement the capital improvement plan for the failing equipment and the Market Street fire house if a district is formed or not.

I reached out to the town supervisors as an attempt to mend fences and to hopefully save the fire department. It is/was my intention to ask the board to consider accepting the original proposal we received from the towns of Clarkson and Sweden and join the fire district. Part of the original proposal stipulated that the village would be able to retain the reserve funds while turning over ALL assets to the newly formed district. This afternoon I received a new proposal that now calls for the village to turn over all of the reserves towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

This year alone the village has had 6 working fires, a building collapse and a fatal motor vehicle accident not to mention the many calls outside the village. So, where do we go from here?

Here is what I propose –

I make the motion to join the towns of Sweden and Clarkson in the formation and creation of the Joint Brockport Fire District. We will meet with our village attorney, Rob Leni on July 13th to review the 2 proposals we have received, write up our counter-proposal and submit to the towns of Clarkson and Sweden.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, that the Village of Brockport will join the Towns of Sweden and Clarkson in the formation of a Fire District.

Call to Question:

Trustee Blair	yes
Trustee Hannan	yes
Trustee Hunsinger	yes
Mayor Castañeda	yes

Carried 4/0

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→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, to direct DPW Superintendent Donahue, in the course of the DPW regularly scheduled workday, to hose down the sidewalks in the Downtown Historic Commercial District in preparation of the Merchants Sidewalk Sale to be held July 8-10th.

Call to Question:

Trustee Blair	yes
Trustee Hannan	yes
Trustee Hunsinger	yes
Mayor Castañeda	no

Carried 3/1

• **ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 6:51pm, Trustee Blair moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Notes taken by Mayor Castañeda &
provided to Village Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli