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, May 4, 2015 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Trustee John D. LaPierre, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica L. Linden

EXCUSED: Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Merritt, Bob Currier, Pam Ketchum, Jim Barton, Anne Tatarsky, Joan Hamlin, Mary Rich, Kevin McCarthy, Jeremy Linden, Mathea Linden, Mairi Linden, Jennifer Staskiewicz, Addison Staskiewicz, Janet Jarman, and Abigail Jarman

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** to honor those who 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."

BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Andrews shared the following:

My subject today is a man who began his career in Brockport and became the pre-eminent portrait photographer in America. John H. Kent was born in Plattsburg, NY, in 1827. He settled in Brockport in 1848 and opened a studio as a painter in a house where the Methodist church is now. He lived at 89 Main Street, which we believe is the site of the Collins house. Charlotte Martin, in her 1929 Brockport history says that he was "an artist of considerable ability in the painting of landscapes. Soon after arriving in Brockport, he became Brockport's first photographer, specializing in portraits, though he continued to be listed in village directories as a "painter".

In 1868, after 20 years in Brockport, the house that his studio occupied was sold and he moved to Rochester, opening a studio at 58 State Street. A biographer said that he quickly established a reputation as "the leading photographer in Rochester and Western New York [and] enjoys a reputation which extends throughout the country." [Landmarks of Monroe County] His studio was called "one of the most successful and prolific...in the United States." Another biographer says that Kent "may be said to have done more than any other artist in that line to establish the artistic character of the photograph." [History of Monroe County] Still another says that "he had a clean style people today still find very classy. He didn't crowd his pictures, instead choosing to solely focus on the face of the sitter." [Bowlers and High Collars]

At the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, Kent exhibited what was described as "the best and largest photographs ever made at that time...receiving all the first prizes, five in number. He also had a collection of 130,000 negatives. Apparently, other professional photographers regarded him highly, for they elected him president of the Photographers' Association of America in 1883.

George Eastman frequented Kent's studio and credited him with being one of the four men who taught him photography, George Selden of Clarkson being another. Eastman thought so well of Kent that Kent became one of the original stockholders in the Eastman Dry Plate & Film Co. At its incorporation, he held 100 shares as the fourth largest stockholder and was its vice president, with Henry Strong as president and George Eastman treasurer.

He was quoted in the British Journal of Photography as giving this advice to portrait photographers: "When your sitter is in the chair do not manipulate him and twist him this way and that way until you make him nervous; some people will stand it, but many will not. Engage him in conversation, converse with him on something that will interest him, get him in the best possible mood, and at the same time watch the light and the position of the head that will give the finest lines. A person cannot stand here, and have a good line here and another one there. Expose when the expression is right and most pleasant. Catch it in the shortest possible time and you will have a pleasant picture. I would rather give a man a good, pleasant picture than a first-class, exact picture, because it pleases him better."

Kent died in 1910, age 83. On a passport application, Kent gave his date of birth as March 4, 1828. He has photos in the George Eastman House Collection. He photographed Rochester

resident Frederick Douglass. Kent had two children but one died very young. Daughter Ada Howe Kent was also an artist. In the Wall Street Journal of Jul 14, 1916, she was listed as the 16th largest stockholder in the Eastman Kodak Company. She never married, and left her millions to the Ada Howe Kent Foundation.

OATH OF OFFICE: none

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none

## **CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Girl Scout Troop 692 - participation in 4/18/15 Canal Clean Sweep

Village of Brockport Certificate of Appreciation for Girl Scout Troop 692 in recognition of volunteer service for participating in the New York State Canal Corporation and Parks & Trails New York 10th Annual Canal Clean Sweep in recognition of Earth Day 2015 and in advance of the 191st consecutive navigation season of the New York State Canal System clean up conducted on April 18th, 2015 in the Village of Brockport along the canal between the Park Avenue Bridge and the Smith Street Bridge With gratitude, signed this 4th day of May 2015.

#### **GUESTS:**

- American Cancer Society Anne Tatarsky re Friday, 6/12/15 Relay for Life -
- Peddling-Soliciting application Barton's Parkside Hots 5/18/15-8/28/15 10am-2pm –
   Capen Hose parking lot –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Blackman seconded, failed 3/2 to approve application contingent upon approval of the code enforcement officer.
  - Navy Club Robert Currier request use of ½ Clinton Street parking lot for Saturday, 6/6/15 charity event –
    - 4th time I am here to apply for use of Clinton St. lot, for charity.
      - Mayor Blackman I checked with the chief and he is fine with it.
- $\rightarrow$  Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to grant Navy Club request.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin McCarthy of East Ave. – I'd like to commend the village codes office for their pro-active stance on garbage pick-up. The last few weeks I did petitioning for Kathy Kristansen, it was a great experience; I heard lots of positive comments. In her brochure she talks about a comprehensive plan. As a planning board member, I believe that is essential, for us to move forward with our own custom plan (for the village).

Mary Rich of Main St. – I watched the recording of the meeting on April 23. I was struck at the end how emotions were strong when you voted or didn't regarding the joint comprehensive plan. I know I wouldn't want to sign anything I wasn't comfortable with. I wouldn't be comfortable with any of it. You are stewards of our village and I hope you will think about that before you vote.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- $\rightarrow$  Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 4/6/15 meeting be approved as amended.
- → Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the

4/27/15 work session be approved as amended.

# . APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

No bills to approve:

- CLERK REPORT: Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli (excused)
- Sidewalk café permit applications Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linden referred to the application in the packet regarding Java Junction at 56 Main Street.
- → Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the application for a sidewalk café permit for the 2015 season. Would also like to remind Java to put out their own trash can and cigarette receptacle.
- 2015 Events Schedule Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linden referred to the events schedule in the packet. It is on the Village website, is available at Village Hall and Welcome Center and has been forwarded to staff, Seymour Library, BCSD, SUNY, Town of Sweden, Town of Clarkson, community organizations and local media.

#### PERSONNEL ITEMS:

- Appoint 2 new Welcome Center Greeters –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Gerrit Mora and David Markham as Welcome Center Greeters.
  - Appoint to fill 2 Parks Committee vacancies –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint Lynda Cochran and Barbara Blosenhauer as Parks Committee members to complete terms in progress to 6/30/17 and 6/30/15 respectively.

Trustee Andrews mentioned that L. Cochran is the Chair of the Recreation and Leisure Department at the college and will be a valuable member of this committee.

- Accept resignation of Doug Wolcott as ELK Museum Board member (change status to volunteer) –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to accept, with regret, the resignation of Doug Wolcott from the ELK Museum Board, with thanks for his service and to reclassify him as a volunteer.
  - Accept resignation of Rayleen Bucklin as ELK Museum volunteer –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to accept, with regret, the resignation of Rayleen Bucklin as an ELK Museum volunteer with thanks for her service.
  - Appoint 14 new ELK Museum volunteers –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint the following as ELK Museum volunteers: Marilynn Brown, Doug and Leslie Bull, Ann Butler, Henry and Marion Dilger, Marie Drennen, Scott Gulliford, Roberta Hesek, Harley and Andrea Perry, Shirley Schuff, Rosemary Smith, Anita Wicks.

Mayor Blackman noted these new volunteers will assist in keeping the museum open for additional hours.

- Part Time Court Attendant hire to fill 1 vacancy per Justices recommendation –
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to accept the recommendation of Village Justices William G. Andrews, Jr. and Kent R. Blair as to the hiring of Chris lacuzzi to fill the Part Time Court Attendant vacancy. This Civil Service title is competitive. Therefore, the initial hiring is classified as provisional until an exam is offered. For permanency, they must take and pass the exam and be reachable on the certification of eligibles. The Village will be notified as to the exam date. Pay rate is \$12.50 per hour. These are part time positions, less than 20 hours per week, not to exceed 40 hours within a two-week pay period. No benefits.
- Amend Employee Handbook Section 701 Longevity Increments re Non-Union (to match approved budget) –

→ Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to amend Employee Handbook Section 701 regarding Longevity Increments to read as follows:

Longevity Increments – An employee may receive a longevity increment, provided the employee has not received an unsatisfactory evaluation. The longevity increment will be at the discretion of the Village Board. The longevity increment will be paid on the last payroll during the month of June in the fiscal year the member is entitled to longevity as follows:

\$500 After 5 years of continuous service \$100 Additional Each completed year, thereafter.

Union Employees – An employee who is a member of a collective bargaining unit is not covered by the Wage and Salary provisions set forth above and should refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

## **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**

- o Select EAP provider for 6/1/15 start -
- $\rightarrow$  Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to select Guardian as the Village's EAP provider beginning 6/1/15.
- o Declare surplus, list on Auctions International Truck #15 1997 Chevy pickup & authorize replacement Per DPW Spt. Donahue's memo in the packet: "Information on the pickup replacement as requested. I am proposing to replace a 1997 Chevy ¾ ton pickup with a snowplow. The replacement would be a new 2015 Chevy ¾ ton pickup with a plow. We have the money budgeted for this in the current budget year. We can purchase off the Chautauqua County bid at a substantial savings as opposed to going to bid. On that county bid the truck is \$32,389.50. I have \$29,550 left in budget line 5110.2080 for this truck. As the snowplow is included in the final cost we can take the remaining \$2,840 out of budget line 5142.2000 snow plow replacement line. I would also like to ask the board to declare the old truck surplus and auction it off through Auctions International once we receive the new one."
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to declare surplus and authorize listing on Auctions International Truck #15, the 1997 Chevy pickup and to authorize the purchase of a replacement at a cost of \$32,389.50.

Trustee LaPierre noted there is a correction to the quote; an item was omitted from the original quote, the assist steps. Adding the steps is a \$477 increase.

- o Authorize replacement of 2014 Loader per annual agreement with Cat Per DPW Spt. Donahue's memo in the packet: "The other equipment information is as follows. We have to send a letter of intent to Milton Cat on our letterhead stating that we will be replacing our Caterpillar loader in our next budget year. They need this letter to place an order in May to insure that we can take delivery of our new loader in September/October time frame. That is when our yearly replacement is due. This loader has been budgeted in the next fiscal year out of the Water Fund. The cost for this replacement is \$4,505 for tier 4 final emissions (EPA) required on all new diesel engines and approximately \$4,500 for the hours on the current machine for a total of \$9,005.
- $\rightarrow$  Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to authorizer replacement of the 2014 loader with a 2015 loader at a cost of \$9,005 per the annual agreement with Cat.

#### Comprehensive Plan -

- o Mayor Blackman I'd like to provide a comprehensive plan update. Last meeting the joint comprehensive plan was a heated discussion and we tabled any further discussion of it. Following that Bill agreed to submit comments he had provided and I had provided to the chair of the committee and that we would all go forward to the public hearing. In the meantime a number of things have happened.
- → Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to not proceed with the joint comprehensive plan.

Trustee Ciciotti - We believe that the current draft is inadequate and its shortcomings so substantial that they cannot be corrected and so we do not move forward with the plan. Trustee Ciciotti stated that the original meeting was divided, but it was decided we would proceed in

respect to all the time spent by the revision committee but over the last year and four months a lot has taken place.

I would like to share that since Jan of 2014 when the revised comprehensive plan was provided to the board we did have a meeting that Jan to discuss the comprehensive plan and its revisions. There were planning board members present, board members, dept heads, and we were divided on our direction but it was decided we would proceed in respect to all the time that had been spent by the revision committee. But since then somewhat over a year and four months almost a year and a half a lot has taken place and a lot of consideration has been given to this comp plan. Trustee Kristansen and I and planning and zoning board members attending the Monroe County Land Use Decision Making Training. Trustee Kristansen and I have truly formed some stronger opinions and collected some stronger information concerning this comp plan revision. Just some of the concerns we have with it in regard to the motion.

- -In a Comparison of 2005 to 2013 plans of the over 180 Items in the Action Plan, Ch. 6, there shows no action taken on the majority of the 180 items. Mind you the 2005 plan is a modified plan of the 2002 plan so this 2013 revision shows no status updates on the majority of these 180 items for over 10 years.
- -In Comparing the 2005 to 2013 plans here are a few examples of action items the village addressed but the 2013 plan shows no revision to the following.
- F-2. Water and Waste Water Collection and Treatment Systems.
- 5. Gather and analyze baseline data on the quality and cost of drinking water and waste water collection and treatment throughout the Town and Village, for both public and private systems.
- 6. Determine where problems exist with quality, pressure or cost, where there may be problems in the future, and what approaches should be used to address them.

Action by Village: Both of these actions items were addressed in part by the adoption of the Sewer Fee on April 27, 2011.

Minutes of the meeting in reference to Sewer Fee:

For the purpose of operating and maintaining the sewage systems of the Village of Brockport, including for the purposes of debt services and to establish a reserve fund for capital improvements and equipment, the Village of Brockport hereby establishes a sewer rental fee for use of the Village wastewater collection facilities or any part or parts thereof.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS—Shall mean, but not be limited to, the following annual costs:

- 1. Salary and wages, including benefits, of personnel operating, maintaining and administering the wastewater collection and conveyance system.
- 2. Costs of materials and supplies for the wastewater collection and conveyance system.
- Costs of any indebtedness necessary for the operation and maintenance, as well as repair, improvement and reconstruction, of the wastewater collection and conveyance system.
- 4. Equipment costs.
- 5. Insurance costs.
- 6. Any other incidental costs not hereinabove specified.

Conclusion: The 2013 revised joint plan is incomplete and in error as it has no revision to these action items. Where is the revision showing the adoption of Sewer Fee providing a change in process of collection from assessment based to actual usage. Also, the village took action in replacement of water meters from dial to radio transmitted meters reducing the need for staffing which addressed costs and in addition increased efficiency in data collected.

Comparison of 2005 to 2013 Action Plan Ch. 6 shows no revision to the following.

## F-3. Public Safety

 Prepare an assessment of existing public safety services and facilities, examining quality, cost, and known problems or needs. Examine future needs and develop strategies for addressing them. Action by Village: The Brockport Police Department was accredited by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services in October of 2004 and re-accredited in October 2009. BPD exceeded all of the 131 standards set forth by the State to achieve accreditation. Standards include but are not limited to: following mandated hiring practices, psychological screening and thorough background checks for new officers, proper carrying of firearms, proper use of less than lethal substances, training, investigative functions, maintaining of juvenile and criminal records, wearing of vests, award recognition program, sex offender man-agreement and a number of other standards.

Conclusion: This action by the BPD does show that the village had addressed that action of assessing the existing public safety services. The 2013 revised joint plan is incomplete and in error as it has no revision to these action items.

-A Comprehensive Plan outlines a community's vision and provides a conceptual roadmap for how to achieve it, community participation is required not just encouraged.

2013 Revised plan does not include Summary of Public Process. 2005 plan includes Summary of Public Process in Appendix C Resident Survey. Was there any involvement by the public as in surveys, public meetings, etc. If there was the 2013 revised plan needs to include Summary of Public Process. If there was not the 2013 revised plan does not reflect the needs and desires of the community. It is required during the planning process not just during the adoption process.

## In Conclusion:

In the past year and four months I have worked with, at the time, trustee Hannan, and presently, trustee Kristansen to learn about comprehensive plans, reviewing other SUNY municipality's comp plans, comparing the 2005 plan to the revised 2013 plan, researching information concerning comp plans, attended the Monroe County Land Use Training in March, discussing comp plans with professionals and more specifically the revised joint comprehensive plan. What I have learned is this.

-A comprehensive plan is first and foremost the vision of the community; community participation is required not just encouraged. There is no Summary of Public Process in the 2013 revision that would indicate any involvement of either community.

-According to state law the Village Board is responsible for adopting or accepting and maintaining the Comprehensive Plan as a guide to the community's development. The adoption of this Comprehensive Plan exemplifies the commitment by the Village to maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents. As the plan was presented to the village In Jan of 2014 we have dealt with it for a year and a half, I think this shows that both the town and the village have been remiss in following through on this.

-Are Village needs being specifically addressed? In comparing other municipality's comp plans to the joint town/village plan there is evidence that would prove that this revision does not adequately depict the Inventory & Analysis or project accurate and specific Goals & Policies or Action Items in reference to the village.

-Is the revision accurate and up to date? No. In reviewing the Action Plan of the 2013 revised plan there is evidence that Action Plan items have been omitted without explanation, no status or footnotes to provide explanation of the removal of several items from 2005 to the 2013 revised plan. Also, Action Plan Items do not reflect action that the Village has taken to address specific needs.

-Concerning information involving funding opportunities. During this past year I have inquired as to the availability of grant monies if the village were to create its own comp plan and I was told there were no monies available. I have found out otherwise. We did learn differently at the March training that we went to and more importantly as of May 1<sup>st</sup> Consolidated Funding Application has become open for the 2015 application process for grants that would provide for funding for the comp plan and funding for our zoning rewrites.

-There are concerns over this Comprehensive Plan revision being a guiding framework for zoning codes. Presently the village's CRC is working on revising the zoning chapter of our codes. Why would we want to use a revised plan that is inaccurate and incomplete and not specific in the information it provides concerning Inventory and Analysis, Goals and Policies and Action Plan and does not show evidence of community participation to be the guiding framework in updating our zoning codes?

-These are only a few reasons and examples that support my opinion that the village should not go forward with the 2013 Revised Joint Comprehensive Plan. It would be my recommendation that the village agree not to pursue adopting this revision and some of the reasons as to why we requested the motion.

Trustee Kristansen also provided comment on the comprehensive plan -- I have spent a great deal of time researching and discussing with constituents, colleagues, lawyers, other municipalities and master plan experts about comprehensive planning and development and the validity of the joint Sweden/ Brockport comprehensive plan that is presently on the table. While I understand and respect that this plan has had many hours put into it, I have come to the conclusion based on the research and discussion that while this plan may be in the best interest of the town of Sweden, this joint plan is not in the best interest of our village of Brockport municipality.

This plan with its updates was presented to the village board a little over a year ago. While I was not a member of the board at that time, I have learned that the plan was not moved forward for many of the same reasons that I have found why not to be in favor of the joint plan.

A comprehensive plan is a vision, a conceptual roadmap, a blueprint...a useful tool to guide or provide framework for decision making and communication within the municipality it is written for. The plan should include the community profile, the vision statement and finally planning, preparation and development...as well as the reasons for building a comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan should be representative of the municipality it represents. A well written plan serves as a guide for municipality boards as they make decisions based on issues presented to their respective boards or committees. The plan needs to be very deliberate and focused. My reasons are many but here are a few of the major ones that have shaped my decision:

- The Town of Sweden and the Village of Brockport are very different from each other...the needs of the town do not match the needs of the village. Writing one plan for two very diverse and different municipalities creates challenges that do not serve either municipality in a positive manner. There should be priority topics. Topics that are specific to the village in 2015 are housing challenges, incentives and opportunities (both student and full-time residential), senior citizens residential issues, infrastructure, parks, Clinton St., Main St., relationship with college, police and law enforcement, village court, Erie Canal waterfront opportunities, land use and zoning, quality of life in an urban, small footprint setting along with other issues that are gleaned from current (2015) community surveys, forums and participation. Since the updates were written we have learned and been educated much about the opportunities that would help us to move our village forward in a positive, thriving manner.
- 2. The village board is 5-0 in agreement that the village needs its own plan, unique to the village's needs given the characteristics, demographics, physical appearance, etc. There is no sense in wasting any more time, money, energy on a plan that simply does not fit...we should move right to the process that will result in a plan that the village community can use.
- 3. In protection of the villages' needs as the village continues to evolve, we are not guaranteed by law that if we enter into this joint plan we will be allowed to define more specifically what the plan needs to be for our village... meaning that any changes that the village needs to make for the benefit of the village or if the village goes ahead with their own plan, these actions will have to be within the confines, and allowed and approved of by both municipalities. If the board approves the joint plan and we decide to go with a village only plan...which plan do you follow?
- 4. The village board trustees and members of the various boards and volunteer groups all have one goal...we have been entrusted to look after the vision and needs of the village residents, village boards, businesses, visitors, etc. This plan does not assist us in doing that.
- 5. We have been given the opportunity to start the process of applying for grant \$\$ through NYSERDA3, LWRP1 and CFA2, hiring a professional to consult and assist us in writing those grants and an appropriate comprehensive plan and zoning codes that the residents, businesses, etc. through community input will reflect the vision, needs and desires of the whole community of the village. These are time sensitive grants. The community needs to be allowed to take ownership from the beginning of

- the new 2015 plan's writing. With a professional planner on board, the plan including the zoning aspect could be completed and implemented within 12 months.
- 6. The plan needs to be pro-active...the priorities, goals and action items need to be specific, reflective and efficient of the vision and community as stated in #1...the action items need to be do-able, reasonable, enforceable, lawful and reflective of the SPECIFIC needs of the Village. The plan needs to be reviewable at any time as needed, reflective of a historical, thriving, forward-moving and evolving municipality.
- 7. The plan needs to offer guidance, opportunities for the growth of the municipality.

In conclusion, obviously, I am passionate about the thought of having a comprehensive plan for our village. I have nothing but respect for the people who have been involved in the writing of the joint plan that is presented to us. It is simply that I believe after research and dialogue that in our instance a joint plan is not in the best interest of our village...this plan will not do for us what a comprehensive plan needs to do. A well written and municipality-based comprehensive and zoning plan allows a municipality to know where they are now, where they want to go and the conceptual map to get there with specifics of how to reach each goal. It is a municipality wide project where all stake-holders members are involved and required to take ownership. It is not an easy or quick process but I believe the most valuable and important action that a municipality can take to truly move forward in a positive and constructive manner for all in this day and age. I respectfully ask that the village board not approve moving forward with the joint plan but instead move forward with the process of obtaining grant \$\$ to hire a professional community planner to assist us in the construction of a new village of Brockport comprehensive plan.

Mayor Blackman – Pat Connors sent an email and asked that her remarks be read into the minutes. The following is her statement:

TO: Mayor Blackman and Village Trustees

FROM: Pat Connors, Chair - Town of Sweden/Village of Brockport

Comprehensive Plan Committee

DATE: May 4, 2015

RE: Update to Joint Comprehensive Plan

As you are aware, the Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan was completed and submitted to both municipalities at the end of December 2013/early January 2014. The only input I had received in the past year and a half was from Trustee Andrews and his comments have been included, as requested.

A Comprehensive Plan Committee comprising of residents from <u>both</u> the Town and the Village spent many months going through the Plan to update it and, in addition, the enormous amount of time I spent looking up the data to update the tables and typing the Plan. While a consultant would have been beneficial this time around, the Town did not budget \$40,000 for one. I have, however, requested that for the next update, the Town should plan and start budgeting for a Consultant.

It is my understanding that a couple of Trustees have recently gone through the Plan and have noted many changes that need to be made and, thus, have deemed it necessary to pursue the Village hiring a Consultant and develop a Comprehensive Plan specifically geared to the Village. While I am not opposed to this idea, even though the Comprehensive Plan has been done jointly for 50-plus years, it does present a minor problem for the Town to move forward with the current Draft.

Given the fact that so much time and effort has already gone into this Draft Plan, I am respectfully requesting that <u>both</u> the Village and the Town move forward with the joint Public Hearing (5/26) and subsequent approval of the Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan <u>with the understanding that the Village will be moving forward in developing a Plan more specific to the Village's wants and needs.</u> (I would propose that wording similar to that be included in the respective Resolution/Motion for each municipality.) This way, the Town can finally wrap this up and start addressing some of the goals in the Plan.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

## Mayor Blackman -

I was one of the people on the board supporting what Pat was saying. No harm done, we could approve this plan and live with it in the year and half or so that it would take to get the village its

own plan. Then I saw Trustee Ciciotti's research, she dug deeper into the 2005 plan and the revisions required are too serious to go forward with the joint plan. I am in favor of not going forward with the join plan.

#### Trustee Andrews -

At our last meeting, I believed that the five type-written pages of comments I had to add to the plan would be a relatively simple matter to be included in the plan. I asked the chair to call a meeting to consider those changes, but subsequent to that I met with Trustee Ciciotti, who explained that the necessary corrections would be such an effort that I now believe that we should not accept the comprehensive plan. In addition, Trustee Ciciotti pointed out that in the summer of 2013 three of the key members who were representatives of the village were no longer eligible to represent the village on the committee and none of the positions were replaced. The village was not adequately represented on the committee. I was on the committee but not representing the village. Nearly two years would have passed since the village had any representation and the plan is essentially two years out of date. What has happened is really basic to the character of the plan. Therefore I have reached the conclusion that we should not accept the plan and very soon move to the village's plan.

Trustee LaPierre - I think it has all been said very well, I don't need to say anything else. I agree with the motion. I find it curious that it has been sitting quiet for so long and all of a sudden it comes up.

Mayor Blackman - To look on the bright side for the town, I think the town will benefit from the comments we have made, and Bill and I have given them the correct references for charts, etc.

Trustee LaPierre I would comment that the money that we paid for Trustee Ciciotti and Trustee Kristansen to attend the seminars to bring all this information to us was time and money well spent.

→Trustee Kristansen moved and Trustee Ciciotti seconded, motion carried 5/0 to develop a comprehensive plan for the Village of Brockport and to hire Matt Engles of Engles Planning and Design to consult with the Village of Brockport grant writers, contingent upon J. O'Connell's prior agreement, in assisting with the writing of a grant to secure funds to develop said plan, with a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Trustee Ciciotti - If the Board would agree, I would like to represent the Board to J. O'Connell.

Trustee Kristansen - I would like to help as well.

- Authorize up to \$350 from Shafer Trust for shades/curtains for ELK Museum -
- → Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize up to \$350 from the Shafer Trust for shades/curtains for the Emily L. Knapp Museum and Library of Local History.

## **VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
  - The Democrat and Chronicle on Sunday had an article about solar energy and mentioned that Avon schools are saving money this way, so I got in touch with Lesli Myers and she said she is interested, so I got her in touch with our solar people.
  - On Arbor Day we planted16 trees, there were more on order but they didn't arrive
    on time. We had more people than shovels and were done in about an hour. It is
    a great village /college partnership.
  - An update on Low Bridge High Water, the poster contest winners were determined. Notice the posters hanging here and throughout the village there are three winners, hanging at A Different Path Art Gallery, and three honorable mentions. We had 76 admissions, which was a record. The three top posters will be on a flyer announcing the Saturday schedule. A 20 ft banner is up, announcing the festival. It involved calling railroad company and the DOT- it is on the south side of the rail road bridge and is up until Monday after the festival. We still need volunteers to sell tickets Friday night, shifts of an hour.

- Last wed, Trustee LaPierre and I took a tour of Sunnking on Owens Road. I was overwhelmed by the sheer mass of electronic stuff that gets recycled. They have five people who sell stuff on Ebay, making 50k a week from that recycling /reselling work. It is very impressive. They were running a charity event at the time and are in the process of expanding to Syracuse.
- Thanks to Joan Hamlin for donating the money to buy the new flag on the Park Avenue flag pole.

## Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews

- I attended the ELK board meeting; they have all kinds of good things going, running very business- like. Just as 14 new volunteers all at one time is telling, their reputation is making its way through the community. They have done lots of preparation for their Get Ready Grant, so that should be successful. A new grant application has gone out for map restoration and the three records clerks working on the current grant are doing a great job.
- I attended the Low Bridge High Water committee. I completed the rotation of the community museum interior exhibits.
- I also attended the Walk!Bike!Brockport! meeting; they have begun to apply for a grant to build a trail from Sweden Walker Road to Owens Road. The Town of Sweden tried to do it; they received an \$82,000 grant but we were not able to use it, there was a disagreement between the village and the town over an easement. So we are going to prepare a new trail application, using the original as a guide, in the hopes that the village will be successful.
- We are still soliciting sponsorships for Summer Serenades; members of this board will individually each contribute \$100 so we can be among the sponsors of that program. I want to call attention to the beautification of the village by Pam Ketchum including Remembrance Park, Sagawa Park, The Welcome center, and others. Thank you, Pam.

## Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti

I have been busy with the comprehensive plan and have nothing else to report.

#### Trustee John D. LaPierre

- In my last report I didn't mention I had been on a ride with a village police officer. It is always interesting what you will see: at 2:30am I learned what is involved in a DWI ticket. Our officers are doing a great job finding and arresting these people but it is also very expensive at one time it took three officers to process the person. I also learned that the breathalyzer is only given at the Police Department; the instrument used at the car is not certified to be 100% accurate, the one in the police department is, so the first instrument is used to determine if the person needs to have the true breathalyzer administered.
- I went with Spt. Donahue looking for pot holes and for where black top isn't holding up; I asked him to put together a comprehensive plan on street conditions. We need a view of the whole village and from that list Spt. Donahue will choose what the DPW will do this particular year.
- I did go to Sunnking with the Mayor. It is just amazing what they have to process. Although he takes in those big bulky TVs it costs him \$10 to process each one, it makes no money; there is nothing to be reused. We are lucky to have Sunnking in our community.

## Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen

 I attended the April 2 1Seymour Library discussion around the local history room's progress; there are pictures on Facebook and Twitter. We discussed parking lot pot holes and Clarkson was contacted about repair. I was asked to ask this board: Are the library board trustees bonded? Is the library board bonded?

Mayor Blackman answered she is not sure, Trustee Kristansen should ask Clerk Morelli.

- I attended the village board work session with Matt Ingalls.
- Lastly, I am announcing my candidacy for trustee, as I was appointed to fill a vacancy. I am running on the Revitalize Brockport ticket.

# ADJOURNMENT:

 $\rightarrow$  At 8:38 pm, Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Erica L. Linden, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk