

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, December 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Annette M. Crane, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Trustee John D. LaPierre, Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli, Treasurer Daniel P. Hendricks, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer David J. Miller, Jr., Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Sabernick, Nikole VanWie, Carl Davila, Lyle Stirk, Sarah Hart, Madeleine Hart, Kevin McCarthy, Bernie & Karen LoBracco, Thomas Mangan, Marcy Stickles, Jason Dauenhauer, Bill Rowley, Fred Webster, members of the Brockport Police Department, members of the families of the Brockport Police Officers being sworn in.

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

During each person's report, happy holidays were wished.

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:

The Seymours were, probably, Brockport's most distinguished family in the 19th century, from the time James partnered with Hiel Brockway in laying out the village in 1822 until William's death in 1903 at the age of 101. They were related to the English Seymours, a family of nobility whose most notable member was Jane, the third wife of Henry VIII. Horatio Seymour, a first cousin of James and William, was a Civil War governor of New York and Democratic candidate for U.S. President in 1868. Another first-cousin was on the New York State Canal Commission while the canal was under construction. Eight Seymours have been members of the U.S. Congress. The first of the American Seymours arrived in Connecticut in 1639.

James and William are the best known Seymours to Brockporters, but another member, Henry W., also had a distinguished career. He was born in Brockport in 1834, the son of William. He attended Brockport schools, the Brockport Collegiate Institute, Williams College, and Albany Law School and passed the bar, but never practiced law. In 1852, he opened a factory manufacturing reapers, rotary pumps, and engines, directly across the street from his father's reaper factory.

Henry was also active in local politics, serving three terms on the Village Board in the late 1860s. He was perhaps the most active advocate in the campaign to secure the normal school for the village and he served on its board. Early in the Civil War, he was active in recruiting efforts in the village, but, though the very eligible age of 26, never entered the armed forces. In 1873, he moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where he built a sawmill and planing mill, farmed, and resumed manufacturing reapers and other farm implements. He was vice-president of the First National Bank, president of the St. Mary's Water-Power Co., and shipped timber to his father, who had left the firm of Seymour & Morgan and entered the lumber business.

He was a very busy man in Michigan, for he pursued political as well as business interests. He served in the state House of Representatives, 1880-82, and the state Senate, 1882-84 and 1886-88. In February 1888, he was elected to an unexpired term in the U.S. House of Representatives, but served only until March 1889. He was not re-elected in 1872. He died on a trip to Washington in 1906.

OATH OF OFFICE (ceremonial):

- o Ceremonial swearing in of newest Brockport Police – Officers Vadas, Blodgett, Clawson

Chief Varrenti introduced and ceremonially administered the Oath of Office to Officers Vadas, Blodgett and Clawson.

Mayor Blackman commented that Brockport Police Department is now fully staffed.

Clerk Morelli encouraged all to enjoy the refreshments she provided.

CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: none

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin McCarthy of East Avenue – read the following into the record:

I would like to address the board for housing concerns that I have experienced over the past couple years.

As most of you know I own rental property within the village along with my own home. I have experienced from rental homes that are next to my properties a lack of property maintenance. I have reported to code enforcement and the police department the following problems. Raw Garbage strewn around the properties, beer cans and loud parties that spill over into my houses yards. Cars parked on the lawns along with cars literally driving on my property to get around cars that are parked on their property.

I have had conversations with the tenants of these homes and until just recently after they were ticketed several times the problem has become slightly less.

do not blame the tenants but instead blame the landlords that for whatever reason do not police their own homes and allow these problems to persist.

This is the crux of the matter, I have dealt with this problem in previous years and this will only continue each year due to the lack of a responsible landlord. This in itself is unfair to me and I am quite sure others who deal with this year after year with no end in sight. I cannot imagine having my personal home next to rentals like this.

I have read about other communities that have dealt with this problem with a points and penalties system that would not allow this problem to continue each year. This makes the landlord responsible for his or her properties from year to year or they could lose their certificate of occupancy.

Being a landlord myself now over 10 years I realize that problems will arise especially with a college age population renting away from home for most likely the first time on their own. That being said I make a great effort to police my properties so that the neighbors of my houses are not affected. I drive by the houses at least 3 times a week and address all concerns promptly. I reach out to the neighbors of these homes and provide them with my phone number to contact me with any and all concerns. I feel there is a lack of sensitivity from several landlords creating undesirable and unsafe conditions for the single home owners that live near or next to the rental homes. This attitude needs to end or one by one each street will have less single family owner occupied homes due to this. Rentals can coexist with owner occupied homes but it takes an effort from the landlord or this will not happen.

Lastly I do not want to have to go through this each year where I have to waste my time and quite frankly codes and the police department's time having to make sure my properties are not damaged nor have trash issues that could bring rodents that could invade my homes.

I am asking the board to make Code Enforcement a Top Priority in their Goals for 2017. Some items to consider:

- Points & Penalty System or a similar policy to track problem properties, to bring an end to irresponsible landlords and problem properties that have a history of or cause repetitive code violations and safety issues.

- Better support of Code Enforcement Department with entire board meeting with supervisor of that department on a monthly basis to be advised of issues that need strict policies and enforcement.

- Village Board to review history of properties served with code and police violations to consider whether policies, penalties and fines are effective in putting an end to repetitive cycle.

- Karen LoBracco of Adams Street – read the following into the record:

Name – address – location – homeowner – neighborhood – not just buildings but people living near each other. People – relationship – better and safer when we know each other. 50/50 rentals / owner occupied – summer – time to get to know landlords of the rentals. Type 1 landlord - reaches out to me and/or "here's my number". Type 2 landlord – if asked will give name and number. Type 3 landlord – "If you have a problem, call the police. It's not my problem."

December 5th at 7:15am – heard shouts and raised voices – saw arms raised and handcuffs. Brockport Police cars were in my driveway joined by Monroe County Sherriff's Department, City of Rochester K-9,

NYS Police. Media trucks. My rose bush in the background of live television reports. Brockport High School locked down.

Makes me wonder if there is something more than just individual responsibility – something more than governmental responsibility for law and order.

Even before December 5th, 51 Adams Street was an address known to Brockport Police. I can't help but ask whether we really want it to be true what that landlord told me in the summer "It's not my problem." I think it's a problem for all of us!

- Tom Mangan of Utica Street – said the morning of December 5th all he could see out his window was police and media vehicles. He said normally he sees a blue garbage can at the curb 7 days per week. Not as serious, but it is a code violation, looks bad and can cause property values to decrease. Why isn't Code Enforcement citing it as a violation? He said late last August or early September, the Mayor and college students distributed a packet of information to certain neighborhoods geared toward student rentals. One document was regarding the Village noise ordinance. The wrong section was cited so misinformation was put out. This caused him to be physically threatened by a drunk student when he gave him the correct information. He said he had to call the Police. He said he may be 72 years of age, but that student would have been sorry if a fight ensued. He suggested that if the Village or College sends out wrong information, it should be corrected.

- Carl Davila of Adams Street – said he concurs with the comments made earlier by Kevin McCarthy and Karen LoBracco. He said he lives across from the house under siege the morning of December 5th. 1) Do we have ordinances? If so, they should be enforced. If citizens need certain ordinances need to be changed or updated, then go through the proper channels to make it happen. If you simply don't like the ordinances and don't wish to comply with them, get out – we'll do fine without you. 2) We do rights in the USA and do them well. However, we don't do responsibility well in the USA. You can't do one without the other. Some that complain of the erosion of society are the very people that don't take responsibility. 3) He said he has nothing but respect for Village officials compared to the recent national election in which a bully was chosen to be President of the United States. Citizens are being bullied right here in the Village of Brockport when those who don't like the rules are willing to go to court rather than obey and comply with the rules.

- Bernie LoBracco of Adams Street – provided the Mayor with a copy of the ordinances of State College, Pennsylvania as to points and penalties and asked that it be given consideration.

- Bill Rowley of Barry Street – said he has lived on Barry Street for 40 years and had personal experience with Code Enforcement two years ago when his 80-year-old carriage barn fell in on itself. He had it removed and hired a contractor to replace it. He commended the Building/Codes Office for working with him, giving him time, guidance and assistance and an understanding of the reason behind certain codes. He has found this to be true with other Village Officials and the Police Department. He is proud to support them. Noting that Brockport's signs say "Brockport – A Friendly Place to Live", he appreciates the diversity of a college community. There are aggravations, but there are rewards. As part of the Methodist Church at Main Street and Erie Street, they do a "Cookies on the Corner" on certain Friday nights. Having more adults around that act civil would help students act more civil. Tolerance and understanding should be our guide.

- Ron Sabernick of Adams Street – said he has been a mental health officer for New York State for 10 years, is a volunteer firefighter with Brockport Fire Department and is new to being an E.M.T. He is dedicated to the Village of Brockport and surrounding area. He has lived on Adams Street for 7 years and it has not been great. Often during the September through April months he sleeps on the couch as protection of his 3 small children. He shared that college students cut through his property and can be insanely disrespectful. He thanks the Police Department for their quick response time when he's had his fence or windows kicked in. He was excited to move here and 6 years ago came to a Village Board meeting when the last Mayor got hung up on whether the Police Department should use a color printer. It was embarrassing. Some experiences on Adams Street in the Village of Brockport are similar to those on Avenue D in the City of Rochester. We need more consequences as the lack of personal responsibility is ridiculous.

- Marcy Stickle of Erie Street – shared that prior to the 51 Adams Street incident, she and her husband were the victims of a home invasion. An out of control college student broke in next to the room where her husband was sleeping. They called 911. She thanks the Police Department for their quick response time. The perpetrator cut himself when he went through the window. It took the police an hour to calm him down enough to call an ambulance. One of the newest officers sworn in this evening was on the scene and got a real indoctrination. She said she now feels like she walks on eggshells waiting for something else to happen. She said many college students simply have no respect for the Village. The attitude they often project to homeowners is "If you don't like it, then move." She said she worked at SUNY College at Brockport for 41 years and many students are awesome, but more college / village cooperation seems to be needed.

- Rosa Davila of Adams Street – said she wonders if part of the reason they are disrespectful is because of the condition of the rentals they live in as some are in poor condition and overcrowded.
- Jason Dauenhauer of College Street – shared that he works at the College and is on the Town/Gown Committee and was on a search committee recently where out of state candidates might be interested in living in the Village of Brockport. He said he does not know what streets to recommend. Most faculty live outside the Village and incidents like the recent one at 51 Adams Street don't help attract them to live in the Village.

Mayor Blackman thanked everyone for clearly expressing their concerns. She said the meeting is being videotaped and will be available from the Village website sometime in January. She will also encourage the Town/Gown Committee to view it. She said the Village Board takes the comments seriously and appreciates the public taking the time to attend the meeting.

Chief Varrenti said he would like to say that the 51 Adams Street incident was an anomaly. However, there have been more home invasion robberies in the Village in the last year and a half. They are drug-related – like the recent incident in Hilton. One on Clark Street invaded the wrong house instead of the drug dealer's house. He said he needs to be careful of what he shares as the 51 Adams Street is an ongoing investigation, but suffice it to say they know who the person is and once found, he will be arrested as the evidence is overwhelming. It's just a matter of time. Many times, the victim of these home invasions is also a criminal and will face charges. The suspect in this case committed the same crime in the City of Rochester two months ago but the victim was afraid to testify so it was pled down. Fear not – the time, energy, staffing and overtime on this incident will not be for naught.

GUESTS:

- Nikole Van Wie – College Service & Community Building – Spring Spruce Up proposal – introduced herself as the Coordinator of Service and Community Building in the Department of Community Development at the College. She referred to her proposal included in the packet for a spring spruce up Friday, April 28th – Sunday, April 30th. The purpose is to bring the College and local community together for a weekend of service and volunteerism. The proposal lists some potential projects. She wanted to reach out to the Village Board and Department Heads for support and feedback. She knows the Tree Board's Arbor Day planting will be April 28th, so that could kick off the spirit of the weekend – a reinvigoration after a long winter.

Mayor Blackman said besides the potential projects previously mentioned, she suspects the Board and Department Heads won't have trouble coming up with more ideas. Mayor Blackman asked the Board and Department Heads to give it some thought and get back to Nikole as soon as possible.

- Sarah Hart & Madeleine hart – 89 Adams Street – Village Code Chapter 5 Animals §5-1 Keeping of farm animals prohibited (re chickens & horses) – Sarah introduced herself and her daughter, displayed a chicken in a cage, referred to the information she provided for the packet and did a Power Point presentation as to the facts and benefits of keeping chickens. She said she was happy to see in the recent Village newsletter all the "green" things the Village Board is working on. She knows there is one vacancy on the Code Review Committee. She would be willing to apply for the vacancy and work on this code if the Village Board would give it serious consideration. Her letter was as follows:

To whom it may concern in the Village of Brockport:

I am proposing a change to the Village of Brockport's code and its ban on farm animals. I am asking that chickens be allowed for all who would like them and careful consideration be given for horses on a case by case basis.

Climate change is our number one problem that politics is not addressing. If one does not believe in it, then pollution is the number two number one problem. We should have a choice as free people to take care of our property in an environmentally clean manner.

Reasons for chickens:

Chickens eat kitchen scraps. They dispose of wasted food from the household and turn it into eggs. This keeps rotting, stinking food out of the landfills

Chickens eat ticks, grubs, Japanese beetles and more. This is safer than pesticides.

Chickens in small numbers do not smell and can occupy land once used by stinking filthy lawnmowers that mainline fossil fuel to create a lawn that creates greenhouse gases.

Homegrown chicken eggs have more nutritional value than the chemical cocktail eggs from the store. For example: a chicken who eats spinach from the garden (that went to flower before you could eat it) transfers the spinach to the egg. Over time this means fewer health issues: Pharmacy

Chickens are historic. Over 90% of chickens and turkeys in this country are homogenized breeds with Frankenstein bodies and living conditions. Stunningly beautiful heritage breeds are now in danger of extinction. The variety is enormous.

Chickens are good for mental health. They get people outside for the 5 minutes it takes to care for them daily. Children put down their phones to watch and interact. Fresh air, movement, and a small chore can make an impact on a person's well being and mental health in a positive way.

Chickens can help with the natural fertilization of other yard plants. Keeping a compost of weeds, leaves, branches, kitchen waste, and chicken waste is a recipe for clean rich topsoil.

* I plan to expand on each of these points if I am accepted as a guest to the December 19, 2016 meeting.

**I will then make a smaller but similar case for personal permission to keep two horses in the village.

Thank you very much,
Sarah Hart
Adams St. Brockport, NY

Trustee Kristansen said she lived on 10 acres south of Churchville some time ago. She asked if the chickens are free range and if so, how you would control where they, and their manure, goes.

S. Hart said they are kept in clean coops with bedding. She brought a book about chicken coops to give examples. She said chickens were probably banned in the Village many years ago due to dogs eating them.

Trustee Andrews asked if she would have a rooster.

S. Hart said no. She is only advocating for hens.

S. Hart shared that there is something to the idea that sterile environments are not necessarily good for health. The elimination of animals is a cause for the rise in allergies. Her son was starting to get exercise induced asthma. Once they got a cat it solved the problem.

Mayor Blackman said she understands that many cities are now changing their codes to allow chickens. She said she is not necessarily opposed to the concept, but if the Village were to undertake this (changing the Village Code via the Local Law process), it would need to be a groundswell movement.

Trustee Kristansen said she is not necessarily against it, but wants to know that there is community interest and that neighborhoods would not be opposed to changing the Village Code to allow chickens. She said S. Hart may know about keeping clean coops with bedding and the importance of keeping rodents away, but many would not.

S. Hart said if you can smell it, they're not being taken care of properly.

Mayor Blackman said if such a Local Law were to be adopted, it would mean more work for Code Enforcement. It would be helpful to have examples of other municipal codes – examples of where this has worked.

Chief Varrenti commented that population density should be taken into consideration as not all municipalities are as tightly packed in as the Village of Brockport.

S. Hart said she has looked at some other municipal codes, many limiting the number of chickens allowed and basing it on the size of the lot and being a certain distance from neighboring houses.

Trustee Kristansen suggested S. Hart start a grassroots effort, form a committee and provide a petition with a decent number of Village residents as well as municipal code examples that might work here. If the Village Board thought there was enough interest, it could refer it the Code Review Committee to refine proposed language that could be considered for the Local Law process which would include a public hearing.

S. Hart said there probably won't be a groundswell of interest in this as people will have to be educated

and led. She asked how many signatures on a petition would be convincing.

Trustee LaPierre said he would be impressed with 200 people really interested in allowing chickens.

BI/CEO Miller said somehow interest in this needs to be gauged. He suggested S. Hart start a Facebook page about it.

Mayor Blackman said it will be important to think about the pros and cons, how to address the cons and argue for it.

Trustee Kristansen said it is important to get factual information out.

S. Hart thanked the Village Board for their time.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 12/5/16 meeting be approved as amended.

• **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID:**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	12/13/16	\$67,350.59	
	12/19/16	\$23,492.89	
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	12/13/16	\$48,923.61	
	12/19/16	\$1,228.78	
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	12/13/16	\$223.76	
	12/19/16	\$208.44	
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-	
FUND (T): <u>Trust & Agency</u>	-	-	
			\$116,497.96 total 12/13/16
			\$24,930.11 total 12/19/16

CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (VB meeting the 3rd Monday of each month)

o Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks

▪ Financial reports for period ending 11/30/16 – Treasurer Hendricks referred to the information in the packet. He mentioned that the fines and forfeitures revenues reflects through 10/31/16 as he is awaiting the NYS report on this.

Mayor Blackman said it seems like State Aid is down. Treasurer Hendricks said no, it's always the same amount – never enough.

o Building / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO David J. Miller, Jr.

▪ Public Comment – BI/CEO Miller thanked those who expressed concern earlier in the meeting. It doesn't fall on deaf ears. He said the current Village Board is very concerned with quality of life and safety issues and supportive of all code enforcement efforts. The Village has a good relationship with the College and he, Chief Varrenti, Mayor Blackman, Trustee Andrews and others are part of the Town/Gown Committee and subcommittees. He encouraged residents to contact him with any concerns.

Tom Mangan suggested code enforcement make regular trips through the Village and ticket violations that are in plain sight. BI/CEO Miller said that happens on a regular basis. T. Mangan said the violation of garbage cans at the curb that he referred to seems to be missed. BI/CEO Miller said he will bring that to his staff's attention.

▪ Fire – BI/CEO Miller reported on a fire at 160 Erie Street on 12/4. A tenant violated his lease causing destruction of property. There could have been injuries or worse. His department was through the property previously and there were working smoke detectors.

▪ NYSERDA Code Enforcement Training re Clean Energy Communities – BI/CEO Miller shared that he, part time BI/CEO Rearick and Trustee Kristansen met on 12/13 with a

Ty-Lin International representative regarding clean energy communities. The meeting and subsequent reviews with Ty-Lin will satisfy one of the high impact items needed for Clean Energy Community certification.

- o Police – Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
 - Stetson Club –

- Checkpoint detail – Chief Varrenti reported that a checkpoint detail done before Thanksgiving was successful and people were surprised that the 10th car in line received a frozen turkey from the Stetson Club. One recipient was Village resident Angela Markham who sent a beautiful thank you card with a check. The Stetson Club thanked her, but returned the check to her.

- Holiday parade – Chief Varrenti commended the Stetson Club, particularly Officer Dawson, who did a fantastic job with the 6th annual holiday parade of lights and fireworks. Organizing such is a big undertaking.

- Shop with a Cop – Chief Varrenti shared that on 9/6 at the urging of Mayor Blackman he met with her and Ron Staub who is fairly new to the Village and on the Planning Board. When R. Staub lived in Florida he donated money in gift cards to the local police department to get gifts for area children in need. He wanted to do the same here. So, R. Staub collaborated with the Stetson Club and donated \$1,000 that the Stetson Club matched and Chief Varrenti added to which totaled \$2,400. Then the Police and R. Staub took 24 children shopping at Walmart. Later this week Santa and his elf will deliver the gifts in a police car. He commended R. Staub and the Stetson Club for this great event.

- Appreciation – Chief Varrenti mentioned that in this crazy world where police are often criticized, it is appreciated anytime police get a pat on the back and a thank you. Many notes, cookies and such have been coming in to the Police Department at the holidays – some above and beyond the usual to show their gratitude for their local police.

- 51 Adams Street Felony – Continuing on from comments earlier in the meeting, Chief Varrenti said that he is confident arrests will be made in the drug related home invasion at 51 Adams Street. He urged citizens to keep their eyes open as many things one might consider trivial, can add up to something. Let the police know. Let the local Village Court judges know. Take time to attend court to see what fines and punishments are being handed down. Write letters to let the Judges know the importance of maximum fines and the impact of violations.

He said while he is a member of the Town/Gown Committee, he doesn't always attend. He suggested they allow public comment at those meetings. They need to hear from citizens. Mayor Blackman said she and College President Mcpherson co-chair the Town/Gown Committee and can make that happen.

Chief Varrenti mentioned the recent passing of former SUNY College at Brockport President Paul Yu. He said he was a no-nonsense man and believed that college student antics were not rites of passage.

- o Public Works – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

- Leaf collection – Spt. Donahue shared that the last leaf collection was 12/9.

They had 67 loads of leaves which equates to 1,809 cubic yards – more than ever before. Some hauled to farmers for compost.

- o Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.

- **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- o Welcome Center Management Committee – 6-member status – Trustee Andrews apologized for some confusion as to membership of the Welcome Center Management Committee at the last couple of meetings. After the death of Doug Wolcott, who did so much, they have been juggling who will handle what duties.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to reconstitute the 6-member Welcome Center Management Committee as follows: continuing: Bill Andrews (will serve as Chair), Josephine Matela, Chris Marks, Gary Skoog and new: Cathy Appleby, Sal Sciremammano.

- o Walk Bike Brockport Action Group – drop from Village responsibility (College taking it on) & from last page of document: Selection Process of Members to Boards & Committees –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to drop Walk Bike Brockport Action Group from Village responsibility and turn it over to the College.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to amend the Selection Policy to Boards/Committees documents by dropping Walk Bike Brockport Action Group from the last page. It

now reads as follows:

**Village of Brockport
Selection Process of Members to Boards and Committees
Amended 12/19/16**

The Village of Brockport has a strong tradition of volunteerism. Residents are encouraged to serve on citizen boards and committees dealing with day-to-day issues. Their participation in Village government-- in the decision-making process—fulfills a public service role that enhances the quality of life in the Village and the surrounding communities.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The members of our boards by statute, standing boards/committees, task force committee(s), and open roster committees act in an advisory capacity to the Village Board when creating ordinances, policies and procedures, and some act independently to relieve the Village Board of various administrative functions. When applicable, the Village Law takes precedence over this Village Board resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the selection process and identify those boards/committees that are bound by its usage.

The Brockport Village Board of Trustees (BOT) shall conform to the rules governing protocol and procedures pursuant to Village Law of the State of New York, Article 3, Officers and Elections, and Article 4, Powers, Duties, and Compensation of officers in appointments of citizens to boards/committees.

DEFINITIONS

"Advisor" means a non-paid member of a board/committee who has no voting power and may or may not be a resident of the Village of Brockport.

"Appointment" means the Mayor submits an individual's name to fill a vacancy on a board/committee to the Village Board for their action of approval or denial. Only in the case of the Board of Ethics membership, one or more of the Board of Trustees shall submit a candidate's name for the BOT's consideration.

"Board/Committee" means Boards/Committees by Statute, Standing, Task Force, Open Roster, and any other boards/committees, subcommittee(s) or similar entity established or adopted by the Village Board, that may or may not have stipulated terms.

"Board of Trustees" (BOT) means the Village of Brockport's Mayor and Village Board members who are elected.

"Boards by State Statute/Village Law mean that the boards and committees such as the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) have been granted the power to act independently of the Village Board in most instances, but on occasion serve in an advisory capacity to it. Members receive some compensation for their attendance/services.

"Committee Chair" means the chair/leader of a By-Statute, Standing, Task Force, Open Roster, Board or Committee.

"Mayor" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Village of Brockport who shall put forward the name(s) of citizen volunteers to fill vacancies and unexpired terms on boards/committees. The Board of Trustees shall approve or disapprove these potential candidates at a regular scheduled open meeting.

"Member" means a duly appointed person of a board or committee, including the Chair.

"Open Roster Committee" means that membership, residence, and terms may vary.

"Standing Board/Committee" means that members to said standing boards/ committees have a term of office, a stipulated number of years, and are residents of the Village of Brockport.

"Task Force Committee" means a committee formed—appointees brought forth by the Mayor and approved by the Village Board—with a stipulated number of Village members, who are charged with specific duties. When the committee has completed its work and submitted its final report, it dissolves automatically, unless otherwise directed by the Village Board.

"Term" means a stipulated duration of an appointment to a particular office, board, or committee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The Village Clerk shall advertise the vacancies on the By Statute, Standing, Task Force, and Open Roster (if applicable) Boards or Committees in the newspaper designated by the Village as the official newspaper and on the Village of Brockport website.
2. An applicant position interest form and a board/committee description sheet shall be available in the Village Hall office and on the Village of Brockport website, <http://www.brockportny.org>.
3. Information shall be available regarding the specific committee/board that has a vacancy (Chair's name/contact number), web information, etc.
4. A citizen who expresses an interest in serving on a board/committee shall be made aware of the meeting schedule and essentials before applying.
5. Applicants shall be encouraged to attend a board/committee meeting as a way to familiarize themselves with member responsibilities and if their interests and skills are well suited to serve.
6. Applications shall be completed and submitted to the Village Clerk no later than the advertised filing date.
7. Upon receipt of an application, the Village Clerk shall retain the original and distribute a copy of each application to the Board of Trustees.
8. All applications shall remain on file for a period of six months from the date received. Applicants who are still available may be considered should vacancies for a particular board/committee occur during that time.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Mayor shall put forth the name of citizen volunteer(s) to fill vacancies and unexpired terms on boards/committees prior the vote on the candidate(s) membership to said board/committee at a Village Board meeting. Exception: membership selection for the Ethics Committee is made by the Board of Trustees.
2. The Mayor can ask for input from Village Board members and/or committee/board chairs prior his decision to put a name forth, especially if the candidate is unknown. If still unknown or if there is more than one candidate, the Village Clerk shall set up an appointment for the applicant(s) with the chair of said board/committee for an informational meeting to discuss membership responsibilities and requirements. Their comments/recommendations shall be forwarded to the Mayor.
3. If a candidate's name is submitted by the Mayor to the Village Board for approval, the number of years of the unexpired term or vacancy shall be served by the new member. If there is more than one vacancy, the Mayor submits the candidates' names to be approved by the Village Board. Once approved, the chair of said board/committee shall determine the entry year for each new board/committee member based on his/her merits (the more expertise, the longer the term, etc.). Those boards/committees that do not have set terms need not comply.
4. Following the approval for membership to a board or committee by the Board of Trustees, the Mayor shall notify the candidate(s) in writing of the decision. The correspondence shall include dates of term, oath of office information, a current membership list of said board/committee, and a copy of the Village's code of ethics.
5. If a candidate is not approved for membership to a board/committee by the Board of Trustees, the Mayor shall send a letter of regret. That candidate's position interest form shall be kept on file for 6 months. The application/selection process would begin anew.
6. When setting up a Task Force (see Definitions), The Board of Trustees shall establish the general parameters of said Task Force. The mission, responsibilities, format, description of project, and the number participants/stakeholders, etc. shall be discussed and determined by the BOT prior to advertising for volunteers to serve on said Task Force. There is no specific term for members. The Mayor shall submit names for the BOT's approval.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. In the case the appointee has not filled out an interest form, he/she should do so to be on file with the Village Clerk.
2. Appointees on all boards/committees shall reside within the Village of Brockport unless otherwise noted (see Definitions, Page 1). Non-residents shall serve as advisors without voting rights.
3. Board/committee members shall agree to comply with all Village laws, regulations, voting rights, including ethics requirements and any conflicts of interest statutes.

4. Each member is expected to contribute to the board or committee he/she serves on the basis of individual expertise and good judgment.
5. The appointee shall be familiar with the responsibilities, meeting schedule, essentials of said position on specific Board/Committee, and meet with chair prior attending formal meeting for pertinent information, including this resolution and the Village's ethics code.
6. A member's request for a leave of absence must be discussed with the chair for approval or denial of said board/committee prior to departure (length of leave, reason, etc.).
7. If a member is absent without cause for three consecutive regular or special meetings without communication and/or prior authorization, the chairperson of a board/committee shall inquire as to the member's intent to serve. If a member chooses no longer to serve, he/she shall send a letter to inform the Village Clerk, who will forward it to the Village Board for action. If unexcused absences continue without communication to said board/committee chair, the board/committee chair may notify the Mayor as to the member's lack of attendance. If further action is warranted, the Mayor may recommend to the Board of Trustees to terminate membership. A written notice from the Mayor will constitute authorization for this purpose. The Mayor shall appoint another member to the vacancy. Note: Individual boards or committees may determine the procedure of keeping an attendance record.
8. The Village Clerk shall send a communication annually (April) to board and committee members whose terms are to expire at the end of the fiscal year and inquires if the member wishes to be considered for re-appointment by the Board of Trustees. If not, the Board of Trustees shall accept a letter of resignation.
9. Resignations of board/committee members shall be distributed by Village Clerk to the Mayor and the Village Board for acceptance.

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Under Village Law 3-308, Separate boards of commissioners, any board established shall be composed of not less than three (3) members...and no term shall exceed five (5) years.
2. The length of terms of office shall be determined by NYS statute and the Village Board of Trustees, and be applicable to the Boards by Statute, and Standing Boards/Committees. The terms (e.g. 5-year term has been established) shall be staggered, and the initial terms of said members shall be as follows:
 - One member for a one-year term
 - One member for a two-year term
 - One member for a three-year term
 - One member for a four-year term
 - One member for a five-year term
3. Vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant board/committee position.

OATH OF OFFICE

The members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Standing Boards/Committees (those that have terms assigned) shall be sworn in by the Village Clerk within 30 days of the appointment/re-appointment prior to serving. The Village Clerk shall communicate with new member(s) to set up a mutually agreeable time for them to take the oath of office.

EFFECT

The Village of Brockport Boards by Statute and Standing Boards/Committees shall abide by this resolution in whole. All committee applicants need Village Board approval and shall receive orientation from the specific board/committee chairs regarding the committee's purpose, member responsibilities, and a copy of this resolution, and the Village's ethics code.

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Types

- Boards by Statute
- Standing Board/Committee
- Task Force Committee
- Open Roster Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Members</u>
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Boards by Statute (State & Village law)

Planning Board	5-year	5
Zoning Board of Appeals	5-year	5
<u>Standing Boards/Committees</u>		
Code Review Committee	5-year	7 + BZ officer
Emily Knapp Museum & Library of Local History Board	3-year	4-8 +1 Faculty member
Board of Ethics	4-year	4 + Village Attorney
Historic Preservation Board	3-year	9
Parks Committee	4-year	9
Seymour Library Board	5-year (limit 2 terms)	3
Tree Board	4-year	9 & advisor (s)
<u>Task Force Committee (s)</u>		
Housing Task Force		6 + BI/CEO, 1 Planning Board member, 1 Trustee
Climate Smart Task Force		TBD
Tax Relief Task Force		9 members, appointed by the Mayor:
2 Village Board members serving as co-chairs; 2 village business owners, 2 village homeowners, 1 Sweden Town Board representative, 2 others. The two Village Board members will co-chair the committee. A recording secretary will be elected by the committee from among its membership.		
<u>Open Roster Boards/Committees</u>		
Welcome Center/Canalfront Management Cmte	None	6
Welcome Center Canalfront Greeters	None	Unlimited

- o FYI – Board/Committee vacancies -

**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
BOARD / COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are vacancies on the following:

- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy – to complete a term to 6/30/17
Meets 1st Thursday 7pm at Village Hall (only upon application)
- Historic Preservation Board – 1 vacancy to complete a term to 6/30/18
Meets 3rd Thursday 7:15pm at Village Hall
- Code Review Committee – 1 vacancy to complete a term to 6/30/19
Meets 4th Monday 6pm at Village Hall
(and requires use of email & internet)
- Emily L. Knapp Museum Board – 1 vacancy to complete a term to 6/30/19
Meets 4th Wednesday 6:30pm at Village Hall
- Housing Task Force – 1 vacancy – no term
Meets 2nd & 4th Monday 5:30pm at Village Hall

Applicant must be a Village resident.

Submit a position interest form via the Village website: www.brockportny.org

Updated: 12/6/16

Application deadline: until filled

For posting on Village website & at Village Hall & at Seymour Library.

- **OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**
 - o Accept and authorize Mayor to sign:
 - All Seasons County/Municipality Intermunicipal Work Agreement – Spt. Donahue referred to the document in the packet. When Monroe County needs help with equipment or labor, Towns and Villages can accept the work and generate revenue. When it's a nearby project, it is particularly worthwhile. This is for 10 years instead of annual. Only the appendix regarding fringe rates

to be paid per labor hour will be updated annually.

Trustee LaPierre asked how much work is available. Spt. Donahue said the Towns pick up most of it, but Villages can get some.

Trustee Kristansen asked what budget line. Treasurer Hendricks said General Fund A2389.8001. Trustee Kristansen asked if there's any way to earmark revenue from this toward future equipment purchases like a nest egg. Treasurer Hendricks said it can be done, but there is no need to make it complicated as the Village has been addressing equipment purchases adequately and already has an equipment reserve. Spt. Donahue concurred.

Trustee Crane said after the 10 years it will be wise to see if it is still lucrative. Trustee Crane asked Village Attorney Mastrella if he had any concerns regarding the agreement. Village Attorney Mastrella said no.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the 1/1/17 – 12/31/26 All Seasons County/Municipality Intermunicipal Work Agreement.

- FBS service agreement for parking enforcement management – Mayor Blackman referred to the proposed agreement in the packet and said she met with Village Court folks, Chief Varrenti, Officer VanDervort and a representative from FBS about parking tickets and ways to clarify the tickets and streamline collection to reduce some of the Court Clerks workload. Prior to establishing a Village Court, when Sweden Town Court handled Village parking tickets, FBS was the company the Village contracted with to assist in collection. It was worthwhile. They send out delinquent notices and the only fee they take is 30% of delinquent fines paid after 30 days. This is tied in with a rewrite of the Village's parking tickets to be more user friendly and to offer an on-line payment option which will be a convenience to the payer and will reduce visits to Village Hall.

Trustee Andrews said this makes sense as the best way to pursue unpaid parking tickets.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the FBS service agreement for parking enforcement management.

- Government Payment Services, Inc. participation agreement – Mayor Blackman referred to the proposed agreement in the packet. This is the component that will allow parking tickets and other fines due to Village Court to be paid on-line which will be a convenience to the payer and will reduce visits to Village Hall, thereby reducing some of the Court Clerks workload.

Clerk Morelli commented that if this goes well for the Village Court, after a year or so, it may be something to consider in the future for other types of payments due to the Village (taxes, water, building/code enforcement permits, etc.). Any fees for paying by card would be borne by the payer, not the Village.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the GovPay agreement for payments to Village Court.

- CGI Communications, Inc. Community Video Program agreement & letter to businesses – Mayor Blackman referred to the proposed agreement in the packet. The Village previously utilized them and got the various Village videos made that show on the home page of the Village website. It's no cost to the Village, but a cost to the merchants that wish to have their businesses profiled.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to sign the CGI agreement and the following letter:

January 2017

Dear Valued Business Owner:

The Village of Brockport is excited to announce the continued partnership with CGI Communications, Inc. to create a series of professionally produced online videos to highlight everything our community offers residents, visitors, and business owners.

In addition to creating the videos, CGI is ensuring they are seen. Mobile devices have shifted the landscape of business, making it more important than ever to embrace technology. For many businesses, getting noticed online can be a challenge. However, **utilizing video dramatically improves visibility and drives more action to your website** than static pages, with the demand for video climbing even higher for users on mobile devices.

With an easily viewable interface on the official village website, the Video Tour and interactive SnapBrockport Map will encourage viewers to learn more about area attractions, economic

development opportunities, quality of life, and the businesses supporting the program. In addition, the Village of Brockport's official website will backlink to CGI's www.elocallink.tv, which hosts the Video Tour.

We are dedicated to highlighting the advantages of living and working in Brockport; advantages that include access to our wonderful business community; and we feel that this video program can be widely successful. We encourage you to consider participating in this village-wide program as it provides an exciting opportunity to showcase your business and utilize the power of video on your own websites and social media pages.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or to request an appointment please e-mail BrandonB@cgicommunications.com.

Best Regards,

Margaret B. Blackman
Mayor
Village of Brockport

o Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History – 2016 end of calendar year report – Mayor Blackman referred to the comprehensive report in the packet provided by E.L.K. Museum Board Chair Pat O'Brien. It is very informative and the Board and volunteers of the museum are doing an incredible job.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- o Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - Mayor Blackman provided the following report:
 - CFA grants announced the week of December. We did not receive the Parks grant but will try again and are setting up an appt to speak with our grant writers and review the comments on our grant.
 - December 8—Second Town/Gown meeting of the year.
 - December 10 town Hall meeting with Assemblyman Steve Hawley at Village Hall. Trustee Crane and I had his undivided attention so we discussed strategy re the SUNY Impact AID bill which will have to be reintroduced into the assembly and senate. I also spoke with the Deputy Director at NYCOM who suggested getting all the SUNY municipalities to contact their representatives and urge passage of the bill. To get funded it has to get into the budget.
 - Dec 10th was also the college Gala fundraiser at the Rochester Convention Center which some of us attended. I joined several people to make the floral table centerpieces at Sara's. Bill was there but quickly realized that floral arranging was not his forte.
 - LBHW had its second planning meeting for the annual May event this past Thursday. Letters to potential sponsors have gone out. We will be dedicating another mural this year on the RR bridge during the festival. Paid for by a grant, donations, and through GoFundMe. Gateway to the village with a Victorian Erie Canal theme; Stacey Kirby is the artist. We will also be reaching out to Nikole Van Wie, as part of the college's community service spring spruce up to clean up area around the bridge.
 - Brockport Rowing—met at Village Hall the evening of December 14th in terrible weather to begin discussions of forming a local rowing club, a non-profit (501C3) not affiliated with the village. All of the officers from Genesee Rowing turned out to talk to us about how to form a rowing club, how to finance it, and many other questions. 24 people came, including representatives from the college and BCSD. Had the weather been better turnout would have been higher. Of importance to Brockport residents is that the much discussed boathouse will not be going in Corbett Park. The college is willing to deed back to the village land for the footprint of the boathouse in the vicinity of Commissary Park on the south side of the canal, which would then be leased to Brockport Rowing. That deed is contingent on the formation of Brockport Rowing which would assume all liability for the boathouse and its equipment and anyone who rows out of that boathouse.
 - Water Rates: MCWA announces in early January. They go up every year but we have not raised water rates in 6 years, so we will do so in 2017.

To all, Happy Solstice, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

- o Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
 - Trustee Andrews provided the following report:

On December 6, I chaired a meeting of the reconstituted Canalfront Management Committee where we discussed plans for next season, especially how to replace Doug Wolcott. On December 8, I was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Walmart and attended meetings of the Town/Gown Committee where I reported on our Off-Campus Housing sub-committee's efforts to get Certificates of Occupancy posted on the Village website and the Greater Brockport Development Corporation where we reviewed the

sale of 60 Clinton Street and planned future activities, especially some involvement in solving the zombie houses problem. Also, we discussed plans for next season's Summer Serenades. On December 9, I helped prepare centerpieces for the College's Winter Gala. On December 10, I helped wrap Christmas presents for the children of farm workers. On December 12 and 14, I helped host 4th graders at Christmas parties at the Morgan Manning House. On December 13, I attended the Open House at the college and a meeting of the Board of the Western Monroe Historical Society. My main business at the meeting was presenting an offer from an antique dealer for an item in the society's collection. On December 15, I attended the meeting of the Low Bridge High Water organizing committee and a meeting of the Historic Preservation Board at which we worked on plans for a home tour next June and discussed possible new members of the Board. Also, Jason Dauenhauer and Allan Macpherson reported on improvements to the brockporthistorichomes website. On December 18, I attended a reception at the Morgan Manning House.

- o Trustee Annette M. Crane
 - Trustee Crane provided the following report:

My report at our last meeting did not include any calendar events, so I will be going back some.

On December 2nd I attended the Mural dedication at Sagawa Park.

On December 3rd I volunteered at the Candlelight Holiday Craft sale, at the Morgan Manning House, running a cash register. There were some truly lovely things for sale, and it is a great event for all involved, the Western Monroe Historical Society, the vendors and the shoppers.

On December 4th, I attended our Holiday Parade and the Fireworks. It was fun.

On December 8th the Tax Relief Task Force met with DPW Superintendent Harry Donahue and discussed his budget.

December 10th was a busy day. In the morning, I attended the "Town Hall" meeting which our State Assemblyman, Steve Hawley, held here in Village Hall. Mayor Blackman and I discussed the SUNY Impact Bill with him.

In the afternoon, I first went to calling hours for my friend, Sri Ram Bakshi, who will be greatly missed by many in Brockport. I then went to the Christmas party given for children of migrant farm-workers at the Center. Trustees Andrews and Kristiansen and I spent most of our time there wrapping presents for the children. It was a wonderful event for the children.

In the evening, I attended the first SUNY Brockport Gala. I was an event which stressed the ties between the College and the greater community.

On December 12th, I attended both the Housing Task Force meeting and the Planning Board meeting. At the HTF meeting we continued the discussion of waste removal in the Village. The Planning Board approved a driveway extension. They had a second applicant who did not show.

On December 13th, I attended the Town Board meeting.

- o Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen
 - Trustee Kristansen provided the following report:

Dec. 6th...I attended the BISCO meeting. Arts Festival 2017 was main topic of discussion. New this year will be the addition of an intern from the college to assist with Arts Festival duties. Other topics discussed was continuing support of the Toy Shelf.

Dec. 10th...I attended the Children's Party for our migrant residents at The Center. Had a great time watching the children have a good time as well as wrapping gifts for Santa to present to the children.

I also attended Sri Ram Bakshi calling hours. I will miss his kind, gentleman ways and his devotion to our community.

Dec 13th...I attended the NYSERDA Energy Code Enforcement Training sponsored by Ty-Lin International with Dave Miller and Dave Rearick. The information put forth was informative and I believe will be helpful to the Building Code Department. This meeting and subsequent reviews with Ty-Lin will also satisfy one of the high impact items needed for Clean Energy Community certification.

Later in the evening I also exercised my right to vote regarding Fire District action items.

Dec. 14th...I attended the Brockport Merchants Association meeting. Discussion centered around the calendar for 2017 of special events that the BMA would like to sponsor.

I also attended the Brockport Rowing meeting where we were able to hear from the Genesee Rowing Club. Very informative.

Dec. 16th...I stopped by to visit with the DPW departments of the village and town at their Christmas party...looked like a great party, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and then headed over to the high school to help set up for the Brockport Toy Shelf which was held on the 17th and 18th.

Dec. 17th...I worked the Brockport Toy Shelf and had a great time-we live in such a generous and kind community!

On Dec. 18th the Brockport Police Department sponsored "Shop with a Cop" day at Walmart. Thank you to all of our officers who participated in this 'good will event'!

Dec. 21st... I attended the Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce meeting/dinner at Stoneyard. A note for anyone interested...Heritage Square is opening their restaurant at the end of January and are in the process of hiring...if interested please contact Jim Payne @ 585-232-3200.

Question asked of Chief Varrenti regarding discussion earlier in meeting: How do we prevent home invasions; in other words, how do we get rid of (shut down) known drug houses in the village?

Finally, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year!

Chief Varrenti said that is a good question without a simple answer. The fourth amendment regarding legal search and seizure plays a role as the police need probable cause for a search warrant and to make an arrest. He stressed the importance of citizens alerting police to suspicions. The community has to work together. Something to look for with drug houses is a large volume of traffic coming and going for short periods of time. It can take time to gather enough information to act on it. Police can look at phone records, through garbage, etc. It is time-consuming, but a case has to be proven.

Trustee Kristansen asked if citizens call or email the police with tips, will their name be withheld. Chief Varrenti said of course, but they must realize that they may be needed to come forward later to help build a case.

Chief Varrenti said marijuana is a bigger problem here than cocaine. Often users sell it to be able to supply their own habit.

Trustee Kristansen asked what responsibility a landlord has. Chief Varrenti said some landlords are in control of and accountable for what happens at their properties. Some landlords care only about the rent check. The case would have to prove that the landlord knew and facilitated the drug deal(s).

- o Trustee John D. LaPierre

- Trustee LaPierre shared that he reviewed Treasurer Hendricks November bank reconciliations and all was in order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

→ At 9:25pm, Trustee LaPierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Village Attorney Mastrella, Police Chief Varrenti and Treasurer Hendricks were invited to sit in.

→ At 9:50pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

Village Attorney Mastrella shared that the Village was contacted by the attorney for the Village's former insurance carrier requesting settling the notice of claim of Maria Connie Castaneda filed with the Village August 16, 2016 at no expense to the Village of Brockport.

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Village's former insurance carrier, that is defending the claim and lawsuit commenced by Maria Connie Castaneda on August 16, 2016 via Notice of Claim alleging various monetary damages stemming from the reversal by an appellate court of three (3) of the five (5) Village Code violations of which she was convicted, has requested that the Village Board authorize and consent to a settlement, and

Whereas, per the insurance carrier's proposal this will resolve all claims with no expenditure of Village funds and relieve the Village of any risk that it will suffer any financial loss from such claim.

Therefore, be it resolved that the insurance carrier is hereby authorized to settle the claim as proposed by the insurance carrier.

Comment:

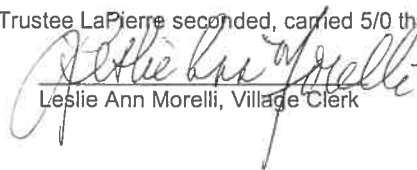
Mayor Blackman said it was discussed in Executive Session that this course of action is in the best interest of the taxpayers. It is a business decision, not a decision indicating any wrongdoing on the part of the Village. It is important to note that two (2) of the five (5) Village Code violations were upheld and appeal denied.

Trustee Kristansen said this is not necessarily a decision the Board would like to go with, but it is in the best interest of the taxpayers.

Mayor Blackman said this brings the remaining matters of the March 9, 2012 arrest of then-Mayor Maria Connie Castaneda to a close.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 9:52pm, Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.


Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk