

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Village Board and members of the public in person at 49 State St, Village Court, and remote location through Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Annette Crane, Trustee John LaPierre, Trustee Katherine Kristansen Trustee Shawn Halquist, Manager/Clerk Erica Linden, Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Chief Mark Cuzzupoli, Superintendent Dan Verace, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kari Pardun

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Currier, Fred Webster, Mary D’Agnostino, Bob Currier, Harrison Pardun, Pam Ketchum, James Rowe

VIA ZOOM: Treasurer Dan Hendricks, Attorney Dan Mastrella Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Kevin Jenkins

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE: Mayor Blackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

ADDITIONAL MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor Christopher M. Goosley who recently passed away at the age of 55. He was a volunteer member of both the Brockport Fire Department and Brockport Ambulance Corp. He was a dedicated volunteer who gave 20 years of service to the Village of Brockport and surrounding communities when answering the call for people in need of help.

CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS: Arbor Day Proclamation, April 28, 2023

WHEREAS, natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide not only community beautification but also economic and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, trees provide many benefits to the community, including air purification, windbreaks, noise reduction, shade and energy savings; and

WHEREAS, planting trees and maintaining older trees provides an opportunity for community interaction, volunteerism, economic development, and environmental conservation; and

WHEREAS, our efforts to improve the environment benefit present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day in the Village of Brockport is held each April;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, I, Margaret B. Blackman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Village Board, do hereby tender this proclamation on April 17, 2023, and do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the Village of Brockport and encourage all our citizens to participate in appropriate activities and to take advantage of the benefits of the parks and other natural areas in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hands and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 17th day of April, in the year 2023.

Margaret B. Blackman, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments/questions Policy for Public Comment: 5 min/per person/ state name and address for record / clearly address the Board / submit copy of remarks to Clerk the following day for the record will be accepted during the meeting at this time. Virtual participants can raise their hands and will be called on to speak.

- Kevin Jenkins, 153 West Ave – commented regarding his concerns community events, handicap accessibly, 60 Clinton St, retaining wall at the Smith St bridge, kayak launch, sidewalks, tree limbs, and Clark St.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Bob Currier, Navy Club – request to close half the Clinton St. municipal lot for annual pig roast

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the closure of half the Clinton St municipal lot for the Navy Club’s annual pig roast on June 3, 2023.
Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- Minutes: Public Hearing 4-5-23 and Public Hearing 4-11-23

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on 4-5-23.
Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Blackman abstained, as she was excused from the 4-5-23 Public Hearing.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on 4-11-23.
Motion carried 5-0.

- Bills Abstract 4-14-23
 - A (General Fund) \$40,838.16
 - F (Water Fund) \$65,146.14
 - G (Sewer Fund) \$3,023.49
 - **TOTAL \$109,007.79**

→ Trustee Halquist moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, to approve the Bills Abstract 4-14-23.
Motion carried 5-0.

MANAGER/CLERK REPORT:

Manager/Clerk – Erica L. Linden

- Customer Service training update - On April 11th, from 10 am – 12:30 pm all front facing staff had training in customer service with SUNY Brockport Public Administration Professor Phil LaPorta. Manager/Clerk Linden thanked the board for approving this beneficial training session.
- Fee Schedule – has been updated and will be in the board’s packet for the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – Daniel P. Hendricks / Clerk Treasurer Kari Pardun

- March Financials – the board received the Treasurer’s March report.

Building / Planning / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO Chad H. Fabry

- Update on proposed municipal code hearings/process – the code update is largely complete, which will be user friendly, for both village staff and residents. The village board may be voting on the updated municipal code in late May, depending on the feedback from the public and any concerns the board may need to address.
- Current dept. projects – the next phase of the Property Maintenance Compliance project is postponed until the code re-write public hearings conclude during the month of April.

Police – Chief Mark T. Cuzzupoli

- Brief Report on Scholar’s Day, April 12th – Chief Cuzzupoli reported a few minor incidents occurred on April 11th. By the afternoon on April 12th, large crowds began to form on King St. A number of violations were occurred, and the decision was made to call for support from the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, University Police, and the New York State Police. After several hours of de-escalation, the officers dispersed the crowd. The Brockport Police Dept worked with the landlords to restore civility to King St. The Office of Student Conduct will receive incident reports for student violations. A meeting is scheduled with leadership at SUNY Brockport and Village Officials. With Eagle Day on April 22nd, Chief Cuzzupoli is collaborating with University Police Chief Vasile to be prepared.
- STOP DWI and Traffic Safety Board Awards - Chief Cuzzupoli reported that the awards ceremony was earlier today. There were approximately 30 awards given and Brockport received four of them.
 - Officer Elliott Cave –Traffic Safety Board Certificate of Merit and Certificates of Appreciation - Officer Cave handles many responsibilities in our small department which take a considerable amount of time to complete. His main responsibility is being our accreditation manager. Despite these additional responsibilities Officer Cave still has a passion for vehicle and traffic enforcement. While working the day shift, he was able to make 3 DWI arrests, one of which involved a school bus driver with students on the bus. Officer Cave further prevented traffic-related injuries/fatalities by issuing 438 traffic citations while issuing 228 traffic citation warnings in a little over 200 shifts worked. Additionally, he made 42 arrests for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation and 11 arrests for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration.
 - Officer John Vadas – STOP DWI Certificates of Appreciation - Drug Recognition Expert Officer Vadas, Brockport Police Department received a Certification of Appreciation for his enforcement efforts in keeping the roadways of New York safe. Officer Vadas’ proactive efforts removed 12 drivers off the roadway for Driving While Intoxicated over the course of the year. Furthermore, Officer Vadas, involved in his role as D.R.E., conducted six observations and for various agencies throughout Monroe County. One

of which resulted in the arrest and state imprisonment on second degree vehicular assault charges of a driver impaired by drugs whose actions took the life of a child and resulted in serious physical injury of Julia Resto in Ogden, NY. Officer Vadas manages administrative grant submissions for STOP DWI, High Visibility Enforcement Campaign, PTS, & Buckle Up NY. NYS Roadways are safer because of Officer Vadas' dedication to enforcement.

- Officer Evan Blodgett – STOP DWI Certificate of Merit and Certificates of Appreciation - Officer Blodgett received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his commitment to DWI enforcement. Despite being assigned regular road patrol and many additional duties, Officer Blodgett made a concerted effort to focus on DWI enforcement and put together an excellent year. After switching to night shift in August until the end of 2022, Officer Blodgett made 247 traffic stops which resulted in many traffic citations and a total of 13 DWI arrests. Officer Blodgett made 9 DWI arrests in the month of December alone. During the course of these investigations, officers discovered violent offenders with warrants, firearms, and illegal substances which would have otherwise gone undiscovered if not for proactive policing. It is clear that Officer Blodgett is passionate about DWI enforcement and ensuring the safety of the people he serves.
- Brockport Police Department – STOP DWI Department Award for the largest increase in DWI arrests for a Police Department classified as a small department.
- Resignation of PT Crossing Guard Charlene Kurzrock - Chief Cuzzupoli received a letter of resignation from Charlene Kurzrock, effective 4-19-23. He expressed appreciation for her service to the community.

Public Works – Superintendent Dan Verace

- Chase parking lot update – to date, DPW has installed 180 ft of curbing, installed a new catch basin, and completed 300 ft of sidewalk. Next, they will be milling the Chase parking lot and then paving soon after.
 - Request for authorization to hire summer laborers, to work May – October.
- Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, to approve hiring two seasonal laborers: Hunter Pierce and Steve Speed to work 40 hrs/wk, Monday-Friday, 7am-3:30pm.
Motion carried 5-0.

Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq. – no report

OLD or NEW BUSINESS:

- Local law to override the tax cap as established in General Municipal Law §3-c
 - The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by 9.8%
 - 60% majority of the board required to override the NYS tax cap

→ **Local Law No. 1 of the year 2023** **Village of Brockport, County of Monroe**

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Brockport to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, County of Monroe, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment

shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mayor Blackman moved
Trustee Halquist seconded

Roll Call: Mayor Blackman _____ Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane _____ Yes
Trustee Kristansen _____ Yes
Trustee LaPierre _____ Yes
Trustee Halquist _____ Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

- Resolution to approve the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024
 - Proposed budget includes a property tax levy of \$3,436,114
 - Proposed tax rate is \$11.13/\$1,000

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 with a property tax levy of \$3,436,114 and with the tax rate \$11.13/\$1,000.

Roll Call: Mayor Blackman _____ Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane _____ Yes
Trustee Kristansen _____ Yes
Trustee LaPierre _____ Yes
Trustee Halquist _____ Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

- Authorize the mayor to sign the Architectural / Engineering Contract with Fisher Associates to implement the TAP grant, specifically “The Smith Street Bridge, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements”, known as PIN 4761.32. This contract has been carefully reviewed by Manager Linden and DPW Superintendent Verace. The project is not scheduled to begin until after the Main St Lift Bridge is reopened.

→ Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, to authorize the mayor to sign the Architectural / Engineering Contract with Fisher Associates to implement the TAP grant, specifically “The Smith Street Bridge, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements”, known as PIN 4761.32.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Authorize Village as lead agency in SEQR application in anticipation of the updated municipal code. Manager Linden noted that this is not an actual project, there will not be any effects to the environment. However, this is a requirement to have on file.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to authorize the Village of Brockport as the lead agency in SEQR application in anticipation of the updated municipal code.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Request to close the Water St. parking lot on the west side for the bike rodeo during LBHW, June 10. The bike rodeo is being put on by the Brockport Police Department and Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the closure of the Water St parking lot on the west side for the bike rodeo event, during the Low Bridge, High Water Festival.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Request to briefly close Clinton, Main, Utica Sts. for the annual SUNY Homecoming Parade, October 7

→ Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, to approve the brief closure of Clinton St, Main St, and Utica St, for the annual SUNY Brockport Homecoming Parade on October 7, 2023.

Motion carried 5-0.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Erie Canal Celebration Lecture at McCue Aud. 7:30p – April 20 – Mayor Blackman commented that the lecture is to be given by Professor Emeritus Bruce Leslie and herself, which will focus on Brockport's Bicentennial on the Erie Canal.
- Canal Clean Sweep at Welcome Center 12p – April 22 – Mayor Blackman announced.
- Arbor Day Celebration at South Ave. Park at 10a – April 28 – Mayor Blackman stated they will be planting 10 trees.
- Seymour Library Events – Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane announced.
 - Booksale April 19-22 – during regular library hours
 - Seymour Library After Hours from 7-10p – April 29 – tickets are \$25 and are available for pre-sale or at the door on event night.

ADJOURNMENT

- Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee LaPierre seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, April 18, 6:30-8:30p, public hearing on chapters 19-34 of municipal code, April 24 workshop, May 1 regular meeting