

UNAPPROVED

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held June 16, 2024 at 3:30 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 Katherine Kristansen, Trustee Ben Reed, Trustee Joanne Bocach, Manager/Clerk Erica Linden, Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Recorder Susan Smith

ALSO PRESENT: BI/CEO Carol McNeas, Fire Chief Jose Medina, Kevin Jenkins, Don Roberts, John Casciani, Ed Webster, Marybeth Webster, Fred Webster, Bob LeSuer

VIA ZOOM: Village Attorney Daniel Mastrella, Marleen Cain, George and Abigail Wilson, 13WHAM, Jacquie Davis, Geoff Catlin, Cody Dean, Natalie Wanless, Maureen McGlynn, Ed Starowitz, Melanie Perreault, Dan Kuhn, Christina Filipowicz, Holly Webster, Brockport Village Hall, and 2 unidentified cell phone users.

EXCUSED: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Annette Crane

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blackman called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Mayor Blackman that the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss possible emergency action for the property at 60 Clinton Street for the purposes of public safety, as per Brockport Village Code § 36-24 Emergency situations.

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Where it reasonably appears that there is a clear and imminent danger to the life, safety or health of any person or property unless an unsafe building is immediately repaired and secured or demolished and removed, the Village Board may by resolution authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to cause the repair or demolition of such unsafe building immediately, with the assessment of all attendant costs and expenses pursuant to § 36-23 of this chapter.

BI/CEO Fabry explained that in the past few months, has had discussions regarding repair options for the building at 60 Clinton Street with the owner, John Casciani. After a recent wind event caused part of the roof to lift and settle back down, it has become clear that the roof is in imminent danger of collapsing. According to village code 36-24, immediate action must be taken to address the safety concerns. Following an inspection of the building with the owner, it was determined that four significant trusses that support the roof are failing, with one being intact. Additional supports added in the past are also showing signs of stress. BI/CEO Farby proposed to the Village Board to declare the building an "imminent danger" and allow the owner 24 hours to come up with a solution, with a total of 36 hours for implementation. If the owner fails to do so, a contractor may be engaged to demolish the building. Due to the proximity of power lines and telecommunications equipment, removing the roof poses significant challenges. The Fire Chief Jose Medina advised against attempting to remove sections of the roof without endangering personnel. BI/CEO Farby requested permission from the village board to proceed with demolition if necessary.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, that the Village Board finds that it reasonably appears there is a clear and imminent danger to the life, safety, or health of persons or property due to the condition of the building at 60 Clinton Street, in the Village of Brockport, as observed and described by Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, and as such the Village Board intends to cause the repair or demolition of the unsafe building. After 36 hours, if there is no plan in place to demolish or stabilize the building at 60 Clinton Street, with the assessment of all attendant costs and expenses being assessed pursuant to Section 36-23 of the Brockport Village Code to the owner of said building, either to be included as a tax levy or pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 78-B.

Discussion: The decision to handle the demolition will be left to the general contractor engaged, with multiple parties assessing the risks involved due to the proximity of power lines and nearby residents. Despite the challenging situation, they believe proceeding is necessary. Concerns regarding salvaging materials, such as the Medina sandstone, have not been addressed yet. The building's roof likely contains asbestos, requiring testing and abatement before demolition can resume. The owner is informed and prepared for the potential asbestos treatment of the entire structure. The building owner requested more time to evaluate options, including removing the roof first, but BI/CEO Fabry emphasized the urgency due to safety concerns.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Reed	Yes
Trustee Bocach	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Bocach seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:02 pm.
Motion carried 4-0.