

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York, May 19, 2008 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Village Manager / Treasurer Ian M. Coyle

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, Deputy Village Attorney Frank A. Aloï (for executive session), Deborah Moon, John Bush, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Ray & Jackie Morris, Francisco & Linda Borryo, Doug Wolcott, Matthew Sane, Bill Heyen, Norm GianCursio, Mary Jo Nayman, Claudia Hagenah, Hal Legg, Margay Blackman

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

MISSION STATEMENT: "To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting.

➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held May 5, 2008, be approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Deborah Moon of 57 Erie Street said she has lived in the Village for 25 years. She was disappointed to find out about the SUNY BSG Brock the Port event by mail the evening before. She said the Board might think they solved the problem of last year's event that closed down Main Street by moving it to the parking lot between King Street and Erie Street. She said she had taken the day off from work and was enjoying a TV show when vans began warming up and drowning it out. She said the event was nothing more than a drunken fest of students drinking, urinating and using foul language. She said one student couldn't even stand up and she asked a police officer about it and his response was that it isn't illegal to be intoxicated and that she should keep an eye on him. She said her son, a Lieutenant in the Ambulance Corps was blocked from getting through to home, was finally let through, and then had issues getting back out. Her young daughter was not let through at 8:15pm and she questioned where she was expected to park and walk home unescorted. She said the open container signs were a waste of paper and ink. This area of the Village that she calls home was more like a war zone. She expressed disappointment that the Village Board supported this kind of activity and stressed that it should be kept on the SUNY campus in the future.

Mayor Wexler thanked D. Moon for the phone call and for accepting his invitation to speak under public comment.

2. William Heyen of Frazier Street read the following statement:

At the May 5th Village Board meeting during initial "Public Comment," the mayor cut me off. He said (although he hadn't been keeping track) that I'd had my three minutes. I asked for a bit more time, since the speaking rules had never been hard and fast—the agenda only suggests a limit of three minutes. He said no, said I'd had my three minutes, said it again, and again. He seemed apoplectic. I took my seat.

I attended a meeting a while ago when Ms. Nayman was at this microphone for maybe ten minutes. Needless to say, the mayor did not cut her off. Well, a couple years ago he'd appointed her to the Board to fill a vacated seat for a time, then worked very hard for her but failed by a large margin to get her elected to Trustee. He felt bad for her.

As you all know, I was treated much differently from the way Ms. Nayman was treated. It's clear that I was treated unfairly. My mayor often pontificates and repeats himself 3-4 times, but couldn't find the political courage to yield me another minute to finish. His discombobulation was that I was talking about the notorious letter that wasn't a letter, an escapade problematic for him.

Now, as from one retired teacher to another, I assign to the mayor this sentence to write on the village blackboard 180 times: *I should be fair. I should be fair.*

As for myself, after being treated in a way so against the democratic spirit of the American village meeting that is such an important part of our heritage, I might assign myself the writing of an essay about when a mayor doesn't act like a mayor.

Mayor Wexler said he thinks it's called a chalkboard now, not a blackboard.

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GUESTS:

1. Josephine Matela & Pat Kutz re 7/11-7/13 Sidewalk Sale & Street Fair – street closing & celebrate Brockport applications – J. Matela and P. Kutz reviewed the Merchants Association's applications for street closure and funding assistance for this year's Sidewalk Sale and Street Fair. The plan is to make it more of a community event by including non-profit organizations and a family fun day. P. Kutz said the fee charged to vendors to participate in the sidewalk sale has been lowered to \$75 for the 3 days or \$25 for a single day. Friday is "Bargain Day". Saturday is "Family Fun Day". Sunday is "Market Day".

Regarding the street closure application, they request closure of Main Street from State Street to Market Street and closure of King Street on Friday, July 11th from 6pm – 9:30pm to allow the High School Band to set up and play as well as other music yet to be determined. They also request closure of Market Street from Main Street to the fire hall parking lot on Saturday, July 12th from 9am – 3:30pm. J. Matela said she has met with Police Chief Varrenti and Fire Chief Rombaut.

They would also like to utilize the Welcome Center and waterfront for music and food. Plans for this component are still to be worked out.

Regarding the Celebrate Brockport application, they request \$300 from the Village towards the Golden Eagle String Band. Sponsors cover any paid activities. The Village's \$300 would help sponsor music.

Chief Varrenti asked for clarification on the Main Street closure and timing. J. Matela said just the section of Main Street from State Street to Market Street would be closed. This would keep Market Street, Clinton Street and Water Street open for southbound traffic. Chief Varrenti expressed concern that closing any part of Main Street, a state road, on a Friday evening is problematic. There is a lot of traffic to re-route. You just can't put all that state route traffic onto Village streets without congestion.

Trustee Maziarz said SUNY and BCSD would be out of session by then. J. Matela concurred that July is much easier. Chief Varrenti said his vote doesn't count, and he will do as the Board wishes. Trustee Heyen asked the concert start time on Friday evening. J. Matela said 7pm. She said the stage is usually set up on King Street. The High School band needs time to set up and then the 2nd act would need time to set up. Trustee Maziarz asked if it would help to have King Street closed earlier, like 4pm. P. Kutz said 5pm would help.

Trustee Castaneda said she would like to avoid affected merchants and residents getting notice the night before. She suggested the Village put out a press release and notification well ahead of time.

P. Kutz said Saturday's Family Fun Day is an effort to try to amplify the purpose of the weekend as a community celebration. Non-profit groups can share information, handouts, and talents for a \$10 registration fee. There will also be activities on Market Street and live music and canal boat rides from the Welcome Center.

Chief Rombaut stressed the importance of leaving either the center or one lane of Market Street open for emergency access. He said last year the bouncy house was right in the middle of the street. It should be moved to one side or the other. The Fire/Ambulance need an emergency access lane to turn left out of headquarters to get to Main Street.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize street closures as follows:

- King Street – Friday, July 11th from 5pm to 9:30pm
- Main Street from State Street to Market Street – Friday, July 11th from 6pm to 9:30pm
- Market Street from Main Street to the fire hall parking lot – Saturday, July 12th from 9am to 3:30pm provided that a lane to the center or side is left for emergency access.

Trustee Heyen said she applauds the efforts to make the sidewalk sale more community oriented. Trustee Wagenhauser asked what time the Golden Eagle String Band would play. P. Kutz said she is not sure, but they would probably be the opening band Saturday at 10am or 11am.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to approve the Celebrate Brockport application for \$300 to co-sponsor the Golden Eagle String Band.

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Trustee Castaneda said she attended a recent Brockport Merchants Association meeting and introduced the Step Up Community Project. The students are willing to help with flyers and wherever needed. P. Kutz said they are certainly open to volunteers, acts and talents.

Trustee Castaneda said flowers for Main Street were discussed at the last workshop. Step Up was planning to ask for sponsors, which would have saved the Village and the Merchants Association money, but the Village went ahead and ordered them. J. Matela said the flowers sponsorship was \$275 from Sara's, \$275 from the Village and \$200 from the Merchants Association. She thanked the DPW for breaking up the dirt and the Free Methodist Church for assisting with labor.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he likes flowers on Main Street. There was even more money budgeted for such and he would have gladly authorized it. Trustee Heyen stressed the importance of planning for flowers earlier next year. The earlier you order, like in January, the more money you save.

Executive Session:

⇒ At 7:35pm, Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation (Webster case).

⇒ At 8:20pm, Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.

I, Leslie A. Morelli, Clerk for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, do hereby certify that the Board met in an executive session and did discuss the matters as expressed in their motion, and I further certify that no formal action regarding public funds was taken thereon.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

1. Authorize bid process for new 10-wheel dump truck for Water Department – Superintendent Donahue asked for authorization to advertise for a new 10-wheel dump truck. The purchase is to be made out of money budgeted into the 08-09 water fund. It would replace a 1992 International 10 wheel dump truck in need of extensive repairs. Given the age of the truck, it is not practical to spend any more money on it. The truck is used on most of the Water Department excavations and to haul material to the stockyard. He said the BOWC standardized on International Trucks as the truck of preference back in 1996. The local vendor would be Regional International Truck Company and they have a stock truck that fits our needs at a greatly reduced price.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize bid process for purchase of a new 10-wheel dump truck per specifications.

Trustee Castaneda said Superintendent Donahue's report indicated savings a minimum of \$15,000 if bought off state bid. Superintendent Donahue corrected that by putting it out to bid now as opposed to buying off state bid we would save at least \$15,000. Trustee Heyen said this would be from Project #35.

2. Declare surplus & sell unused water tank – Superintendent Donahue asked for authorization to declare the unused 75' wide by 36' high water tank at DPW that holds 1.2 million gallons as surplus and put on the Auctions International website. It is good for at least scrap prices, as it doesn't meet homeland security policy. It has not had water in it for at least 25 years. Superintendent Donahue said the Board would reserve the right to reject bids and have DPW scrap it themselves, if need be. However, this would be a time consuming undertaking.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to declare surplus and list on Auctions International the unused water tank.

3. Authorize engineering services proposal for College Street water main replacement – Superintendent Donahue reminded the Board that the College Street water main replacement is in the 08-09 budget and slated for spring 2009. It has been budgeted for the last couple of years, but other public works related commitments took precedence.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize Chatfield

Engineer's engineering services proposal of \$6,433 for the College Street water main replacement project.

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4. Authorize salt barn fabric purchase from grant monies – Superintendent Donahue asked for authorization to purchase the salt barn cover fabric and hardware. Of the 3 quotes received, the lowest is from Accu Steel Manufacturing for \$19,809. The other quotes were over the \$20,000 threshold for Public Works projects and would have to be put out to bid. The funds for this purchase would come out of the grant received through Senator Maziarz.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the purchase of salt barn cover fabric and hardware from Accu Steel Manufacturing at \$19,809 to come from grant funds.

5. Letter of credit release – Havenwood Meadows Section III Phase II (McCormick Place) – Superintendent Donahue said the Village Engineer made contact today with a request from the developer for a letter of credit release of \$5,950.30 for the reduction of construction retainage from 10% to 8%.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize a Letter of Credit release of \$5,950.30 for Havenwood Meadows Section III Phase II.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Travel Request – Sgt. Philippy 6/18-6/20 – License Plate Reader training – Chief Varrenti asked, pursuant to the Village's travel policy, for authorization to send Sgt. Philippy to a license plate reader training opportunity June 18 – 20 in Glens Falls. This is free, due to CDJS funding and necessary due to the purchase of this piece of grant-funded equipment. The estimated cost would be \$120 for gas and tolls using the unmarked car.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to approve said travel request.

2. Travel Request – Sgt. Philippy 5/26-5/30 – Traffic Safety Institute training – Chief Varrenti asked, pursuant to the Village's travel policy, for authorization to send Sgt. Philippy to Traffic Safety Institute training May 26 – 30 in Oklahoma City, OK. There is no cost to the Village.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to approve said travel request.

3. SUNY Brock the Port Event – Chief Varrenti referred to his written feedback to the Board. He said SUNY BSG tried it in the Village the last two years, and although the Village was impressed with the students who make the pitch and have good intentions, he feels it has not been a positive experience. There were no major incidents, but many minor ones and quality of life issues.

Mayor Wexler thanked the Brockport Police Department and all other law enforcement agencies that prepared for and worked the event. Chief Varrenti said it was a true group effort that also included Code Enforcement, DPW and Fire Department. Everyone rolled up their sleeves and got it done. He thanked Village Board members who checked in on the event or followed up on it. Mayor Wexler said the Village Board authorized the event be held in the Village these last 2 years. He hopes that the Village Board requires that it stay on the SUNY campus in the future.

Trustee Heyen suggested that communication be sent to the college and the event organizers that provides feedback. Mayor Wexler said he would send a letter. He wanted to wait until feedback received at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Castaneda said she ran into BSG President Darnell Pearce and invited him to attend this evening's meeting to hear some of the concerns. He must not have been able to attend. She said while the purpose of holding the event downtown was supposed to be to involve the community, BSG can still invite the community to the campus. She said she hopes it returns to the campus in the future.

4. Hyper-Reach Program – Chief Varrenti shared information from the Monroe County Association of Chiefs of Police regarding the Hyper-Reach Program through the Monroe County Emergency Communications Department. This has the ability to automatically call your home phone in the event of an emergency notification and or community alert. It now has the ability to notify those registered via cellular phone, e-mail or TDD. Home phones are already registered, but he urged those with cell phones to take a few moments to register them. This information will be made available on the Brockport Police Department website and a press

release will be forthcoming from the Law Enforcement Council.

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Trustee Maziarz asked if this works with the SUNY population whose cell phones may have area codes from their home communities. Chief Varrenti said not yet. It is only for those with a 585 area code. Trustee Maziarz suggested looking into how it can be done in the future for this unique population. Chief Varrenti concurred and said it may hinge on students registering their cell phone numbers with the college. Trustee Castaneda recommended that this information be addressed with students at the next orientation opportunity at the beginning of the new school year. Chief Varrenti said he is in regular contact with SUNY University Police Chief Kehoe.

C. BUILDING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT - Scott C. Zarnstorff

1. Call for 6/16 public hearing on various proposed code amendments – CEO Zarnstorff referred to the 5 code amendments that are complete and have passed initial legal review. Some are due to state mandates.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to hold a public hearing on Monday, June 16th on the following code chapters: Chapter 20 (Flood Damage Prevention), Chapter 27 (Stormwater Pollution Prevention), Chapter 36 (Minimum Housing and Buildings Code), Chapter 42 (Stormwater Illicit Discharges), Chapter 46 (Trees).

Clerk Morelli shared that a 3-ring binder at Village Hall will contain the text of the proposed code amendments. They will also be available on the Village website. She hopes this will reach a larger audience and will limit the amount of individual copies requested.

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Calls for Service – 356 fire and 784 ems calls for a total of 1,140 calls year to date
2. Membership Drops & Adds – Chief Rombaut asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Shawn McCorry, Robert Ritz, Joshua Kovacs and Lisa Filipiak, the following adds: Steven Ray to fire police:

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to approve the previously mentioned drops, adds and exempt certificates.

3. Bid Results – triple combination pumper – Chief Rombaut referred to the bids received for the new fire truck. Churchville Fire Equipment bid \$450,327 and Colden Enterprises bid \$436,024. The bids are in the truck committee's hands to review, as the specifications are about 100 pages long. It is a long, tedious process.
4. Authorize re-bid – ambulance – due to no bids received – Chief Rombaut asked for authorize to re-advertise for bids, as there were no bids received on the first attempt. One vendor indicated interest but missed the deadline.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to re-advertise for bids due by Noon, Monday, June 9th.

5. Accept resignation of part time dispatcher David Walker – Chief Rombaut referred to the May 15th letter of resignation of part time dispatcher David Walker. He has accepted an Assistant Chief's position with North Greece Fire District.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to accept the resignation of part time dispatcher David Walker with regret.

6. Accept winning bid of \$2,100 off Auctions International for 1999 Ford Explorer – As indicated in the agenda report of Manager Coyle, our first use of auctionsinternational.com as a site for disposing/selling of surplus vehicles and equipment was a success. We tripled our highest traditional bid amount with a \$2,100 winning bid. Chief Rombaut said this bid needs to be accepted.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to accept the bid of \$2,100 through auctionsinternational.com for the 1999 Ford Explorer formerly used by the Fire Department.

E. VILLAGE MANAGER / TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle (excused)

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Adoption of Updates to Employee Handbook – Clerk Morelli shared that the Personnel

Committee composed of she, Manager Coyle and Trustee Heyen, has been working for over a year on updating the Village's Employee Handbook. The human resource consultant who helped with the creation of the handbook in 2000, again assisted in this effort in regards to compliance policies and such. The final draft was forwarded to the Village Board several

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weeks ago and the Board was to have reviewed the draft and forward any comments. Having heard none, Clerk Morelli asked for adoption of the updates. Once updated, it will be distributed to employees.

Trustee Heyen said she totally enjoyed working with Clerk Morelli and Manager Coyle on this endeavor. She commended Clerk Morelli for the amazing amount of detail work.

Mayor Wexler thanked the Personnel Committee for their work.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the updates to the Village of Brockport Employee Handbook.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Mayor Morton Wexler

1. Accept resignation of Bob Canham from Parks Committee – Due to moving to California, Bob Canham submitted his resignation from the Parks Committee.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to accept, with regret, the resignation of Bob Canham from the Parks Committee.

2. Vacancy – part time camera operator – Mayor Wexler shared that two new applications were received in response to the re-advertisement. He and/or Manager Coyle will meet with the applicants this week and he will bring forth a recommendation to the next meeting.
3. Assessment – Mayor Wexler stated that all 10 Villages in Monroe County have their Town Assessors handle all assessment related matters. Brockport was the last Village in Monroe County to abandon its assessing unit a couple of years ago. The assessing unit (the Town) handles the grievance process.

B. Trustee / Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda

1. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castaneda said they met May 13th and brought forth 2 concerns. One was that of codes being enforced (she will speak with CEO Zarnstorff on a specific matter) and the other was disappointment with the SUNY Brock the Port event held in the Village. She said 2 new residents have expressed interest in joining and will be submitting position interest forms. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Some members do not regularly attend. They will be sent a letter.
2. Canal – Trustee Castaneda referred to the recent Bicycles Bring Business seminar, the upcoming Canalway Trail Celebration event June 7th and the upcoming Cycling the Erie Canal Bike Tour July 13th – 16th. She encouraged participation in the events and support of local merchants.
3. Step Up Community Project – Trustee Castaneda said they presented the program at the May 13th BISCO meeting and requested consideration of \$500 funding per 10 students 5 hours per week for 40 weeks (September through June). They will also be soliciting funding from the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Exempts and the like.
4. Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History – Trustee Castaneda said she met with Jackie Morris and Doug Wolcott and filled out an application for member item funding. Ideas for member item funding requests were forwarded to Manager Coyle when he requested possibilities. Trustee Castaneda said Kathy Goetz is contacting a mason for an estimate on repair of the historic wall in front. This might be another member item possibility.
5. Memorial Day Ceremonies – Trustee Castaneda said she has been invited and will be attending a ceremony at Brockport Middle School on May 22nd and at Brockport Area Vets Club on May 24th.
6. Ed Nietopski Day – Trustee Castaneda said she has been invited and will be attending a dedication ceremony at Sweden Town Park on May 30th.
7. Parks Committee – Trustee Castaneda said she commented that this is the second time the Parks Committee has not notified her of their meeting.

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8. Assessment – Trustee Castaneda referred to a recent letter to the editor of Peter Maziarz regarding assessment.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved that the Village take back the assessing function of Village properties from the Town of Sweden

Trustee Maziarz seconded for discussion purposes.

Trustee Wagenhauser asked if this motion is a trick. Trustee Castaneda said Village Board members can't blame Sweden. Trustee Wagenhauser said he would be more than willing to discuss this at the next workshop. Trustee Castaneda said she made a motion. She said she is not saying she is in favor of it as it would be a duplication of services, would be added work on Village staff, and the Village does not have a qualified assessor. Trustee Wagenhauser said this is political grandstanding and an irresponsible game. He questioned why this wasn't brought up for discussion at a workshop.

Trustee Maziarz said if this is not a game, then why did Trustee Castaneda vote to turn over assessment to the Town of Sweden and now move to take it back. Trustee Castaneda said it is not a game. This is based on the recent letter to the editor of a spouse of a Village Board member. Trustee Maziarz said the letter did not state bringing assessment back to the Village.

Trustee Wagenhauser asked if Trustee Castaneda checked with NYS and Village law and verified if assessment can be taken back. Clerk Morelli said there is a process involved.

Mayor Wexler said he does not believe it would be in the best interest of the Village to take back the assessment functions. Trustee Castaneda agreed. Mayor Wexler said could it be done? Probably, but with a process. However, Pandora's box has been opened and a vote on the motion is called for.

Trustee Heyen said this is a major issue and not one that should be flippantly handled with no preparation. Trustee Wagenhauser commented that Mayor Wexler set this up nicely with his earlier statement regarding assessment. Trustee Castaneda said she did not discuss this with Mayor Wexler. Mayor Wexler concurred and said he would have thought that if certain Trustees wanted the Village to take back the assessing function, they would have made a motion to that affect.

Trustee Maziarz said she finds it fascinating that Trustee Castaneda would toy with this when she doesn't even know if it can be done and what the process is to do it. This, coming on the heels of Trustee Castaneda's recent letter to the editor is quite something. She is amazed by the audacity.

Mayor Wexler called the motion to question:

→ No one in favor. Trustee Castaneda and Mayor Wexler opposed. Trustees Wagenhauser, Maziarz, Heyen abstained. Motion died.

9. Sweden Senior Center – Trustee Castaneda said she wished to re-iterate that she is not against \$6,000 of the Village's \$12,000 contribution going specifically towards nutrition and \$6,000 towards recreation. She said she simply asked that it be tabled to invite Town of Sweden officials to discuss it since this comes in the middle of the Town's budget year. She questioned whether Village taxpayers are taxed twice for the nutrition program and suggested it be kept separate like the Library and Fire Department.
10. Power Audit – Trustee Castaneda reported that Troy & Banks and the NYS Power Authority concluded their audit and determined that the Village has been incorrectly billed in some instances. They have forwarded the results to National Grid and look forward to some savings.
11. Educable – Trustee Castaneda expressed disappointment that the Village Board meeting was not aired on Educable during its regular time slot. She asked that this be discussed at the next workshop and that clarification be obtained from Educable on scheduling and notification of pre-emption.

C. Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz

1. BISCO Arts Festival – Trustee Maziarz shared that plans are well under way for the annual Arts Festival to be held the 2nd weekend in August. She said BISCO is a great group to work with. The wine tasting event will be expanded to 2 days and will feature New York State

wines. Wegmans is one of the sponsors of it.

2. BISCO Cool Kids Programs – Trustee Maziarz shared that the Cool Kids programs on Friday evenings in Sagawa Park, sponsored by BISCO, has paired with Sunnking Recycling for an educational component that will focus on e-trash (small electronics such as old IPOD's, MP3's, and cell phones) as well as sneakers (used for track and field material). Wegmans will donate its reusable bags when people donate such items for recycling.

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3. Farmers Market – Trustee Maziarz said she has some information worth discussing at the next workshop meeting.
4. Sweden Senior Center – Trustee Maziarz referred to Trustee Castaneda's comment about the Village's contribution towards the Sweden Senior Center as being a double tax for the nutrition program. If anything, it is a double tax for recreation, which is why the Village didn't participate in the formation of the Sweden Clarkson Community Center through Village taxes. Village taxpayers pay for recreation through their Town taxes. Trustee Maziarz said there were many inconsistencies in Trustee Castaneda's recent letter to the editor.

D. Trustee David J. Wagenhauser

1. Game Playing – Trustee Wagenhauser said he does not believe it is necessary to continue debating various letters to the editor. There are more important things to do with the residents' time and money than to play games.
2. SUNY Brock the Port – Trustee Wagenhauser said that SUNY BSG sold their Brock the Port event as family oriented and it was not. He said he was not at the meeting at the time the Board voted on their application to hold the event in the Village. However, he probably would have voted for it based on how it was presented. One negative aspect was the mess left in the area after the event. The organizers were supposed to clean it up. However, he and his daughter spent 2 hours the morning after filling up trash bags. He said alcohol was prominent as there were a lot of off-campus house parties. The event was held on the biggest party night of the year – the last day of classes. He commended the Police presence. Trustee Wagenhauser said he would be reluctant to approve the event being held in the Village next year.
3. Historic Preservation – Trustee Wagenhauser said many owners of historic and older homes are working on them, and there are many that need to be worked on. The Village and it's Historic Preservation Board would like to help owners of single family homes at least 50 years old (built in 1958 or earlier) that may be intimidated with home projects. Expert advise in workshop setting on the maintenance, restoration and preservation will be provided by Architect John Bero on Saturday, May 31st from 9am – Noon at Village Hall. It is free and open to the public. He said the Village may not have Norm Abrams from the television show This Old House, but it does have many local experts and craftsmen lined up that are willing to give advice. Trustee Wagenhauser stressed that the homes don't have to be amazing. They just need to be at least 50 years old with their original architectural integrity and Historic Preservation Board designation or pending application.

Trustee Wagenhauser reminded all of the property tax abatement program allowed by State law and adopted by the Village. He announced that the Village just received word of a Certified Local Government award of \$9,333. He thanked the Historic Preservation Board and Manager Coyle and encouraged attendance at the upcoming workshop. These are ways to assist homeowners while being a caretaker of history and preserving the community.

E. Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen

1. Museum - Trustee Heyen shared that she had sent information on repair of the historic wall in front of the museum some time ago and that she had suggested looking into member item funding for museum window replacement some time ago with the recommendation of looking into insulation costs first.
2. Parks Committee – Trustee Heyen shared that the Parks Committee meeting minutes were forwarded to the Board and that the various parks were rated and concerns forwarded appropriately. Input has been solicited from the local Mom's Club. Volunteers are welcome to help weed, plant flowers and mulch the area by the Welcome Center May 22nd-24th.

Further, Trustee Heyen said many times she has informed Trustee Castañeda in the past, but that Parks Committee Chair Andrea Perry said she simply forgot to invite Trustee Castaneda to the recent Parks Committee meeting. She questioned why Trustee Castaneda found it necessary to bring this up in public and embarrass the Chairperson.

Trustee Castaneda said Village Board members are liaisons to various committees. Some meet regularly and some periodically. She said it is the responsibility of the Chairperson to notify the liaisons and common courtesy of fellow liaisons to contact each other. Trustee Heyen said it is not her job to notify Trustee Castaneda. Trustee Heyen said when she is unsure of things, she asks questions. When she is liaison to a group, she makes a point of keeping informed, finding out when meetings are, and attending as many meetings as possible. She said she hopes the Trustee assigned to her liaison assignments in the future will do so.

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3. Sweden Senior Center – Trustee Heyen said the Village HAS been a good partner with the Town and that Trustee Castaneda’s implication in her recent letter to the editor that by designating Village funding to the nutrition program is not being a good partner is sad. She said many are concerned with changes taking place there. The meals are no longer cooked on site and require reservations 2 weeks in advance. The Village contributed \$36,000 per year for many years and \$12,000 per year for the last decade or so. This totals \$500,000 from the Village since the early 1980’s. She said while she admits she may not know everything, Trustee Heyen said if there are two areas that she has her thumb on the pulse of, it is that of environmental concerns and the senior center. She said her motion at the last meeting was to protect the nutrition program. She has long been and will continue to be an advocate for seniors and for them getting 5 nutritious meals per week through the program. Trustee Heyen referred to having received word from the Village Attorney on May 6th that there was nothing illegal about the motion or approval that designated the funding.
4. Seymour Library – Trustee Heyen shared that a fine example of partnering with the Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson is the Seymour Library. The bond has been paid off!
5. Tree Board – Trustee Heyen introduced Tree Board Chairperson Margay Blackman to discuss an application for NYS DEC funding that is due in early June, before the Board meets again in regular session. M. Blackman said the Village is eligible again for the NYS DEC Urban and Community Forest Matching Grant (\$2,500 - \$20,000 for small communities). Grants cover a 2-year completion period and the matching funds can be spread over a 2-year budget cycle. The grant application requires a municipal resolution. It is to request \$13,000 from the DEC to plant 30 trees in the fall of 2009 and 35 trees in the fall of 2010 along the tree lawn on the South Avenue extension from the intersection of Quakermaid to Owens Road. She said there was an effort several years ago to plant small Crimson King maples in some of these spaces, but most of those trees suffered damage and have been removed. There are several Crimson Kings on the north side of the street. They propose to plant several different species of medium sized trees along the south side of the street. This side of the street contains the sidewalk and is a popular route for Village walkers and runners. South Avenue also serves as a gateway to the Village from Owens Road. A tree-lined route would provide an attractive entrance to the Village as well as shade for pedestrians. As these trees would also be beneath utility lines, by planting approved species, the Village would be eligible for a \$50 rebate from National Grid on each tree which would total \$3,250. There has also been \$1,600 in tree donations. Matching funds would come from our own 2009 (\$6,000) and 2010 (\$7,000) shade tree budget, volunteer labor in planting, DPW salaries, transportation costs for trees, and the like. This does not replace the annual Arbor Day planting, which will take place as usual in another area of the Village. M. Blackman said they already have commitments for volunteer labor from Brockport High School environmental students and Brockport Elementary School 4th & 5th grade outdoor education.

Trustee Heyen shared that new housing subdivision, Remington Woods, already has money set aside by the developer for trees for that subdivision. She said there are plans to plant lilacs at Corbett Park to be a focal point each spring. Trustee Heyen reminded all that a tree request form is available at Village Hall and off the website.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, Trustee Castaneda opposed, carried that

Morton Wexler, as Mayor of the Village of Brockport or such person’s successor, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$13,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Brockport for an Urban Forest Tree Planting project on South Avenue extension.

Trustee Castaneda said she would have preferred this be brought to a workshop to discuss how much funding would come from the Village. Trustee Heyen said had this not had a June

4th deadline, it would have. This motion is just to apply for the grant. As shared here and in Manager Coyle's agenda report, it would be over 2 budget years and the matching portion can be in-kind service such as DPW, volunteer labor, donations, reimbursements and the like. The Village has been successful in meeting this goal before. Trustee Castaneda asked if the Arbor Day planting was matching. M. Blackman said no.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he would be in favor of more money for more trees. He cited what a difference the trees make on Fayette Street. To get matching funds through a grant opportunity is the cherry on the cake. Mayor Wexler concurred that Fayette Street looks wonderful.

Trustee Castaneda said she likes trees too, but in-kind services are still a cost to the Village. Especially at a time when we are continually looking for ways to cut back. She cited the need for new windows in the museum and said one thing should not be more important than another.

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Trustee Heyen said both come with grant opportunities and both are for good reasons. Trustee Maziarz commended the Tree Board and said this is the 3rd year in a row they have pursued such grant funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Claudia Hagenah of 96 Utica Street said she hopes that SUNY's Brock the Port event will not happen in the Village again. She said it was like the program "Girls Gone Wild". Students were drunk, peeing in her yard and she saw at least 5 car accidents waiting to happen. She said last year's event was bad, but this year's was worse. This was not a family event. On a different note, regarding trees, she suggested letting property owners plant their own trees. Then they would be the trees they like and would not be taken down later.

2. William Heyen of Frazier Street read the following statement:

In the spirit of amity, I'd decided not to make this statement that I'm going to make. But halfway through this meeting, after that self-serving duplicitous political grandstanding by Trustee Castaneda regarding assessment, I changed my mind. And I have a sentence for her to write 180 times on the blackboard: *I should not be a bully. I should not be a bully.*

My wife, Trustee Hanny Heyen, is above responding to every mean-spirited and obtuse attack on her by people who put politics above the common village good. But I am not.

In her recent letter in local papers, after her murky discussion of funding at the Senior Center, Trustee Castaneda goes out of her way to say that because my wife did not attend a ceremony to honor former mayor James Stull, she is "bent on ripping apart the strong ties that bind the village and town." How melodramatic and shameful and ridiculous this is in a dozen ways. I don't even have to mention this, but my wife was ill, and in fact she called Jim Stull before the event to express regrets and to wish him well.

The divisive Ms. Castaneda owes apologies all around, even to Jim Stull—no doubt she has embarrassed him. In any case, does this self-appointed village attendance officer want us to bring in a note from our doctor when for one reason or another we aren't present for this or that occasion?

AUDIT:

➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Village</u>	5/7/08	177025-177026	\$2,034.65
	5/20/08	177053-177111	\$32,544.45
<u>Fire</u>	5/7/08	177027	\$368.82
	5/20/08	177029-177052	\$19,630.52
<u>Third Party Billing</u>	5/7/08	001249	\$302.59
	5/20/08	001251-001258	\$8,355.72
<u>Capital Projects</u>	5/20/08	002210-002214	\$6,062.46
<u>Water</u>	5/07/08	001985	\$47.09
	5/20/08	001987-001996	\$40,091.31

ADJOURNMENT:

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk