

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, April 3, 2006 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Mary Jo Nayman, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer / Village Manager Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, John Lessord, Hanny & Bill Heyen, David Markham, Angela Markham, Norman GianCursio, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Ray & Jackie Morris, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Ute Duncan, Earl Wells, Giff Mosher, Donovan Dunn, Bob Jones, John Bush, Mary Ann Rogers, Cindy Jessop, Dan Boon, Eric Grimm, Sandeep Singh, Fred Webster, Kathy Snyder, Joanne Marcello, Fred Webster, Margay Blackman, Jack Wahl, Robbi Hess (Suburban News), Alison Hadley (Brockport Post.)

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2006.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held March 20, 2006, be approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

→ Trustee Nayman moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:02pm.

Clerk Morelli read the following legal notice and stated that it was published in the Village's official paper (Suburban News), on the Village's official website and at the Village Hall. Clerk Morelli announced that on the back of the agenda are NYCOM's guidelines for public comment.

**UPDATED
LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will meet in the Meeting Room of the Village Conference Room, 49 State Street in the Village of Brockport on Monday, April 3, 2006 at **7:00pm** for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Tentative Budget of said Village for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2006.

A copy of said budget is available at the office of the Village Clerk, located at 49 State Street, on or after March 15th during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm for the purpose of inspection by interested persons. It is also available on the website: brockportny.org.

Ian M. Coyle
Village Manager
Village of Brockport

Mayor Wexler welcomed the public to the hearing. He said before them is the tentative, not final, budget. He said Village Manager / Treasurer Ian M. Coyle's job is done. It is now the job of the Village Board to hear the public's comments and do their best to recommend changes to try to whittle down any tax increase. The Board must vote on a budget by May 1st. The next meeting is April 17th. If a special meeting is needed between April 18th and 30th, they can call for one.

Mayor Wexler turned it over to I. Coyle to make a presentation and said comments and questions would be taken afterward. He asked that everyone be given the opportunity to speak once before people speak a second time.

I. Coyle made a 20-minute power point presentation and offered copies for the audience to follow along.

Page 2 General Fund Revenue breaks down the sources of revenue. First all sources are figured out to come to what is needed from property taxes. Property taxes are the single biggest revenue source at a proposed 34%. This equates to approximately \$1 million of the \$4.86 million needed to operate the Village.

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Page 3 Property Taxes – draft proposed March 15th. Current 2005-2006 tax rate is \$8.96 per 1,000 of assessed value. The proposed tax rate as of March 15th was \$9.98 per 1,000 of assessed value. This is an 11.38% increase in the property tax rate that computes to \$89 more per year on average. Of course, any change in assessed valuation will affect these numbers.

Page 4 Municipal Budgeting Scale. The current tax rate of \$8.96 /1,000 is unable to cover the expense Brockport incurs in providing Village services in their current form and cost.

Page 5 Impact of Loss in Industrial Base. Assessment changes in the last two years at the former Kleen Brite facilities will present a loss of almost \$50,000 in property tax revenue. We are working to bring these parcels back into tax-producing status. It remains a key priority. I. Coyle said he is working with Monroe County regarding Empire Zone status.

Page 6 General Fund Appropriations breaks down the areas of expenses. Public Safety is the single biggest expense at 38%. This includes police, fire, and code enforcement. It is important to remember, however, that 74% of the cost of the Fire Department is offset by contracts with the Towns of Sweden and Clarkson and 100% of the cost of the Ambulance is offset by third party billing. The next largest expense is Employee Benefits at 18%, then Transportation (DPW) at 12%. I. Coyle said the cost of health benefits increase 10 to 12% every year. Currently retirement costs are 17% for police department and 12% for others.

Page 7 General Fund Appropriations states that proposed is less than 1% (\$36,396) increase from the 05-06 budget. This is while putting \$49,000 back into reserves and providing a budget increase of almost \$50,000 in the street maintenance expense line, which represents approximately 3% of the total tax increase.

Page 8 Searching for Property Tax Relief. A change in Worker's Compensation carrier saved \$73,000 in the first year. A proposal to change (increase) the medical insurance buyout option could reduce employee health insurance costs. A proposal to increase the tax abatement threshold would allow more lower income residents to save. Lobbying New York State for aid increases for Code Enforcement Aid and PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments for state owned land is taking place.

Page 9 Overview of Retirement Costs. This chart shows the burden of New York State retirement costs projected at \$250,000 for 2006-2007.

Page 10 Expenses – Items of Note. I. Coyle said Police Department overtime has come down considerably in the last two to three years. The 2005-06 estimate is \$145,000 when \$140,000 was budgeted. The 2006-07 budget for police overtime is proposed at \$140,000. The 2005-06 estimate for legal fees is \$105,000 when \$60,000 was budgeted. The 2006-07 budget is proposed at \$77,000. The 2005-06 estimate for street maintenance is \$154,000 when \$91,000 was budgeted. The 2006-07 budget is proposed at \$140,000.

Page 11 Financial Futures. Continue to look for efficiencies regarding employee benefits, NYS issues, service cost. Continue planning – capital improvement plan, continue development of strategic plan, consider multi-year financial planning. Decrease reliance on property tax and one-shot revenues – revenue enhancement, grants, develop one-shot revenue or fund balance policy, build tax base. I. Coyle said one-shot revenue for example would be the sale of the Village owned parcel on South Avenue.

Page 12 Water Fund Financial Overview. The second fund the Village has is the water fund. Two or three years ago it was in distress mode due to a 20-24% water loss rate. However, the loss rate has significantly decreased due to DPW leak detection efforts. The Village purchases the water from Monroe County Water Authority and re-sells it to its customers. The Village Board took the place of the Board of Water Commissioners several months ago and has decided to keep water rates the same even though MCWA made an increase. Water fund appropriations are \$885,283. Water fund revenues are: \$911,900. The water rate is \$3.63 per 1,000 gallons. The water fund provides \$20,000 in general fund support.

Page 13 Water Fund Finances. A strong water fund keeps the water utility afloat. Safe drinking water provides for a healthy community and environment. A water utility in good financial condition produces safe water.

Page 14 Water Fund Finances. The Water loss rate still 10 to 15%. There is a projected surplus for 2005-2006. This lowers expenses, which saves money. Utility monies provide general fund support, partial salaries, full-time water crew.

Page 15 Sewer Fund Expenses & Revenues. I. Coyle said the Village established the sewer fund a year and a half ago under the last administration. Expenses and revenues are estimated at \$129,292.

The current rate of \$0.80 / 1,000 gallons water used remains unchanged. The sewer fund provides \$10,000 in general fund support.

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Page 16 Sewer Fund Financial Items. Completed Holley Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in 2005-06. The Village is examining Clinton Street (near Utica) for possible rehab work in 2006-07 in addition to possible manhole replacement on Perry Street.

Page 17 Capital Fund – Projected Expenses. Specific capital projects are segregated out and include: Project 24 – police vehicle, various DPW vehicles / equipment. Project 27 – street sealing / maintenance. Project 36 – landfill monitoring. Project 41 – park / playground upgrades. Project 49 – CDBG Project – sidewalks.

Page 18 & 19 Post Tentative Budget Proposals / Changes. I. Coyle shared that the Board has proposed sewer fund elimination. This would reduce property owners' total outlay to the Village for rents/taxes. NYS aid increased by \$13,000 to the good to an estimate of \$95,820. Retirement notices will affect budgeted expenses in the DPW and Police Department. I. Coyle said one police officer has just retired and one DPW laborer plans to retire in June.

Union negotiations have a potential for change. Meetings with both Union Presidents relative to cost-saving measures in their respective collective bargaining agreements.

Target Numbers - \$15,000 in expense reductions / revenue increases or combination of the two will result in a 1% reduction in the property tax increase.

Page 20 Budget Proposals Being Discussed. The tentative budget showed a tax rate of \$9.98 that is an 11.38% increase for an average \$89 per year. The revised budget with the sewer fund would cause a tax rate of \$9.62 that is a 7.38% increase for an average \$57 per year. The revised budget without the sewer fund would cause a tax rate of \$9.80 that is a 9.38% increase for an average \$73 per year. If you subtract the average sewer rent of \$60 this equals a \$13 per year increase.

Page 21 Schedule of Next Steps. 1. Public input at tonight's hearing – residents / taxpayers address Board with comments, concerns on tentative spending plan. 2. Continued Village Board deliberation / discussion. 3. Resolution adopting budget no later than May 1st, tentatively slated for April 17th Village Board meeting. 4. June 1st – New fiscal year begins.

Public Comment:

1. John Lessord of 56 Lyman Street said due to the way the Village is spending money; retired people on fixed incomes are being driven out of the Village. He said those on fixed incomes don't get increases, but everything costs more. He said he wouldn't be able to stay in the Village if taxes keep going up.
2. Angela Markham of 40 Westwood Drive first thanked the Treasurer and Board for working very hard to bring the numbers down to single digit. She said she would like to see the tax increase even lower. She said everyone is being squeezed since costs for everything go up. Something has to give. She said it is now spring which is a popular moving time and she has noticed 5 houses for sale in her neighborhood. She said she does not know if it is due to the threat of a big tax increase. She said she loves living in a college town. She came here as a college student and stayed. It is a small community with a cosmopolitan feel. However, a small percentage of students put a tremendous strain on the infrastructure as well as police, fire and code enforcement services. She said she couldn't imagine what it would be like without the Brockport Police Department. She also said the Police Chief's points at the last meeting about needing to replace a part time clerk made common sense. She said she hopes the Board continues to pick apart the budget and work towards getting more grant monies and some type of payment from SUNY.

On a side note, A. Markham commented that she tries to watch the meetings on Channel 12, but it is very difficult to hear. She said she has talked to others who have the same difficulty so she was glad to hear it is not just her "crummy" television.

3. Donovan Dunn of 42 Frazier Street first thanked the Village Board for giving the voters a choice in the voting booth last election. It is an opportunity for new ideas and to change our taxes. He said rather than retirees being forced out of the Village due to high taxes, he has some ideas on ways the Village can save money. First, close the Police Department; sell the building and any equipment. He said the Police Department has cost the Village millions of dollars, particularly the last four years and the Village can't afford it. Second, end the ongoing litigation with rental property owners. The Village can't afford it. He said there are three parts to government: executive, judicial and legislative. There is also "we the people". He said the Village Board has the power to close the Police Department and to end ongoing litigation and should use it. He also suggested selling the boat house (Welcome Center at Harvester Park). It is beautiful and should be saleable. He encouraged the Mayor and Board to resist special interests and do only

what is in the common good of the Village: infrastructure, water, and sewers. He encouraged them to meet the challenge of tax reduction because the people are depending on them.

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4. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said the tax problem is simple. Reduce the biggest expense: employee benefits. He said the Village's benefits package for Union employees is enormous and not one employer can afford that anymore. He said he believes there is not one Village employee who can't afford to pay 50% of their benefits. Otherwise, layoffs will be needed. He said for many years past administrations balanced the budget and kept the tax rate flat by borrowing from reserves. That practice has now caught up with the Village and this Board has to deal with it. Something has got to be done. He said even most retired people on a fixed income pay towards their health benefits or pay for any increases. He said the Village needs to look at this since the Police Department and DPW employees make good money. He said a DPW employee makes \$46,000 after only 3 years on the job. That's a lot of money making them able to contribute towards their own benefits. He said people would look elsewhere at the polls in 4 years if it were not in control.

5. Sandeep Singh of 8 Brook Terrace said he is a 14 year resident of the Village and Professor of Finance at SUNY. He read that the Village of Brockport is the 2nd highest taxed Village in Monroe County. He said he is not political, but did vote for Mayor Wexler in the last election because he believes he has integrity and thought he would do good things. He recommended the appointment of a panel made up of people not close to the process to discover unique ways to cut the budget.

He asked how much of the employees health and dental premiums are covered by the Village. Manager Coyle said the Unions (DPW and Police) get 100% coverage per contracts. The Non-Union Management and Office employees get 80% coverage and less of a health plan. S. Singh said as a SUNY employee he pays towards his premiums and covers any increases. He said rising taxes are discouraging new professors and their families from living in the Village. He urged the Board to think about this.

6. Mary Ann Rogers of 5 Perry Street said the Brockport Police Department is very much needed and begged the Board not to get rid of them.

7. Jim Stull of 15 Mercer Street said as a member of the Ex-Mayor's Club the Village faced difficult times in his tenure as well. He remembers the threat of a 22% tax increase at one time. He said over 120 people showed up and it was whittled down to 8.5%, which reflected what the people wanted. He said he supports the elimination of the sewer rent. He said a tax is a tax. If the revenues from it aren't being used for that specific purpose they should do away with it. He told Mayor Wexler that when he wants to apply for membership in the Ex-Mayor's Club they would be happy to have him.

Mayor Wexler asked if there was any further comment. None at this time. Mayor Wexler shared that he and Manager Coyle met with both Union Presidents to ask for help. The current contracts run through May 2007. Negotiations for new contracts would begin November or December 2006. Mayor Wexler said the DPW representative came in with a proposal that could save the Village some money. The Village would like an extra item added regarding new hires. If approved this would extend their contract. The Police Department representatives came in with a proposal that would turn out to cost the Village more than current. Mayor Wexler said the provision in the contract that kills us is the minimum staffing provision. He said they asked for relief on this provision and were rejected. Therefore, if no agreement is reached, the police contract remains through May 2007.

Mayor Wexler said he understands those that speak of being on a fixed income. He said he and his wife each have social security and he has a pension.

Mayor Wexler said you can't make filet mignon out of hamburger. He said I. Coyle has done an exemplary job. Now it is up to the Village Board can whittle down the budget.

John Bush said the Unions don't stop department elimination or layoffs.

Mary Ann Rogers asked if the public is being told that the Police Department could be eliminated. Mayor Wexler said not at this time. M.A. Rogers if the Board cuts or eliminates the Police Department, many people will move out of the Village.

Trustee Maziarz questioned if this was still the public hearing. Mayor Wexler said he is talking now.

Donovan Dunn asked why the Board is so whipped by the outside influence of the Unions.

John Bush said it is sickening to see the 2 Unions running the Village.

Angela Markham said she is tired of the Police Department being the scapegoats every budget season. There was a time when one's word was their bond. Now it must be in the form of a contract. However, if a contract is not as good as the paper it is written on.

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Trustee Castañeda said she would like to make a comment. Trustee Maziarz said she is sure she'll be allowed to make it.

Bob Jones of South Avenue said when Frank Sacheli was Mayor years ago there was talk of changing the parameters of the Village to make it larger. Mayor Wexler said the question has been broached with the Town of Sweden of expanding so part or all of the town would receive Brockport police services. They did not want it.

M.A. Rogers asked why Sweden does not pay for Brockport Police Department services. Mayor Wexler said Brockport Police Department only covers mutual aid across its Village borders.

Chief Varrenti said what they are referring to is a Police District. The Town of Sweden must want Village police services to make that happen. In emergencies, for the sake of public safety, you will occasionally see Brockport Police cars out of district responding to a call. They do not respond to routine calls out of district, just emergencies until Monroe County Sheriff's Department can get there. Chief Varrenti said he has been here 4 years and is not going anywhere regardless of what happens in the future. He has been in law enforcement for 28 years. He said Brockport Police Department has 13 of the best police officers he has ever worked with. The problem is not the Police Union, who are no different than any other Union in law enforcement. He said people can't compare the police union to the public works union. Chief Varrenti said he is not a part of the union nor does his old contract give him any health benefits. He said there are 11 law enforcement agencies in Monroe County that all have similar contracts except the minimum staffing provision. That provision should be managed by the police chief. However, that provision was added after the Village Board in 1991 conducted layoffs to the police department. Chief Varrenti reminded all that the majority of the then-Village Board ratified the Union contract 2 years ago against his recommendation. He asked that they not vote for it because it provides him with very little management rights.

Chief Varrenti said he is open to a conversation or meeting with anyone and welcomes the opportunity. He has stated this repeatedly. He has been able to reduce the police department budget in the area he has control over. He said 89.9% of the police department budget is controlled by the Village Board through their approval of the contract that includes salaries and benefits. Chief Varrenti said although the Village may have 8,100 residents, he believes there are truly 16,000 9 months of the year when you include the college. Chief Varrenti said the police department should not become the whipping boys every year at budget time.

J. Bush said in the 1970's the college peaked at 12,000 students and was known as a party school. He said he does not recall high crime. Angela Markham said you can't even compare the police department of that time to day's department.

Trustee Maziarz suggested that the public hearing return to the budget or that the public hearing be closed.

Mayor Wexler thanked the public for their comments.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 8:07pm and re-open the regular meeting.

Trustee Castañeda said she could not, in good conscience, accept this tentative budget. She said each Trustee has met separately with Manager Coyle, but the Village Board really needs to sit down together and go through the budget line by line and determine how best to maintain levels of service taxpayers have come to expect through better management, shared resources and consolidation where appropriate such as the DPW's in the area working together to cut costs, share equipment, etc.

Trustee Castañeda suggested scheduling a special Village Board workshop next week to go through the budget line by line with the Department Heads.

Trustee Wagenhauser commented that the Board has had many opportunities at monthly workshops to discuss the budget and was encouraged to meet with Ian separately. He said he spent many hours on many days working with Ian on understanding the budget and going over cost-saving measures. He said he hoped each Trustee would have done the same.

Trustee Castañeda said each Trustee spoke with I. Coyle separately, but the first budget workshop was cancelled for fear that it was not advertised in advance. Trustee Castañeda mentioned measures such as the Town doing the Assessing, sharing other resources with the Town, bulk ordering with the Town, and placing a freeze on new hires. Trustee Wagenhauser said he does not believe those suggestions

were brought up in time for I. Coyle to run the numbers. Trustee Maziarz agreed that she has not heard any numbers on these proposals. Trustee Nayman said there have been no other workshops scheduled to specifically talk about the budget. There has not been enough time at workshops with other agenda items to give the budget the sole attention it needs. Trustee Castañeda said she also feels it is important for the Department Heads to be there to discuss the budget. Trustee Maziarz said **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD April 3, 2006 continued.....page 6**

the problem is that it is pretty late. She said she couldn't support proposals without numbers.

Chief Varrenti said in past years the Department Heads were given the opportunity to meet with the Village Board in workshop setting to review their budget and assigned a time slot. He said the budget process for the Police Department begins in October each year. The police department budget used to consist of 3 lines and is now broken down into 47 lines. As always he said anyone is welcome to meet with him at any time. He questioned why the Board has waited until the 11th hour. Trustee Castañeda said she would have appreciated an invitation earlier. Chief Varrenti said he has invited the Board to meet with him at any time until he is blue in the face.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to schedule a special Village Board workshop April 10th at 7pm to go through the budget line by line with the Department Heads.

Clerk Morelli indicated that there is a Planning Board meeting in the conference room. Deputy Fire Chief Rombaut offered the conference room upstairs of the Market Street fire hall.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Earl Wells of E3 Communications, a public relations firm in Buffalo said he is here to represent the three permitted haulers in the Village of Brockport: Waste Management, Suburban Disposal and Heberle Disposal. He shared that they conducted a 10-minute, 20-question survey over 4 or 5 days in mid February. He said 1,300 calls were made and 191 surveys were completed which gives a 95% confidence level. That is the industry standard. The key findings were that 53% surveyed rate their current waste hauler as excellent and 47% as good. 71% want to continue to be able to choose their waste hauler. 13% wouldn't mind government involvement. 24% support the Village's proposal. 43% oppose the Village's proposal. The 24% only went to 33% when told they could potentially save money. 73% want their own choice. He said there was not a lot of awareness of the Village's proposal. There was a very solid base of respondents against the proposal, even if it saved them money. A report with the formal conclusions is still to come.

Mayor Wexler asked if the Village could be sent a copy of the report. Trustee Wagenhauser also asked for a copy of the script (questions). He commented that the survey is valuable to a point, but the results could have to do with the type of questions asked. E. Wells said they avoid push-pull surveys. Trustee Maziarz asked the margin of error. E. Wells said 5 points. They used a 95% confidence level. Trustee Maziarz agreed that it would be worthwhile to see the questions and results. E. Wells said that is considered property of the waste haulers who hired his firm, so he will have to get permission from them.

2. John Lessord of 56 Lyman Street said a member of the Village Board made some very rude remarks about another Village Board member the last time. He said people are saying "no wonder there are problems". He said it is just not right. Trustee Maziarz asked if he was directing it at her. J. Lessord said he is directing it at the person who did what he said.

3. Donovan Dunn of 42 Frazier Street presented the Village Board with a petition with 71 signatures of Village residents who want their own choice of waste haulers and want the Village to stay out of it.

4. Angela Markham of 40 Westwood Drive said this is the fourth time she has spoken about the refuse collection issue. She said she had very good service with her chosen waste hauler. Now she uses the Sweden Recycle Center to save money. She said the problem is that there is no pricing offered for single or two-person homes. They concentrate on large families and commercial. She said when it comes down to it people want good service at what is comfortable for their pocketbook. She said she loves college students and some landlords have dumpsters or commercial service. She said it is likely the same landlords that are jamming too many tenants into houses that are not paying their fair share for garbage.

5. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said the Village has held 2 public hearings on the garbage proposal. The public is not for it. It should be a dead issue.

GUESTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue – No report.

- B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
1. Calls for Service - status quo

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2. SPARTAC Membership – Chief Varrenti asked for approval of the following returning SPARTAC volunteers: Francis J. Welch, John D. Brugger, Craig S. Hadden, Mark McDaniel and the following new volunteers: Kent R. Blair, Garret Breister, Matthew A. Nauerth, Eileen S. Ryerse, and SUNY students Stacey Elizabeth Bartlett and Stefanie R. Dickinson.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to approve of said SPARTAC volunteer membership.

3. Walk Bike Brockport Action Group Recommendations – Chief Varrenti referred to a memo from the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group with recommendations to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. He reminded the Board that he did research 3 years ago regarding crosswalk signs and has brought it up and distributed it many times to the Board and DPW Superintendent Donahue. He said the old ones are broken and beat up and new ones need to be ordered. Further, crosswalks need to be clearly striped sooner rather than later. This is a safety issue. It should not wait until August. Trustee Nayman expressed concern of the crosswalk used just north of the Main Street Bridge. She suggested more information be provided to the community in the local papers about the importance of using the crosswalks. Chief Varrenti agreed and said the officers could write tickets for jaywalking but it is more effective to write tickets for the vehicles that do not stop.

4. Empire State Traffic Safety Conference – Chief Varrenti asked for authorization to send Sgt. Philippy to said conference April 24-25 costing 1 day's Village time and \$214. This money is in the training line. He said Sgt. Philippy offered one day of his own time. He said he does not necessarily agree with him using his own time.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried authorizing said conference as requested.

5. Part Time Clerk – Chief Varrenti shared that Konny Troupe did not accept the Village's offer for 15 hours per week. It was advertised for 20 hours and she wanted 20 hours. He said although she never started, the Board appointed her at the last meeting and should accept her non-acceptance.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to accept the non-acceptance of Konny Troupe to the part time Police Department Clerk position.

Chief Varrenti said they would continue searching. Trustee Castañeda suggested the Board revisit the idea of freezing all hiring until the budget process has concluded. Chief Varrenti said to unilaterally not fill any position is potentially against the law. He re-iterated what he had shared at the last meeting. If the one full time clerk is out, it closes the administrative offices of the police department. Trustee Castañeda asked how often she is out and asked why an officer can't fill in short term or cross train a clerk at Village Hall to fill in, or hire a temp. Chief Varrenti responded that those are not viable options. A temp would have no knowledge. An officer would be paid a big salary to do clerical work and would be cost prohibitive. Again, the full time clerk has been with the Village for 15 years and gets 20 days vacation, 5 days personal and accumulated sick time. He said he does not lose her to a serious illness or another job.

Mayor Wexler said they have also received a resignation letter from Michelle Johnson the part time clerk for building / zoning / code enforcement that started last August. She will be leaving May 17th due to family health problems. Mayor Wexler said Superintendent Donahue placed a request in his budget for a part time clerk. There would be three part time clerk positions available. He agreed that this requires more discussion as it relates to the budget and that hiring should be held off. Chief Varrenti said with all due respect when a part time clerk is out at building / zoning or at DPW, the departments don't close to the public. Trustee Castañeda asked Chief Varrenti if it is not better to have a fill in than to close. Chief Varrenti said no.

Chief Varrenti said he would hold off on the search until further notice. He said he appreciates at least not wasting time with interviews.

6. Budget – Chief Varrenti apologized if he gave the impression that I. Coyle cut the Police Department out of the budget process. He said they have day-to-day discussions and no

better person could handle the job. He said what was missing this year was the Department Head being brought in to meet with the Village Board. Chief Varrenti said he hopes the Village does not trip over quarters to pick up pennies. He said he can find \$500 somewhere that can be cut, but if the Village frivolously spends \$5,000 somewhere else, it doesn't help.

Trustee Nayman said the DPW is in dire need of at least one full time laborer and now 3 departments want a part time clerk. She said the Village needs to weigh its needs carefully.

Chief Varrenti said he could save the Village Board \$17,000 tonight, but they do not want that.

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Trustee Castañeda said its needs versus wants. Every department has a wish list, but what is really needed. She said the Village needs to look at what it can do cheaper by renting and consolidating. To do better, the Village needs everyone's help. Trustee Nayman agreed and commented that in reviewing the bills for this evening there is a new chair at \$270 for Village Hall. She questioned why an old one that works can't be used.

Chief Varrenti said saving a dollar is great, but if you spend ten dollars, you haven't saved anything.

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

1. Final 2006-2007 Assessment Roll was filed with Village Clerk 3/30 – S. Zarnstorff reported that the final 2006-2007 assessment roll was filed with the Village Clerk and is available for review. He said there was \$200,000 lost in value due to homes sales generating less than assessed for, successful grievances, and including \$100,000 in state mandated award to utility owned property. He said the 2 new subdivisions in the Village, McCormick Place and Remington Woods have not really taken off. They need to spur new home construction. Sunflower Landing is hoping to start this spring.

Trustee Castañeda asked the number of assessment grievances. S. Zarnstorff said they had 23 and $\frac{3}{4}$ were successful.

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS – Deputy Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Deputy Chief Rombaut asked the Board to consider approving the following exempt certificate: Lucas VanDervort.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned exempt certificate.

2. Call Load – Deputy Chief Rombaut reported 204 fire jobs year to date and 417 EMS jobs year to date.
3. Consolidation Update – Deputy Chief Rombaut distributed and reviewed a tentative time line regarding consolidation proposed by the Fire Council. Draft by-laws will be distributed at tomorrow's department meeting. The last Fire Council meeting will be September 21st when power and authority will be transferred by the Fire Chief and Fire Council to the President of the new consolidated Brockport Fire Department. Then election for line officers for 2007 will take place December 7th.

E. TREASURER / VILLAGE MANAGER - Ian M. Coyle – No report.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Sidewalk Café Permit – Clerk Morelli reviewed the application of Java Junction for 2 tables and 8 chairs.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to grant the sidewalk café permit to Java Junction for the 2006 season.

2. Procession Permit – Clerk Morelli reviewed the application for the annual CROP Walk to be held Sunday, May 7th from 1pm to 4pm.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to grant the annual procession permit to the CROP Walk.

3. CROP Walk Proclamation – Clerk Morelli asked for approval to send the following proclamation regarding the CROP Walk.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on Sunday afternoon, May 7th, many area residents will “Walk With the World” in the 24th Annual CROP WALK in Brockport; and

WHEREAS, this is done to help provide seeds, tools, water resources, vocational and literacy training and other self-help skills needed overseas through Church World Service; and

WHEREAS; women, men and children throughout the world must walk long distances every day to get water, food and shelter in order to survive; and

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WHEREAS; twenty-five percent of CROP WALK funds raised will assist hungry people right in our own area through the Brockport Food Shelf; and

WHEREAS; there have been 23 walks between 1983 and 2005, which have raised the total of \$170,643 in the Brockport area; and

WHEREAS; there continues to be a growing number of people who need assistance at our local food pantry and a need for education regarding poverty and hunger in the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Morton Wexler, Mayor of the Village of Brockport do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2006 to be CROP WALK Day in the Village of Brockport and encourage all our citizens to “Walk With the World” by walking, sponsoring a walker or making a gift to “CROP.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this 17th day of April, in the year 2006.

Morton Wexler, Mayor

- 4. Notice to the Qualified Voters of the Village – Clerk Morelli asked for approval to publish the following:

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the following:

LEGAL NOTICE
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT

Qualifications of the Voters for the Village General Election on
June 20, 2006

- 1. A Citizen of the United States.
- 2. Eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 3. Resident of the Village of Brockport thirty (30) days preceding this General Election.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

- 1. No one whose name does not appear on the Monroe County Register for the Village of Brockport will be eligible to vote.
- 2. In accordance with Section 15-118 (2) of the New York State Election Law, the voter must be registered with the Monroe County Board of Elections at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Village General Election. The registration deadline for the above election date is Friday, June 9, 2006.

THERE WILL NOT BE A VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IN THE VILLAGE.

- 3. Application for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Monroe County Board of Elections 39 West Main Street Rochester by calling 428-4550 or the Village Office, Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York. Applications must be filed with Monroe County Board of Elections no later than 5:00pm Tuesday, June 13, 2006.

Leslie Ann Morelli
Village Clerk
Village of Brockport

G. ATTORNEY – Thomas D. Calandra / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:

A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner

- B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Matthew Minor
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair John Bush

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VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Trustee/Vice Mayor Maziarz

1. Crosswalks – Trustee Maziarz proposed an idea regarding crosswalk signage that she saw in another community that may hold up better. That community’s police officers put them up in the morning and take them down at night. This reduces theft and damage, but they are out when traffic during daylight hours when traffic is the heaviest. They can also be used year-round except for heavy snowstorms.

Trustee Castañeda asked how many signs the Village needs. H. Donahue said all 6 need to be replaced. The current ones cost \$125 each.

Trustee Maziarz offered to research the cost. Chief Varrenti said he could do so if given the name of the municipality. He said this needs to be done right away since we are in dire need of the new signs. Trustee Castañeda asked for a price comparison and information on theft and damage potential. If they cost more and are easily stolen or damaged, then the Village is out more. Board suggested having the information to discuss at the next workshop.

2. Main Street – NYSDOT – Trustee Maziarz proposed that the Village Board form a committee to work with the NYSDOT on plans for the Main Street rehabilitation project. She suggested it be a 7-member committee comprised of one Village Board member, 2 merchants, 2 residents at large and 2 members of the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group.

Trustee Castañeda said instead of forming a committee, maybe the Village could solicit names of a couple of people interested in going to the NYSDOT meetings on this issue.

Mayor Wexler said he is not against the formation of a committee, but is not yet convinced of the makeup of that committee. He said the final say should be with those that will need to deal with it such as the Police Department, Fire Department and DPW. Safety should be the primary concern, not aesthetics. Trustee Maziarz agreed safety should be the primary concern. Safety, aesthetics and access will be vital to the downtown area remaining vital during construction. She said the committee should certainly seek input from the leaders of the Police Department, Fire Department and DPW. Trustee Maziarz said she was trying to follow through on a promise the Village Board made to the merchants that spoke at the last meeting and to get this moving sooner rather than later.

Mayor Wexler said he would like to see a list of names. Then as Mayor he will present them to the Board for consideration. Trustee Maziarz said at this time she is not speaking of individual names, but of how the committee should be structured. She said soliciting the names is up to the Mayor. She said she would like to see equal representation of merchants, residents and Walk Bike. Mayor Wexler again said he is not sure of what the composition should be.

Trustee Castañeda suggested discussing this at the next workshop.

3. Accept Walk Bike Brockport Arts & Aesthetics proposal re Remembrance Park – Trustee Maziarz reminded the Board that they heard of this proposal at the last workshop.

Trustee Maziarz read a flyer from the Arts & Aesthetics Committee of the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group regarding the proposed sculpture. “A sculpture by Jennifer Hecker proposed to be placed in Remembrance Park on Park Avenue. The sculpture is a gift to the Village of Brockport by the generous support of the community through the Stone Soup Auction. It measures 3’ wide, 7’ long and 9’ high and is made of 3/8” steel coated with a material to last 15 to 30 years. The current garden will be reconfigured to be very low maintenance. “

Some of the comments from Park Avenue residents include the following. “Just want to add our support for the project. We feel the gift sculpture which Jennifer Hecker has created will be a great enhancement to Remembrance Park in Brockport and look forward to its installation.”
Kathy & Jim Goetz

“Jennifer Hecker’s sculpture represents many things for Brockport: the continuing beautification of our village, a celebration of our talented local artists, an invitation to enjoy and linger in our public spaces, and volunteerism at its best. I am proud to belong to a community that supports such fine efforts.” Margay Blackman

“Over the last decade Park Avenue has become one of the most attractive streets in Brockport. The neighborhood has pride and community spirit. To add a sculpture would crown this achievement as well as give pleasure to all who pass by.” Bruce Leslie

“This is a sign of an intelligent community. It goes along with the USA push for more walkable communities.” Pam Ketchum

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“Lovely. All for it. Will help.” Marilyn Day

“Can’t wait to help. I want my children to take part. It’s important for them to be a part of a community project.” Emily Miller

“Also very much in favor.” John Deats

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to approve of the Jennifer Hecker sculpture being installed at Remembrance Park on Park Avenue.

B. Trustee Castañeda

1. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castañeda announced that the next meeting is tomorrow night and all are welcome.

C. Trustee Wagenhauser

1. Sewer Rent - Trustee Wagenhauser acknowledged the hard work of I. Coyle who continues to do a great job on the budget although challenged with difficult numbers. He said there is only a proposed 1% increase in spending. He said the Village has tried to look at not just the tax rate but the overall cost to live in this community. He proposed that the Village eliminate the sewer rent.

Trustee Castañeda said she is in full agreement. This sewer rent was like a tax and it will be nice to save the taxpayers money.

Clerk Morelli asked when sewer rent would stop. I. Coyle said he would have to look at the logistics of it as to whether it would stop May 1st or June 1st.

Mayor Wexler asked I. Coyle if taxes will go up as a result. I. Coyle said 2% unless they find other ways. Trustee Wagenhauser said they would be shifting 2% to the general fund. I. Coyle suggested in light of the budgetary implications that the Board wait one or two weeks in order to discuss it more fully at the April 10th workshop. Trustee Nayman agreed that it could wait another week. Trustee Maziarz said it was already tabled from the last meeting. Trustee Castañeda said the Board had a workshop and discussed it already.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to indefinitely suspend the collection of the sewer rent with a stop date to be determined by next meeting.

D. Trustee Nayman

1. Refuse Collection Proposal – Trustee Nayman said the Village has held 2 public hearings and tonight received a petition with 71 signatures on the refuse collection proposal and the great majority of taxpayers are against it. They voiced that they are smart enough to make their own choice and do not want government involvement. She said she is concerned with the Village becoming the middle man. Trustee Nayman said Trustee Wagenhauser did a wonderful job trying to find a new way to save taxpayers money. However, it is important that the Board listen to the taxpayers since they are the boss.

Mayor Wexler said the issue has not been brought up since the second public hearing and there have been no requests to put it out to bid or to see what would be included or excluded in a contract. He agreed with Trustee Nayman that the Village held public hearings to hear from the public. They made it clear that they want choice. He said a contract would be needed before going out to bid and yet the Board still doesn’t have details. Many would like to know. Trustee Castañeda said the Board has 62 days from the March 6th public hearing to render a decision. He said 12 people spoke with 11 against it at the November public hearing and 19 spoke with 17 against it at the March public hearing. We have now received a petition with 71 signatures against it and heard from the waste haulers on a survey that was conducted.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, Mayor Wexler in favor, Trustees

Wagenhauser and Maziarz abstained that the Village not pursue the refuse collection proposal any further.

Trustee Wagenhauser said had he known this was going to be brought up he might have been more prepared. Trustee Maziarz asked what "not pursue" means. Trustee Castañeda said to not go any further with the proposal and to not spend any Village money on drawing up a contract. She said why spend time and money on something the taxpayers do not want.

Trustee Maziarz said no money has been spent on it and you can't stifle a Board member from working on a proposal. Trustee Wagenhauser said it would have been appropriate for him to make the motion. Trustee Castañeda said at least \$30 has been spent on the publication of 2 legal notices for the two public hearings. Trustee Nayman reminded the Board that at a previous meeting she suggested bringing the issue to a referendum and letting the people vote on it since there is a June election.

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She said she was told to wait to make that motion. It affects every taxpayer in the Village.

Trustee Wagenhauser said it had not been moved forward. Trustee Nayman said a lot of time has been spent discussing this at numerous meetings and the Board heard that the people want it left as is. Maybe no money has been spent on it to date, but if pursued there would likely be legal fees for the preparation of a contract. Trustee Wagenhauser said he has not asked for a dime or for an attorney to draft a contract. He said the Board was elected to look into ways to save people money. He was not trying to limit choice. Trustee Castañeda said the idea was good. Trustee Wagenhauser said he knew it would be 3 to 2, but did not think it needed to be paraded out this evening. Trustee Nayman said she did not know it would be 3 to 2.

E. Mayor Wexler

1. Adopt National Incident Management Resolution – Mayor Wexler shared that Fred Rion of Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness attended the last workshop meeting and provided information on the NIMS Program.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the resolution as read.

Adoption of the National Incident Management System

It is hereby resolved by the Village of Brockport, State of New York that:

WHEREAS, In Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size of complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS: and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all federal, state, local, and tribal emergency management agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the state's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the state, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission of Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Village of Brockport and provisions

of the local law I do hereby mandate the National Incident Management System be utilized for all incident management in the Village of Brockport.

I further proclaim this to take effect immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Village of Brockport, New York, this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

- 2. Accept resignation of Michelle Johnson as part time clerk to building / zoning / code enforcement office – Trustee Castañeda said the part time clerk was hired to get the office organized and using specialized software. She suggested the Village not fill this position in order to save money.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Michelle Johnson as part time clerk to the building / zoning / code enforcement office effective May 17th with regret.

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- 3. Appointments to Village Advisory Committee – Mayor Wexler said a new position interest form was submitted from Josephine Matela. He stressed that this committee is open to all who apply. Trustee Castañeda reminded Mayor Wexler that Norm GianCursio also submitted a position interest form.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried to appoint Josephine Matela and Norm GianCursio to the Village Advisory Committee.

- 4. Appointments to Code Review Committee – Mayor Wexler said a memo was put out to the members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to solicit one member of each to serve on the Code Review Committee. Planning Board member Art Appleby and ZBA member John Bush submitted position interest forms.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to appoint Art Appleby and John Bush to the Code Review Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Jim Hamlin of 50 Park Avenue referred to the sewer rent and said that 2% will go into the budget. He said if it brought in \$10,000 per month and \$60,000 went to water, it is likely the water rates will have to go up. He also questioned the effect on overtime of not replacing M. Cyr in the Police Department or G. Bower in the Department of Public Works. He said the DPW is already understaffed and has been for a couple of years. He questioned raising the legal fees line to only \$77,000 and wondered what services we would be losing. He said the budget just doesn't jibe.

Chief Varrenti commented on the issue of replacing M. Cyr. He said there are two part officers eligible to go full time. The Village has spent \$18,000 on each of them to get them trained and outfitted. Gates Police Department is already looking at Justin Tierney. He again stated the importance of replacing M. Cyr with one of the existing part timers and cited losing J. Morabito as an example.

AUDIT:

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

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
3/24/06	173131	2,300.00
4/3/06	173157-173198	14,153.93

<u>Fire</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
3/9/06	173034	100.00
4/3	173132-173156	22,827.67

<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
4/3/06	748-757	4,806.18

Capital Projects

<u>Sewer</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
4/3/06	1080-1082	284.39

Water
4/3/06

1370-1382

23,969.35

ADJOURNMENT:

- ➔ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk