

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Village Court Conference Room 49 State Street Brockport, New York, August 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee Annette M. Crane, Trustee Shawn Halquist, Trustee Katherine J. Kristansen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Erica L. Linden, Village Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella

EXCUSED: Trustee/Deputy Mayor John D. LaPierre

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Webster, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Paul Kimball, Lyle Stirk, Village Historian William G. Andrews, Seymour Library Board member David Newman

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

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

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

BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT: Village Historian William G. Andrews shared the following:

This evening's historical moment takes a snapshot of the status and role of women in mid-19th century Brockport, looking at the year 1865 as midway between the chartering of the village and the end of the century.

Brockport's population of 2,370 in 1865 included 1,230 women (51.9%), 449 of them in married couple households, 310 of which had their own children in the household. Thirty-six were female householders with no husband present, sixteen of them with their own children present. Household servants were much more common in modest homes than now. Census data do not indicate which households with servants had female members, but 37 of Brockport's households included servants. So, at least a small percentage of housewives had resident hired help.

Thirty Brockport women owned land in 1865, twenty of whom were widows who, probably, inherited it from deceased husbands. Six of the thirty were single, two were married women not residing with their husbands, and two were married women residing with their husbands. So, women, married or not, could legally own land, but not many did. Nearly ten times as many men (291) did.

Twenty-five women got married in 1865, all of them to men! Their average age was 23.5 years, averaging seven years younger than their husbands. Invariably, the bride was younger than the groom. Two of the brides were widows, none were divorcees.

Although the overwhelming majority of Brockport's women in 1865 were housewives, at least 92 had gainful employment, seven as milliners, two "tailoresses", five school teachers, four dressmakers, 41 maid servants, two telegraphers, one professional artist, one produce merchant, 26 in the clothing industry, and two were employed by a mitten and whip maker. In addition, of course, was the professional novelist, Mary Jane Holmes. That is 12.8% of the 715 females over the age of 20.

Brockport's female population in 1865 was much less diverse racially than today's. Ten women and perhaps eight girls were African-American. No other females of a non-Caucasian race appear in Brockport's 1865 census.

Seven of the thirteen women who died in 1864-65 were victims of consumption (tuberculosis). This compared to only two of the seventeen men who died in that period. Two women died of diphtheria and one each of worms, typhoid fever, croupe, and cancer. Apparently, none died in childbirth.

Politically, women were, certainly, second-class citizens, but were not completely absent from the political process. The 1865 census lists two women as voters. One was a produce merchant. The other was a single woman with no occupation. A political activity in which women figured prominently was a rally celebrating Lincoln's victory in the 1860 election. The *Republic* reported that the audience was "composed half of each ladies and gentlemen." On the other hand, all of the elected officials were men. However, Brockport had a female postmistress, a patronage appointment, for some twenty years. Also, Susan B. Anthony and a female escaped slave made political speeches in Brockport during the 1860s.

Unlike in politics, women figured very importantly in the cultural and social life of the village. In fact, they seem to have dominated there. One small example: a favorite winter amusement of Brockporters was sleigh rides. One such excursion to Spencerport had seventy partiers, "of whom about two-thirds were

Autumn Woods 2 bed \$950, rents on \$1,350, more upscale, same as those near the Millhouse.

Trustee Kristansen – what ideas does Graystone have?

Paul Kimball – looking at something residential.

Trustee Halquist – do they do any light industrial work?

Paul Kimball – they do the gamut – working on Plymouth Avenue townhouses...those are individually sold. Light industrial is a good question. In my experience, it is very difficult to attract. It would require rezoning, as is currently zoned as light industrial. Incentive zoning could come into play – there is a payment to the municipality – 1.5% of the project was paid to the municipality at the new Speedway going in at Ridge Road and Sweden Walker Road. In return, the municipality agrees on the “boxes” or buildings, and it must go to the Planning Board.

Trustee Kristansen – that allows the zoning to be changed?

Paul Kimball – you don’t go to Zoning Board of Appeals for lot lines, density, it allows the Village Board to start from scratch.

Mayor Blackman - it would require new ordinances to allow incentive ordinances, Sweden and Clarkson already have. An example is in Brighton for Whole Foods, allowing for the space - a larger footprint. It has resulted in many public meetings.

Paul Kimball – whether we get to that point with this project, you should consider having it on your books as a tool in your toolkit. “called legalized extortion” 😊 working on another project with another town – they have a road they want relocated, don’t want the convenience store but may allow if developer pays to relocate the road.

Trustee Kristansen - problems with drainage and water South Avenue and Hollybrook Road residents have suffered consequences of this. Are there checks and balances in place to make sure environmentally things are fine?

Paul Kimball – This is all done with the Planning Board. They see the land, the boxes/buildings/units of the basic concept of where things will be, if approved by the Village Board, then it slides to Planning Board, but doesn’t have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals – all those types of things have been agreed upon at the Village Board level.

Trustee Kristansen – does the Village Board change the zoning?

Attorney Mastrella - it would be easier to change the zoning than adopt incentive zoning. Section 7-03 village law...

They can’t change density...can change set-backs, etc. but not density.

Trustee Kristansen – wouldn’t it be safer to change to residential? It would protect the property with all the right codes.

Attorney Mastrella – it would be best to get an idea of what they want to do. I’m not saying you shouldn’t consider incentive zoning, but you should do in your master plan/ comprehensive plan.

Trustee Halquist – after initial extortion what is the benefit – light industrial gives you greater tax base, less drain on resources, but residential is better on tax base than empty property.

Paul Kimball – Gilmore Road used to overflow before those roads were built – once subdivisions built, they took care of the drainage correctly, never overflowed again.

If you change the density in your code, you change it for every property in that type of zoning.

If you incentive zone a property, you only change it for that property for a specific reason.

Trustee Kristansen - Garr Associates is looking at the property here before we must decide anything?

Paul Kimball – Yes, from a residential standpoint.

Mayor Blackman – I’m glad they are interested. I think there is real potential.

Paul Kimball – once we get the report from Garr I will bring it in and share it with you. I have no idea what they will come back and say the market will demand/bear. Call me with questions in the meantime.

Just to note, Brook Terrace all the way to Owens Road on south side is what Graystone owns. No matter what goes in there, people will go up in arms. They have had nothing for a long time. From an

board/committee to the Village Board for their action of approval or denial. Only in the case of the Board of Ethics membership, one or more of the Board of Trustees shall submit a candidate's name for the BOT's consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Mayor shall put forth the name of citizen volunteer(s) to fill vacancies and unexpired terms on boards/committees **prior the vote on the candidate(s) membership to said board/committee** at a Village Board meeting. Exception: membership selection for the Ethics Committee is made by the Board of Trustees.

TERMS OF OFFICE

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

OATH OF OFFICE

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

EFFECT

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

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Types

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Members</u>
<u>Boards by Statute (State & Village law)</u>		
Planning Board	5-year	5
Zoning Board of Appeals	5-year	5
<u>Standing Boards/Committees</u>		
Code Review Committee	5-year	7 + BZ officer
Emily Knapp Museum & Library of Local History Board	3-year	4-8 +1 Faculty member
Board of Ethics	4-year	4 + Village Attorney
Historic Preservation Board	3-year	9
Parks Committee	4-year	9
Seymour Library Board	5-year (limit 2 terms)	3
Tree Board	4-year	9 & advisor (s)
<u>Task Force Committee (s)</u>		
Housing Task Force	2-year	6 + BI/CEO, 1 Planning Board member, 1 Trustee
Climate Smart Community / Clean Energy Community Task Force		TBD
Comprehensive Plan Project Advisory Committee	None	13
<u>Open Roster Boards/Committees</u>		
Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group	None	Unlimited
Welcome Center/Canalfront Management Cmte	None	7
Welcome Center Canalfront Greeters	None	Unlimited

procedures, the Village Board of the Village of Brockport hereby expresses its intent to serve as Lead Agency to comply with SEQR. In accord with the likelihood that the Village Board will serve as Lead Agent, the Board has prepared an Environmental Assessment of the significance of and potential impact of the Village of Brockport Corbett Park Improvement Project.

The purpose of this project shall be as follows:

- Resurface the tennis courts, upgrade nets and replace fencing, reduce from three courts to two, modify enclosure to accommodate basketball court
- Upgrade basketball court by moving it to the third tennis court area, new pole/backboard/hoop
- Repave parking lots (one on Clark St. and one smaller one on Smith St.)
- Pond restoration – removal of overgrowth, dredge, restore wildlife habitat
- Upgrade picnic tables, benches, and grills with ADA compliant ones, new garbage receptacles
- Remove asphalt walking path, level and replaced with finely crushed stone path, wider for strollers and wheel chairs, easier to maintain
- New park signage to attract visitors from the street and canal, new rules signs for the park
- New physical fitness equipment – remove old, splintered, unusable wooden fitness stations and replace with HealthBeat stations, useable by ages 13 and up, including adaptive stations for different abilities
- Establish an Excursion Pod at the top of the park next to the canal. This will contain 4 kayaks and 4 bicycles to be borrowed through an online reservation system and the pod will lock and unlock with solar power, all to be operated by the vendor. A narrow kayak dock to be installed to launch the kayaks.
- Landscaping improvements: remove 11 ash trees infected with emerald ash borer and predicted to become a safety issue in the next two years, and prune extensive lilac collection

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment of this project, prepared by the MRB Group. The Village Board further declares that, based on the Environmental Assessment, it finds that the project will result in no significant adverse impacts to the environment. Therefore, the Village Board does not anticipate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. Further, the Village Board herewith states its intent to issue a Negative Declaration under SEQR for the project, pending review by the Involved Agencies.

- Authorize Treasurer Hendricks to attend NYCOM Fall Training School 9/24-9/28 Lake Placid –

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 to authorize Treasurer Hendricks to attend NYCOM Fall Training School 9/24-9/28 in Lake Placid, and as always, with the expectation that a written report follow for a future meeting packet.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
 - Mayor Blackman provided the following report:

July 25—supervisors lunch, with Kevin Johnson and Jerry Underwood. Discussion centered on the library, the need for a decision from them re our solar array, and the selection of a consulting firm to look at their finances and suggest cost savings and efficiencies.

July 26 and 28th Great cultural events! RPO performed a free concert with the full orchestra at the SERC which was very well attended. It was a partnership between the Village, the College, RPO and GBDC and was part of Brockport's summer serenades, all of which have been extremely well attended and are funded by voluntary contributions from the community. On Saturday July 28, Shake on the Lake, a Shakespeare Company from Silver Lake performed Richard III on the lawn at the Morgan Manning. The Village got them a grant for \$2,000. The artistic director of the company, Josh Rice, is a graduate of the College at Brockport, and this was the second Shakespeare play they have performed here. The theatre company is dedicated to bringing Shakespeare to rural communities in Western New York. It's events like these that remind us who live here of the rich cultural life that comes to our doorstep. Speaking

I met with Treasurer Dan Hendricks, spent time learning about the budget, and met with Superintendent Harry Donahue, learning about the operations of DPW. Both are terrific, and I am closer to knowing something about something! Also, I did attend the RTS meeting with Margay. It is clear they are committed to having service in Brockport. It may be a small vehicle that takes passengers to a bus hub, but there will be something.

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

This is the week leading up to the Brockport Arts Festival which brings to our village 1000's of visitors over the span of 2 days. The festival will be open from 10 to 5PM on Saturday and Sunday, August 11th and 12th with the Duck Derby occurring on Sunday at 4:30PM. Look for the insert in this week's copy of the Suburban News for details. Very exciting and busy time for our community. As co-chair of the 2018 Arts Festival I have been attending to many details including numerous meetings, emails, discussions, visits to printers, news publications, etc., etc. We are ready for the festival to begin! Check out the Brockport Arts Festival on FACEBOOK (Brockport Arts Festival) and on our website (BrockportArtsFestival.com).

In addition to the festival I have attended to my other responsibilities as well including:

July 17th - met with BPD to discuss safety and emergency plan for the Arts Festival

July 17th, 26th, 31st - BISCO

July 18th - Seymour Library Board meeting where financials, solar power, paving, etc. were discussed

July 19th - the first Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan Project Advisory Committee meeting

July 30th - Code Review Committee where cats, chickens, trees and other topics were discussed

August 2nd - Brockport Merchants Association meeting

Our new gardener, Kathy Kepler has been busy working on the gardens. She also brightened up the entrance to the Village Hall on Main Street with beautiful pots of plants! Thank you!

Thank you to GBDC for sponsoring and bringing to Brockport the RPO on July 26th...a wonderful concert that was enjoyed by all!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

→ At 8pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter.

Attorney Mastrella was invited to sit in.

→ At 8:24pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 8:24pm, Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Erica L. Linden, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer