

**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 5, 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, Village Manager / Treasurer Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

**EXCUSED:** DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Jewell, Wanda Miner, Bill Heyen, Anita Wicks, Margay Blackman, Ute Duncan Jim & Joan Hamlin, Norm GianCursio, Francisco Borryayo, Mary Jo Nayman, Kathy Snyder, Fred Webster, Robbi Hess (Suburban News).

**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 meetings.

- ➔ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, Trustee Heyen abstained, carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 7, 2008, be approved as written
- ➔ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, Trustee Maziarz abstained due to absence, carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 21, 2008 be approved as amended.
- ➔ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, Trustee Wagenhauser abstained due to absence, carried that the minutes of the workshop meeting held April 28, 2008 be approved as written.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Proposed Local Law #2 of 2008 – re aged & disabled tax exemption income limits

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:07pm.

Clerk Morelli read the following legal notice that was published in the Village's official paper (Suburban News), on the Village's official website and at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00pm on Monday, May 5, 2008, in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York to consider:

Local Law #2 of 2008:

To raise the income limit for the Aged Exemptions and Disabled Exemptions and to adopt the sliding scale option to match that of the Town of Sweden for an impact to begin with the June 1, 2009 Village taxes.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Leslie Ann Morelli  
Village Clerk  
Village of Brockport

Mayor Wexler welcomed the public to the hearing and invited public comment.

No public comment.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting at 7:08pm.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt Local Law #2 of 2008 to raise the income limit for the Aged Exemptions and Disabled Exemptions and to adopt the sliding scale option to match that of the Town of Sweden for an impact to begin with the June 1, 2009 Village taxes.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:** None

**GUESTS:**

1. Dave Jewell – Kiwanis Club – 8/23-8/24 Soap Box Derby – Dave Jewell and Wanda Miner of the Kiwanis Club were in attendance to review their street closure application for the annual Soap Box Derby Regional Races to be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Village Board for their cooperation in the Brockport Kiwanis sponsorship of the Soap Box Derby, a nationally recognized and honored program for the youth of America. They are requesting the same spirit of cooperation for the event again this year and would appreciate the Village's assistance with the following:
  - a. Notification of affected residents of the event and street closure
  - b. Resurfacing the street surface/skim coating, if necessary, to assure a smooth, safe racing surface.
  - c. Moving the concrete barriers at the Smith Street Bridge to the sides of the road at the top of the hill.
  - d. Providing periodic police drive-bys, particularly during Friday and Saturday evenings.

He said the only complaint heard last year related to sweeping up the hay. He said they would be prepared with brooms. He said they would again offer a free chicken BBQ to the occupants of the affected 4 homes on the section of Smith Street. He said only 1 took advantage of it last year.

Trustee Maziarz said it is exciting that this has become an annual event and that they want Brockport to host it. She suggested passing the memo on to Police Chief Varrenti and DPW Superintendent Donahue. Mayor Wexler said he meets with the Department Heads on Wednesday, and will be sure they are apprised. Trustee Heyen thanked the Kiwanis for this quiet, well-organized, successful event that draws participants from near and far.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize the street closure request of Smith Street from the bridge to Clark Street from 4pm Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> through 6pm Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

2. Zoe Pennington & Amber Reynolds of Brockport High School – STEP-UP Community Project – Zoe & Amber provided the Board with a copy of a power point presentation. This is a community project to create a partnership between the young community members and the Village of Brockport.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Step-Up Community Project is to provide the initial foundation to foster a partnership between young community members and the Village of Brockport. This will incorporate and combine the talents and skills of young members of this community and provide opportunities for healthy choices, life long learning skills, civic responsibility, and productivity. We encourage unification and strength which is vital for reenergizing and providing growth of our community. We believe that meaningful roles, social commitment, and sense of ownership are the steps for unifying our youth and community.

Goals: Provide a foundation for a partnership between young community members and the Village of Brockport. Empowerment of young community members. Opportunity for young community members to take ownership of the community and recruit other community members to participate. Improve productive citizenship. Increase knowledge, growth, and development of the young community members by providing a responsible role to play within the community's decision making.

Life Long Learning Skills / Workplace Skills: social skills, organizational skills, responsibility, public speaking skills, history of hometown, culture of hometown past, community involvement, embracing community, learning to help others, unity of the young and older members of the community, problem solving skills, civil responsibility, empowerment, pride of ownership, networking, money management, data management, time management, self management, hands-on experience, teamwork, partnership, leadership, passion development, career connections/exposure, respect

Activities to get involved: Morgan Manning House, Seymour Library, Brockport Village

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Mayor Wexler thanked the students for their presentation. Trustee Castañeda & Trustee Maziarz said nice job. Trustee Heyen said it isn't easy to speak in public. She looks forward to them getting started and understands that they have contacted some of the groups and encouraged them to contact the others. Trustee Castañeda said thanked BCSD's Maria Maddaleno and shared that they had a recruitment day on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 9 more students signed up to participate in the Step-Up Project. She said she forwarded some draft flyers the group is working on that would help familiarize the public with various events.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to recognize the Step-Up Community Project as being authorized by the Village of Brockport as it relates to Village sponsored programs and events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. William Heyen of Frazier Street read the following:

Open Letter

Once upon a time in western New York State in a village along the Erie Canal there was a letter that wasn't a letter. This letter that wasn't a letter was the most famous, or infamous, or notorious letter in the whole history of this village.

But how could a letter be a letter and not be a letter at the same time? This is of course a deep and complex philosophical question which has to do with the great themes of presence and absence, of being and non-being on which books appear every year. But fables, for instance, tell us about worlds that are not real even as they are. In this case, this letter that wasn't a letter existed as surely as leprechauns live under toadstools.

One village elder recalled that this wondrous unwritten letter was hidden by the letter writer for months even though its contents were of immense importance to the village's common good, having to do with auctions and taxes and toxins, and even though the supposed writer was a village official. Folks tried for months to get hold of this non-letter. In fact, all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't find the letter or pry it from the letter writer's clenched fists. Even Prince Charming who had found Cinderella who had left her slipper at the ball couldn't find the letter. Even that sleuth Sherlock Holmes couldn't find the letter. Even Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer who had found his way across the Christmas Eve cosmos could not make his nose to shine upon that mysterious non-communication.

Another elder had a dream in which the letter that wasn't a letter actually itself had a nose, and this nose, like Pinocchio's, grew longer every day.

Another elder recalled that it was an official letter and at the same time wasn't an official letter because it wasn't written on village stationery provided officially to officials for official business. Another village elder observed that this letter that wasn't a letter also had a destination that wasn't a destination, and although delivered was not delivered because it was not stamped as received by the recipient who was not a recipient. In fact, even the recipient couldn't for the longest time find any evidence of the letter's having been received, and then, voila, the recipient seemed to find some kind of hybrid cross-fertilized letter that probably wasn't even the letter that wasn't a letter. This letter tried to be some kind of wish come true at the eleventh hour for the supposed writer of the supposed letter who'd been feeling sad and sort of huffy because deserving folks actually wanted to see and read proof of the original epistolary claims.

Mayor Wexler stopped W. Heyen and said his 3 minutes for public comment had expired. W. Heyen expressed disappointment with Mayor Wexler often giving others 7 or 8 minutes in the past. Mayor Wexler said W. Heyen took more than 3 minutes the last time.

Note: fable concludes under public comment at the end of this meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (most Department Heads are excused from 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month)

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue (excused)

1. Authorize to advertise to hire 4 summer help per budget effective 6/2

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to authorize advertising to hire 4 summer help for 40 hours per week June 2<sup>nd</sup> to mid August at \$8 per hour per budget effective 6/2.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti (excused)

1. Purchase 2008 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor \$22,296 per bid – Manager Coyle shared great news that Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich announced that they were able to secure a \$25,000 cost-reimbursement grant for the acquisition of a police patrol vehicle for use in crime response and routine patrol activities.

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→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to authorize the purchase of the 2008 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor per \$22,296 bid and to seek reimbursement through aforementioned grant.

C. BUILDING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT - Scott C. Zarnstorff (excused)

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Timothy Rombaut (excused)

E. VILLAGE MANAGER / TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle

1. Celebrate Brockport –

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the Celebrate Brockport Grant Program as detailed below.

Trustee Heyen commended Manager Coyle on the proposal. Trustee Maziarz said this is a good way to support community events. Trustee Castañeda said this is the correct way to do it.

## *Celebrate Brockport!* REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Village of Brockport is accepting applications for qualified projects for the FY 2008/09 round of our *Celebrate Brockport!* Grant Program. Attached is a brief program description, and application and Statement of Success forms.

Those interested in applying for funding should submit a completed application to the address listed below on or before 4:00 p.m. on June 16, 2008.

All applications received will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees for eligibility and completeness. Qualified applications will then be acted upon at a formal business meeting for final approval. Qualified applicants may be invited to present their proposal to Village Board at a regularly scheduled meeting or workshop.

Questions related to the *Celebrate Brockport!* Grant Program should be directed to Village Manager, Ian M. Coyle at 585-637-1041 or via email at [icoyle@brockportny.org](mailto:icoyle@brockportny.org)

**PROPOSALS MAY BE RETURNED TO:**

**THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT**

**ATTN: Celebrate Brockport!**

**49 State St**

**BROCKPORT, NY 14420**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



**GOAL:** To provide opportunities to celebrate the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of the Village of Brockport, and share with those outside of the community the attributes that make Brockport a unique and exciting place to work, go to school, and to live.

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**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Showcase events and activities in the Village
2. Attract Brockport residents, and those from other communities, to Village activities and events.
3. Promote the Village ' s attributes to those outside of the Village.
4. Create additional commercial opportunities for downtown retail operations.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The project should be oriented toward providing a community benefit for the residents of Brockport and/or attracting people to the Village of Brockport.
2. Applicants must be, or represent, a Brockport area company or agency.
3. Funding is intended to support **verifiable program expenses** (hard costs such as contracts for services, materials, advertisements, flyers, printing, etc.). Funding for administrative purposes (salaries, general office supplies, agency overhead) will not be considered.
4. At the completion of the event(s) the applicant must submit a report to the Village of Brockport summarizing and documenting the results of the event(s), and whether the stated program goals and objectives were met. This is herein referred to as a “ Statement of Success” report.
5. Grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenses as identified in the program description and backed by third-party invoices and receipts for those expenses.

No disbursements will be authorized until the receipt of the Statement of Success report mentioned in the previous section has been received by the Village of Brockport.

6. Each dollar of grant funding must be matched with one-dollar from another source, or two-dollars of in-kind contribution. A combination of both cash and in-kind contributions is permissible; however, separate and distinct accounting procedures must be maintained for each of the two sources. All matching contributions must be verifiable, and accepted by the Village of Brockport prior to reimbursement.

In the space provided below, please respond to each of the following application components.

Attachments are welcomed, however they **may not** be substituted for one or more of the application requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:30 P.M., June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**PROPOSALS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO:**

**THE VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT  
ATTN: Celebrate Brockport!  
49 State St  
BROCKPORT, NY 14420**

**Questions:**

**Ian M. Coyle, Village Manager  
PHONE: 585-637-1041  
FAX : 585-637-1045  
EMAIL: [icoyle@brockportny.org](mailto:icoyle@brockportny.org)**

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*Celebrate Brockport!*

**APPLICATION**

**PROJECT TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUEST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** In the space below please provide a general description of the proposed project (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

**PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST:** Please provide a budget for the proposed project to include: grant monies being requested; the amount and source of matching funding and in-kind contributions; and a listing of all projected expenses (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

*Celebrate Brockport!*

**STATEMENT OF SUCCESS REPORT**

All grant recipients must submit a report at the end of their program activities highlighting the results of their program. (Note: This is a post-award report so needless to say, should not be provided at initial application) Recipients should complete the attached report and submit it to the Village of Brockport 49 State St Brockport, NY 14420, ATTN.: Celebrate Brockport! Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary. Grant monies may not be disbursed until the attached report and verification of matching contributions have been submitted and approved. Reimbursements may take up to six-weeks to receive.

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF GOALS ACHIEVED:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED:

ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT:

TYPE AND SOURCE OF MATCHING RESOURCES:

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2. Call for 5/27 public information meeting on LAI re 40 Idlewood Drive –

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to hold a public information meeting as part of the 7pm Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Village Board workshop regarding Lifetime Assistance Inc.'s plans to utilize 40 Idlewood Drive as a group home.

Trustee Wagenhauser noted that Clerk Morelli would be preparing a notice and mailing labels for property owners within 500 feet of 40 Idlewood Drive. LAI will include their notice and handle the mailing at their expense.

- F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli
  - 1. 2008 Events Schedule – Clerk Morelli reported that she has completed the annual events schedule and distributed it appropriately and posted it to the website. She thanked volunteer Norm Frisch for his help, yet again, in formatting this information into poster and handout versions.

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

- A. Mayor Morton Wexler
  - 1. Adopt proclamation for 6/29 Bienvenida celebration -

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

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 1,000 migrant farm workers who come to the Hamlin, Clarkson and Brockport area constitute the backbone of our area’s agriculture workforce; and

WHEREAS, the farm workers are members of our community for approximately six months of each year, during which time they plant and harvest our crops; and

WHEREAS, as residents of the Hamlin, Clarkson, Brockport community, migrant farm workers make a substantial contribution to our local business economy.

NOW THEREFORE, The Village of Brockport Board of Trustees designates the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> as a week of recognition of the presence and contributions of our local farms and farm works, and proclaims Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> as a Day of Welcome to the migrant farm workers.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Brockport Village Board on May 5, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this day, May 5, 2008.

Morton Wexler  
Mayor  
Village of Brockport

- B. Trustee / Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda
  - 1. Village Advisory Committee – next meets Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.
  - 2. Museum window replacement – Senator Maziarz is receptive to a future on site tour of the museum and discussion of funding options for window replacement and other needs. She said she would work with the Museum Committee to send a letter of invitation.
  - 3. Main Street Rehabilitation Committee – some members met with the Fairport Village Partnership. She said it is interesting to note that many of the events were sponsored by the Fairport merchants, not by the municipality. Some merchants modified their hours during their reconstruction.
  - 4. Arbor Day – reported that on April 25<sup>th</sup> she, Trustee Heyen, Trustee Wagenhauser and Manager Coyle participated with the Tree Board, Department of Public Works and SUNY representatives in the Arbor Day tree planting held on Fayette Street this year.
  - 5. James Stull Conference Room Dedication – reported that on April 25<sup>th</sup> she and several former Village officials attended the dedication of a conference room at the Sweden-Clarkson Community Center in honor of former Village Mayor James Stull.

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- 6. Canalway Trails Celebration – reported that she has organized an event on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm with Bill Hullfish and the Golden Eagles String Band and rides on the Rose Lummis at a reduced rate before and after the concert along the canal.
- 7. Walk Bike Brockport Action Group – Arts & Aesthetics Committee – reported that a fiberglass mule would be installed on the north side of the canal between the Main Street and Park Avenue bridges. Dedication is planned for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
- 8. Step Up Community Project – referred to the brief presentation made earlier and said

participants look forward to a partnership with the Village, as there is plenty of work to be done.

9. Letter to Monroe County – stressed once again that the letter was, indeed, written and sent to the County.

C. Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz

1. Farmers Market – planning & location – delayed report on this item. She said she met with Brockport Merchants Association representatives and will soon be meeting with the farmers. She will provide an update at the next meeting.
2. Not seeking re-election – Trustee Maziarz read the following statement.

I would like to inform the Village residents that I will not be seeking re-election for the office of Village Trustee in the upcoming 2008 election. This action is based on the fact that my husband is employed (and has been for greater than 2 years) out of Somerville, New Jersey. After a lot of deep thought my husband and I decided that it is the right time to get our family back under one roof. Thus we will relocate to New Jersey.

I am grateful to this Village and everything it has offered my family: most notable are the friendships that will last a lifetime. I am grateful to the residents that trusted me to execute on a vision for Brockport that focused on opportunity, family, and fiscal responsibility.

Although on the sidelines I will be cheering-on for Brockport to continually enrich its status as the great Victorian Village on the Erie Canal.

D. Trustee David J. Wagenhauser

1. Arbor Day – participated in the successful annual planting.
2. Trustee Maziarz – will miss Trustee Maziarz.
3. Police Car Grant – thanked Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich for the \$25,000 grant and Kelly Smith for writing the grant application. Her salary of \$3,000 has long since paid for itself with the many successful grant applications.
4. Home Improvement Grants – announced an upcoming Historic Preservation Board workshop regarding restoration, repair and reconstruction of historic residences.
5. Mulch – announced that mulch is available at the East Avenue site.

E. Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen

1. Trustee Maziarz – will miss Trustee Maziarz as one of the most creative and forward moving Trustees with a lot of support and accomplishments to show for her service.
2. Arbor Day – participated in the successful annual planting. Thanks to all involved, especially the Village Tree Board under the leadership of Margay Blackman.
3. Proposed Tree Ordinance – commended the Tree Board's work on the proposed Tree Ordinance for inclusion in the Village Code. Proposal to come and public hearing to be called for.
4. Max's Mardi Gras Parade & Festival – commended all involved – so many active volunteers say a lot about the positive nature of the community.
5. Welcome Center – announced the planting at the Welcome Center the weekend of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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6. Sweden Senior Center - Trustee Heyen read the following statement.

Approved under the Older Americans Act of 1965, the Title III C congregate meal program serves individuals 60-years of age and older at sites throughout the United States. The nutritionally balanced meals, education and support services are a vital component of the Sweden Senior Center at 133 State Street, Brockport, New York.

In its recently approved 2008-2009 budget, the Village of Brockport allocated \$12,000--as in previous

years-- to the Sweden Senior Center (SSC) [Line A7145.4] General Fund Appropriations.

→I make the following motion:

To address the loss of nutrition contributions by participants--when compared to expenses incurred by the Town of Sweden and despite funds appropriated and contracted with Monroe County-- I move that

Of the Village's (2008-2009) \$12,000 allocation for the Sweden Senior Center in the Town of Sweden's budget, we authorize \$6,000 be designated to Line 2704 (Nutrition Contributions), where there is a need. The other \$6,000 would remain in the recreation portion of the budget.

Hanny Heyen, Trustee  
Sweden Senior Center Director, 1982-1986

→ Trustee Wagenhauser seconded

Mayor Wexler said he understands where Trustee Heyen is coming from. He said his only concern is that of timing. The Village allocated the \$12,000 in it's recently approved budget and gives it to

the Town in July. However, the Town passed their budget last October or November and already made plans for the money. Their budget year began January 1, 2008 and the Village's budget year begins June 1, 2008. He suggested adopting this stipulation for the 2009-2010 budget.

Trustee Wagenhauser said the Village just passed it's budget. He questioned the Town relying on the monies before that. He said he is more concerned that seniors have something nutritious to eat than general recreational opportunities.

Trustee Castañeda said she checked with Manager Coyle on the Village having contributed \$12,000 to the Sweden Senior Center each year. She said she also spoke with the Town's

Financial Director and confirmed that they were counting on the monies again. She said allocating some of the funds specifically toward the nutrition program is not a bad idea. However, she suggested tabling it for a chance to invite the Town Board for discussion.

Trustee Heyen said this was discussed at a recent workshop and Councilperson Windus-Cook and Finance Director Strabel were in attendance. She said she also spoke with the Town Finance Director twice as a courtesy and to gather research. She said she was even complimented by the Finance Director for wanting to specifically allocate to the nutrition program. Trustee Heyen said the \$12,000 comes from Village taxpayers who also pay for recreation through their Town taxes. She questioned whether this could be considered double dipping. She said she has

spoken with many seniors who care very much about the Senior Center; it's nutrition program and the many changes that are happening with their programs and leadership. Trustee Heyen referred to the March 25, 2008 Town of Sweden Town Board meeting minutes in which there was a statement by Councilwoman Danielle Windus-Cook that "The Town Board has no intention of shutting down the Center. Ms. Windus-Cook and Finance Director Leisa Strabel attended the Village of Brockport meeting to also clarify rumors of a particular position being cut. The Village pays a share of the Seasonal Recreation staff position not the individual." Trustee Heyen mentioned that there was a change in the job title and responsibilities of Nancy Duff, the Center's director. She is now only Director of the Nutrition Program.

Trustee Maziarz said the \$12,000 was never meant to be put into the general recreation fund. This is for the Senior Center. She reminded Mayor Wexler that one of his campaign issues was that Village taxpayers shouldn't be paying for the Town recreation program through Village taxes since they already pay for it through Town taxes. Somehow, the Town has re-allocated the funds from the Senior Center to recreation. She said she would prefer to give all \$12,000 to the Senior Center nutrition program. However, she feels \$6,000 is a good compromise.

Mayor Wexler said he spoke with the Town Finance Director today and reiterated his concern of the timing in the budget year. He questioned the possibility of legal ramifications for the Town of Sweden to move the monies from one fund to another.

Trustee Maziarz questioned the Town relying on projected funds from the Village in its budget approved in October 2007 when the Village didn't approve the funds through its budget until April 2008. Mayor Wexler said there are times that Boards pass things that may not be 100% legal.

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Trustee Heyen said the Sweden Senior Center has been a cornerstone in Western New York. The nutrition program used to be held up against all others. It was the main component. Maybe the Village should look at the whole \$12,000 going towards that.

Trustee Castañeda said she is not necessarily against the proposal, but suggested inviting Town officials to a discussion. She said great partnerships have been established between the Village

and Town. She said she would think the Village Board would want to continue that partnership. She said the Village was part of the Joint Recreation Commission for many years and then the Towns were left to handle it alone. There is a \$50,000 cost to Sweden taxpayers for the lunch program. Based on use the Village's portion would be \$25,000. Based on population the Village's portion would be \$32,000. She said she is not saying the Village needs to contribute \$25,000 to \$32,000, but just wants to work better with the Town.

Trustee Heyen said she doesn't agree with some of what Trustee Castañeda has said, nor the insinuation that this is not being a good partner. She expressed concern of the major changes taking place that the Village hasn't been involved in or informed of. This is as a Village Board member, Village resident, and former Director of the Senior Center.

→ CALL TO QUESTION: Trustee Heyen, Trustee Wagenhauser, Trustee Maziarz in favor, Trustee Castañeda opposed, Mayor Wexler did not vote. Motion carried 3 to 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. William Heyen said he wished to finish his fable.

Another village elder said she believed that the letter must have been invisible, written with lemon juice, so of course its blank page wouldn't be stamped as received by a recipient who was not a recipient at a destination that was not a destination—but then its page could be held for a few moments over a candle until those words that were not words might appear.

Many village residents believed that the writer of the letter that wasn't a letter wanted to be their mayor. If this happened, they believed, then the village might have a mayor who wasn't a mayor. Where would this all stop?

Dozens of other villagers had their own theories as to the motives surrounding the creation of a letter that wasn't a letter. One interested fellow by the name of Michael O'Green said that his office was going to investigate the matter down to its last ghostly watermark, every avowal and every denial, every e-mail & every phone call, every rabbit in every hat, every evasion and every confabulation, and then he was going to do what was necessary in case anything unpatriotic and unAmerican was going on, political secrecy and deception and chicanery rather than the clean and bright democratic disclosure that is always best for the mental and physical health of any village that is a village.

In the end, one thing is clear. The story of the letter that wasn't a letter ramifies. The more we keep it in mind, the more we will know just who we are and what we deserve in the way of village stewardship.

Yours truly,  
William Heyen

(William Heyen was a Finalist for the National Award for Poetry in 2004. His wife is Brockport Village Trustee Hanny Heyen who is not seeking re-election to a second term.)

Mayor Wexler responded that when the final closing takes place in June, there would be a meeting with Village officials and the new owners of the 100 Fair Street property and any other appropriate parties such as attorneys. He got something in writing to the Village Board last week. Information will be shared with the Village Board and the public. He commented that some on the Board have lived in the community longer than others.

2. Ute Duncan of Brook Terrace commented that Village residents are concerned with the former Kleen Brite properties and many are quite surprised by what has happened. She said she hopes the Mayor keeps the Village informed, as it is the topic of conversation in her neighborhood. On another note, she said she knows she speaks for many in the community in thanking Carrie Maziarz for 4 years of great work as Trustee. She has been enthusiastic and committed. The Farmers Market is just one of her successes. Brockport, NY's loss will be Somerset, NJ's gain.

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3. Margay Blackman of Park Avenue and Chair of the Tree Board thanked all who participated in the Arbor Day event. There were 60 people at the event and 23 trees planted on Fayette Street. Since 2006, 100 trees have been planted in the Village rights of way. Several community members donated this year including Bill and Hanny Heyen, Bill and Monika Andrews, Westside Home Care Agency, Walk Bike Brockport, Sophie Carey, and Delta

Sigma Fraternity. There are still 700 spaces yet to be filled with trees.

Mayor Wexler thanked M. Blackman and the Tree Board for their efforts to beautify the Village and provide better air to breathe.

**AUDIT:**

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

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Village</u>	4/29/08	176971-176976	\$1,041.95
	5/1/08	176978 & 176980-176986	\$35,933.20
	5/6/08	176987-177023	\$36,155.81
<u>Fire</u>	4/29/08	176977	\$223.47
	5/1/08	176979	\$220.11
	5/6/08	177024	\$1,796.13
<u>Third Party Billing</u>	4/29/08	001245	\$214.91
	5/1/08	001246	\$237.33
	5/6/08	001247-001248	\$43.10
<u>Capital Projects</u>			
<u>Water</u>	4/29/08	001971	\$27.38
	5/1/08	001972-001976	\$8,105.54
	5/6/08	001977-001984	\$1,900.78

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21pm.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk