

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, September 20, 2004 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustee/Vice Mayor Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee Norman J. Knapp, Trustee Morton Wexler, Trustee James E. Whipple, DPW Superintendent Bradley B. Upson, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Treasurer Ian M. Coyle (NYCOM conference), Planning Board Chair / Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Keith O'Toole, Deputy Village Attorney Frank A. Aloï, Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, Ken Pike, Ray & Jackie Morris, Elliotte Bowerman (Brockport Post), Gary McLennon (D&C), John Lessord, Kathy Snyder, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Jeff Stark, Neal A. Cary, Rob & Vic Miller, Mary Jo Nayman, Fred Webster.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matela called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Matela shared that the Village Board and DPW Superintendent Upson met with the residents of Carolin Drive at 6pm upon their request. She thanked them for sharing their comments and concerns about the street and drainage and said there would be a follow up meeting with them at 6pm Monday, September 27th before the Village Board workshop.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Matela called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held September 7, 2004.

➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held September 7, 2004, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Lessord of 56 Lyman Street commented that the storm sewers were plugged during the September 9th rainstorm. He said he spent time unplugging the one near him. He said the former DPW Superintendent did preventative work when he heard of a big storm coming. Superintendent Upson commented that the September 9th event, which resulted in a local state of emergency due to Hurricane Frances, was a 25-30 year storm. None of the storm sewers handled it well. J. Lessord asked how much extra it cost the Village to truck away the soil from the Visitor's Center site. Mayor Matela said they do not have those figures yet, but should have the information shortly.
2. Neal Cary of Waterport said he was a resident of the Brockport area for many years. He said he is here on behalf of his elderly brother and sister in law that live on Fayette Street. They had to have roofing done on their home and paid a roofer \$1,500 to do the work. He shared that they were not satisfied with the work and N. Carey met with the contractor several times, once after water poured in the front door. N. Cary said he had some contracting experience from years ago and he knows that the flashing was not done correctly. He said he spoke with S. Zarnstorff by phone, but he has trouble hearing. He said he learned that the Village does not control roofing contractors. He thinks that is deplorable. They take advantage of the elderly and do not do the work properly. He said he thinks the Village should license roofing contractors, check their credit, and require permits and inspections for roofing work. He said putting a new roof over an old one would not hold.

S. Zarnstorff said licensing and permit requirements are up to the individual municipality. Part 1230 Administration of Building Codes gives authority to municipalities to adopt standards above and beyond the minimum requirements of New York State. There are stipulations in the state residential code for the application of roofing shingles, flashing, and such for new roofs and re-do roofs. At this time, no municipality in Monroe County requires a license and permit process for roofing.

S. Zarnstorff said he does not know the particular contractor the Carey's used, but he said it is probably the same one that did work at another property on Fayette Street recently. They had leak problems and the contractor had to return for repair work until the owner was satisfied. The company's sales tactics are questionable. They apparently intimidate property owners that the municipal building department is going to come down on them if they do not bring their roof up to standards. He said he shared this information with the Police Department but does not know the results. He said it is not uncommon for people to be dissatisfied with contractors. He recommends that they contact the Better Contractors Bureau who may investigate further. S. Zarnstorff said he can offer his opinion of the work, but it is really a private issue. However, the Village Board can decide that it wants to look into a permit process. Trustee Maziarz suggested that the Code Review Committee put this on their list and that S. Zarnstorff write a letter to the Better Contractors Bureau in support of the property owners.

N. Carey offered his assistance if needed. Mayor Matela thanked him for bringing this to the Village's attention.

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GUESTS:

1. Jeffrey Stark – The Patio Grill – request renewal of hawking/peddling permit – J. Stark reminded the Board that they granted him a 6 month Hawking and peddling permit last January for his hot food service cart called The Patio Grill from 10pm to 3am on Main Street in front of the Post Office. He said there are no changes to his menu or hours of operation. His Monroe County Health Department permit is current. He asked for a 6-month renewal.

Chief Varrenti said he is unaware of any problems. S. Zarnstorff said when he first started, he located his cart at the corner of Main Street and Clinton Street and there was concern of overflow into the street. Therefore, he and L. Vaughan asked him to move away from the corner and position himself right in front of the Post Office. J. Stark said that has worked out fine. He also said he picks up the area and takes the trash home with him.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried approving the 6-month renewal of The Patio Grill's hawking and peddling license.

2. Paul VanEpps – request use of Sagawa Park on Saturday, October 2nd from 6pm to 9pm for an amplified concert – P. VanEpps, Pastor for the Potter's House Christian Fellowship appeared at the August meeting for his first request. He was unable to attend this meeting, but placed his request in writing for an amplified concert of contemporary music in Sagawa Park on Saturday, October 2 from 6 to 9pm. There is no charge to the public and all are certainly welcome. People who will be attending could number thirty to fifty. The concert proceedings will be done in an orderly fashion and the grounds will be picked up and clean when they leave.

Mayor Matela said the only concern she heard from their first concert was that they hung banners from the fence and trees in Sagawa Park. Mayor Matela said until the Code Review Committee proposes a park use code and the Village Board sets a policy, she would like to limit each group to a maximum of one use of Sagawa Park each month and no banners affixed to trees or fencing.

Chief Varrenti asked the Village Board their position on the noise ordinance since amplification can be a concern. Mayor Matela said the Village sponsors the Thursday evening Summer Serenades concerts. All concerts end by 9pm. Groups are asked to check with the area churches and movie theater to be sure there are no weddings or special events that could be bothered by amplification. Trustee Whipple commented that it is in a commercially zoned district. Trustee Maziarz said there are a lot of homes in the district. Chief Varrenti said there is no delineation in the noise ordinance regarding zoning districts. Trustee Whipple said the Board has no reason to refuse the request. If problems arise, that may be justification.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried to approve the request of Potter's House Christian Fellowship to use Sagawa Park on Saturday, October 2nd from 6pm to 9pm for an amplified concert of Contemporary music with the following stipulations: applicant must contact area churches and movie theater to be sure there are no weddings or special events that could be bothered by amplification, adhere to the noise ordinance, no signs or banners to be hung on fence or trees, park to be tidied to its original condition.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Superintendent Bradley B. Upson

1. 9/9 Local State of Emergency – Mayor Matela asked B. Upson and a Fire Chief to be at the ready on Wednesday when representatives from FEMA plan to visit the Village. The Village needs to provide them with a list of the top 10 or so properties affected by flooding. S. Zarnstorff asked that he be added as a contact. Due to the rain having downed many tree limbs, the Village will start it's monthly brush pick up early. The DPW will begin brush pick up on September 21st and will also do its regular monthly brush pick up on September 27th.

2. Truck 12 Status – Trustee Knapp asked if information had been gathered on the repair or replacement of the dump truck. B. Upson said they are in the process of compiling the information. He hopes to have it ready for the Board's review at the next workshop.

3. Weekend Morning Clean Up – Trustee Maziarz thanked B. Upson for having a DPW member come in weekend mornings for a short time to sweep the sidewalks and streets and empty trash. It makes the Sunday morning Farmer's Market more enjoyable.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Calls for Service – Chief Varrenti reported 10,189 calls for service year to date. They have

been very busy.

2. Request for Mayor to sign updated agreement between County and Village re 911 - Chief Varrenti asked for authorization to have the Mayor execute the Monroe County 911 Subscriber agreement with the County of Monroe. Attorney O'Toole reviewed it and said it was fine.

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→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the Mayor to sign the Monroe County 911 Subscriber Agreement with the County of Monroe.

3. Accreditation Process – Chief Varrenti reported that the mock accreditation held on September 9th went well. A few suggestions were made, but they were very pleased and commented that it was the fastest one they had done. They are ready to proceed with the process in which 3 assessors come for three days (October 12 – 14). Then the formal vote on accreditation takes place in Albany on December 2. Then a formal certificate will be presented at a Village Board meeting. Chief Varrenti said Brockport Police Department would be the 11th and last law enforcement agency in Monroe County to be accredited. However, Monroe County will be the first County in New York State to have all their law enforcement agencies accredited. He said the state is excited about that. Chief Varrenti credits the Village Board for wanting to pursue accreditation. He said Sgt. Ziegler has done a great job.

4. Staffing Issues – Chief Varrenti reported that he received bad news today about the medical status of an officer today that makes the officer unavailable for road patrol. The Police Department is comprised of 12 full time and 1 part time officer. They are down to 10 full time and 1 part time officer being eligible for road patrol. This includes Chief Varrenti. He said Trustee Wexler encouraged him several months ago to cover on road patrol for the day shift when he was able. He has done so over the past few months, however, it is interfering with his duties as Chief. He gave an example of having to excuse himself from an important citizen meeting to take a call. The new contract approved by the Village Board against his recommendation allows part time officers to backfill on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. They only have one part timer. There is an application on file for part time officer to interview. The process will need to run its course. This includes a background investigation, psychological testing, medical testing and physical agility. Once the Village Board hires, each part time officer needs to be equipped and then takes 640 hours of training at a cost of \$18,000 each. Chief Varrenti said 5 part timers have left since 2002. That is a lot of money wasted to train and uniform them. He said it has been and will be his recommendation to put the money into a full time officer.

He said he wrote a 3-page letter last week in response to a note from Trustee Wexler. Staffing has been and continues to be a problem. Chief Varrenti said with no disrespect to the DPW, they have 16 full time employees that work 8-hour days five days a week. The Police Department is a 365 24/7 operation. It is impossible to run without exorbitant overtime. SUNY Brockport University Police Department has 17 full time officers plus a line of Chiefs. It simply can't be done with such a limited staff. He reminded the Board that he has implemented the policy of only one officer off at a time and has cut down on training or had training during duty hours. This is not good.

Trustee Maziarz said Chief Varrenti has put forth his recommendation on a number of occasions and has backed it up with data. The Village Board is crippling him from doing his job effectively. She said the Board should heed his advice and hire the additional one or two full time officers, particularly that there are now 2 to 3 unfit for patrol duty. Trustee Wexler said he would be happy to hire 2 full time officers only when the 2 officers on light duty are no longer employed here. He said the Village cannot afford to add full time police officers at this time. However, the Village can hire part time officers. He said he would rather pay \$15 per hour to a part time officer than \$45 per hour to a full time officer when overtime is needed. Trustee Wexler said the Chief says he does not have the time to work the road, however, his services are needed. We have to look at what is needed to cover adequate protection at a cost not to harm the Village. When the full time officers who are on light duty are no longer on the payroll, he would be happy to replace them. However, the officers that are out or on light duty are still being paid. He suggested there might be a way to speed up the disability process and expand the list of potential candidates for part time officers. Trustee Wexler said some Trustees differ on how many officers per shift are needed. The contract requires 2 at a time, not 3 or 4. He said maybe activity would slow down in the colder weather. Trustee Wexler said the Village is not in any position to hire full time officers.

Mayor Matela said Chief Varrenti has proven that overtime costs are dramatically reduced with the addition of a full time officer on two of the three shifts. The Village had an opportunity to hire a good part time officer and let him slip away to a full time position elsewhere. He was trained, equipped and proven. Mayor Matela said the Village of Brockport is understaffed and has been for a few years. It is simply not possible to staff the department adequately with 10 people. Mayor Matela agreed with Trustee Maziarz that the Village needs to hire one or

two full time officers.

Chief Varrenti responded to Trustee Wexler's suggestion of speeding up the state disability process and the Monroe County Civil Service process. Chief Varrenti said neither he nor the Village officials control either one of these processes. Disability retirement applications can take years to resolve, not months.

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Chief Varrenti said the Village Board should be asking itself where they want to spend the Village's money and what results do they want from the money. There are some places where you can't cut corners.

Trustee Whipple said he speaks from experience in industry. There may be overtime costs in the short run, but hiring in the long run creates more fixed costs. Unfortunately, it is impossible to budget for illness or injury. You make adjustments as you go along.

Chief Varrenti said he is not asking for another motion or vote on hiring full time officers. He said he is doing his best to keep the Village Board aware of the circumstances so that when budget season comes along and officers are chastised for their salaries which include overtime, the Board can't say that they were not made aware of the problem. Chief Varrenti said the department cannot do the job of 20 with 10 and should not be incurring such overtime costs. There should be a rate of return – a police presence and a decrease in crime.

Trustee Wexler said his concern is the overall cost of the Police Department, not just overtime. The goal should be to reduce overall costs, not just overtime. Chief Varrenti said he remains open to workable suggestions. He reminded the Board that he recommended that they not vote for the police contract. Trustee Wexler said the ink is dry on the contract and the Stetson Club gave up a few nights where part-time officers can backfill. Trustee Wexler said Chief Varrenti should have told them during negotiations. Trustee Wexler said it seems that down deep Chief Varrenti does not want to hire part time officers. The Village is not the Wild West and does not need 4 officers on at time. People can walk the streets unafraid.

Chief Varrenti said it is not down deep, but right up front, that he does NOT like to staff with part time officers. This is for a variety of reasons mentioned at previous meetings and workshops. There is a poor rate of return with part timers. Chief Varrenti said officer safety concerns him and should concern the Board. Having officers working double time on a regular basis is not good.

Mayor Matela reminded Trustee Wexler that the Board did not put any money in the budget to train and equip part time officers. It costs \$18,000 to train and equip each part time officer hired. Trustee Wexler said there is also no money for full time officers. He said the Village Board voted more than once NOT to hire additional full time officers.

Chief Varrenti said he knows what no means. However, conditions change and it is his responsibility to keep the Village apprised. He said he realizes the Mayor and Trustees are his boss. They will continue to see mounting overtime costs and risk liability issues.

Trustee Wexler commented that the Chief's analogy of comparing the Police Department and the DPW was a poor one. Some in the DPW literally work in frigid temperatures and in feces. Chief Varrenti said he is sure the rest of the Board knows what he meant by the numbers comparison.

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

1. Monthly Reports – S. Zarnstorff reviewed his August reports. There were 18 applications in August, which generated fees of \$1,192. They conducted 152 inspections compared to 106 in August 2003. Fees year to date total \$13,665. There is a rise in the value of construction year to date to 3.7 million. They have been doing regular building construction inspections at Belmont and Merchants Street Smokehouse. Code enforcement stops are up. The color-coding system and door hangers are working well. In August they did 72 code enforcement stops at multi-family properties. The biggest problems are trash related. He said he hopes to look at this issue with the Code Review Committee. Mayor Matela said the Code Review Committee has a growing list.

Mayor Matela asked if they are going to the same places. S. Zarnstorff said some are repeat offenders and some are new. The doorknocker program is an educational tool. He hopes to look through his monthly reports and break down if they are seasonal, rental or a particular area of the Village.

Mayor Matela said she would like to see a ticketing / citation process for trash issues to stop the repeat offenders. The Village DPW are not garbage collectors. Some property owners do

not even have private garbage collection contracted.

2. Kleen Brite status with EPA – S. Zarnstorff shared that representatives of the EPA and DEC were here last week. Mayor Matela and Trustees Maziarz and Wexler toured the facility with he and L. Vaughan. S. Zarnstorff said it was eye opening, but pretty much what he expected. The owner has removed approximately 99 percent of the loose materials. The EPA and DEC are happy about that. The EPA will be back tomorrow to sample the dry soap, liquid lagoon and floor drains. Then they will determine what should be done with them.

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S. Zarnstorff said the EPA has been particularly helpful. They have been trying to get the owners to clean up the site and do the right thing for about a year. The long-term building issues, particularly 100 Fair Street will require Village Board discussion. The Fair Street site is a very big concern. The State Street site is marketable. S. Zarnstorff commented that they are behind in their taxes and it will not be long before Monroe County considers foreclosure. S. Zarnstorff said there might be some 95% brown fields funding available to turn the sites into something that can be sold. He hopes the towers and such will ultimately be dismantled. Trustee Knapp questioned where the other 5% would come from and commented that it is still privately owned. S. Zarnstorff said even though it is privately owned, the Village can pursue a brown fields designation. Trustee Knapp said he is not sure it is for the Village to get involved in, particularly if there is any cost to it. As it is, the Village has been mowing the grass there.

Mayor Matela said the Village would need to work with the County. She said she knows that other municipalities have had sites designated as brown fields so they can get them sold and in some cases back to tax paying status. At this point, the County is paying the Village taxes. The County rings up the debt until they foreclose.

Trustee Maziarz commented that the term dry soap is a misnomer. She said it is up the walls and ceiling. She found it horrendous. Trustee Wexler thanked L. Vaughan for his assistance in both his capacities as Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Building Inspector. Trustee Wexler expressed concern that kids play around the sites. Trustee Maziarz agreed that there are safety concerns. Trustee Wexler said anything the Village can do to make the property safe would benefit everyone.

3. Merchants Street Smokehouse signage – S. Zarnstorff reviewed his memo to the board regarding Jon Mendez's request that the Village Board consider allowing signage on his new restaurant to exceed the total square footage allowed by code. S. Zarnstorff reminded the Board that per Village code, it is not the ZBA, but the Village Board that hears signage appeals. J. Mendez attended the last meeting, but was unable to attend this evening. S. Zarnstorff said the code allows 180 square feet of signage and the applicant is asking for a total of 224 square feet divided among 4 signs – one on each side of the tower. S. Zarnstorff said he feels that the code would allow one sign the size of 3 of the signs put together. However, the smaller signs keep it more low keyed and cover all directions in which he wishes to attract attention. Since this building is set back and away from the main roads, it requires the signs in at least the north, south and east directions. S. Zarnstorff said the signs in these 3 directions are already up, but need trim work completed.

Trustee Maziarz said she was concerned about the signs needing some trim work and is glad to hear that will happen. Trustee Maziarz questioned the A-frame sign in the parking lot regarding parking. S. Zarnstorff said that is not addressed in the code. He imagines it is of a temporary nature for directional purposes.

Trustee Wexler said the code says one wall sign, not 4 signs. He said it does not say divide 4 signs into 180 square feet. Trustee Wexler said he thinks 4 signs would be in violation. He agreed that aesthetics are important, but the numbers are too since they are specified in the code. He said he has a problem with the Village Board being asked to approve something that violates the code. Trustee Whipple said that is why J. Mendez appealed to the Village Board. The Board is allowed by code to make exceptions. Trustee Whipple gave an example of Domino's Pizza signage. Trustee Whipple said during the construction of the Merchants Street Smokehouse, many people asked what it was going to be. The signage identifies it appropriately. Trustee Whipple said it may exceed the code, but he agrees with S. Zarnstorff's comments that it is not excessive and is in proportion with the building. He said the west sign is not up yet. That one is the one that he questions the necessity since it backs up to a building and a tree. The other 3 are appropriate.

S. Zarnstorff said 3 signs would be under the 180 square feet. The only issue would be having 3 signs instead of 1. S. Zarnstorff said it should not be looked at as a violation since the applicant is requesting relief. Trustee Maziarz remembered a similar process last spring with Dollar General's proposed signage. Each case is unique.

Mayor Matela said she agrees with Trustee Whipple and can support 3 signs as a compromise. The location is tucked away and the 3 signs make it more noticeable.

Jim Hamlin of 50 Park Avenue commented that the Board ought to discuss the whole code because roof signs are not allowed. Mayor Matela, Trustee Whipple and S. Zarnstorff all said the signs are not on the roof, they are on the tower. J. Hamlin said they are above the roofline.

John Bush of Barry Street said he is a member of the ZBA. He feels everything that was discussed would have been discussed by the ZBA if the application were before them, and they would likely have approved it.

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→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, Mayor Matela in favor, Trustees Wexler and Knapp opposed, Carried to approve the 3 existing signs on the north, south and east sides of the tower to be trimmed and lit with gooseneck lighting.

4. Portable Signs – Trustee Wexler commented that there are still some portable and A-frame signs in front of businesses. He said the Code Review Committee will look at the sign code, but in the meantime, they are in violation.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Assistant Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Assistant Chief Rombaut asked the Board to consider approving the following adds: Julianne Fitzgerald to Company 6 Fire and the following to the Explorer Post: Jessie Barr, Barbara Sanspree, Chuckie Rathburn.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned adds.

2. Call Load – Ambulance calls year to date: 1,246 Fire calls year to date: 728
Chief Rombaut reported that the September 9th storm added 103 fire calls and 5 ambulance calls. The first call came in at 3:53am on September 9th and the last at 5:10pm on September 10th. Many companies helped out including the US Coast Guard.
3. Terminate Judyann Johnson in accordance with Civil Service Law §71 – On August 10th, part time ambulance career staff coordinator Judyann Johnson was sent a letter indicating the Village would consider her termination from employment under Civil Service Law §71. She was given the opportunity to request an informal hearing and did not.

→ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried to terminate Judyann Johnson's employment with the Village of Brockport effective immediately in accordance with Civil Service Law.

4. Appoint David Noltee – David Noltee has been Interim Ambulance Career Staff Coordinator for a few months. He is ready and willing to take on the part time position of Ambulance Career Staff Administrator effective immediately.

→ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried to appoint David Noltee to the part time position of Ambulance Career Staff Administrator at \$17.00 per hour. This position is not to exceed 24 hours per week and is not entitled to benefits.

5. Conference Requests – Assistant Chief Rombaut requested authorization for Bob Coopenberg to attend the FASNY conference October 29th to November 1st at an amount not to exceed \$350. Assistant Chief Rombaut requested authorization for Al Way and Bob Maid to attend the Fire Police conference October 8th to October 10th at an amount not to exceed \$300 total.

Trustee Wexler said volunteerism came up at the last meeting. Two days later it was truly needed with the storm. He stressed how important volunteers are and that they are truly appreciated. He also commented Christopher Martin as Public Information Officer for doing a super job. Mayor Matela also expressed her thanks to all.

Trustee Maziarz asked if funds were available for these conferences. Assistant Chief Rombaut said funds are available.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried to authorize both conferences as requested.

E. TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle (excused – conference)

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli – No report.

G. ATTORNEY – Keith O'Toole / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Coordinator R. Scott Winner (excused)

SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:

A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner (excused)

B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Matthew Minor (absent)

C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair Jennifer Skoog-Harvey (absent)

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VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Trustee/Vice Mayor Maziarz

1. 9/9 Storm – Trustee Maziarz commented that seeing the Fire Department in action was a phenomenal thing. She was very impressed at the organization and teamwork during the local state of emergency.
2. Stone Soup Auction – Trustee Maziarz reported on the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group’s Stone Soup Auction organized by the Arts and Aesthetics Committee. This committee has worked very hard and raised over \$10,000 for the materials for a Bill Stewart sculpture in Harvester Park.
3. National Walk Your Child To School Week – Trustee Maziarz announced that October 4-8 is National Walk Your Child To School Week. She is working on an event for October 6th where those children whose parents cannot walk them to school will be dropped off at the Cooper Center at SUNY and members of the Walk Bike Brockport Action Group will walk the children to school from there. This gives kids, particularly those in rural areas, the experience of walking to school. A healthy snack will be provided. Trustee Maziarz asked Chief Varrenti if an officer on bicycle could help with the escorting. Chief Varrenti said they would be happy to help.

B. Trustee Knapp

1. 9/9 Storm – Trustee Knapp thanked everyone for their help in the 25-year storm event. He said we are very fortunate how the community comes together in times of crisis. There are no boundaries or egos. Everyone, volunteer and paid, does what is best for the community. He believes pride makes a professional, not pay.
2. Olde Heritage Day – Trustee Knapp announced that on Sunday, September 26th area museums are open including the Fire Museum, Morgan Manning House and Emily L. Knapp Museum and Library of Local History. He commended the Village’s faithful Bill Andrews for organizing this second annual event.

C. Trustee Wexler

1. 9/9 Storm – Trustee Wexler shared that a debriefing was held on 9/10 and it was determined that there is a need for additional pumps at a cost of \$250 to \$300 each. There was no lack of help, but a lack of pumps. Hopefully, funding will be found for this need.

D. Trustee Whipple

1. Summary of 9/9 Local State of Emergency – Trustee Whipple, Emergency Coordinator, shared what declaring a local state of emergency means. He said there is really no down side to it. It gets the municipality recognition with Monroe County Office of Emergency Operations and places restrictions on the community if needed. In this case, it gave the Village the opportunity to restrict unnecessary travel. A few roads were closed. We were pretty lucky since there was no loss of power. That would have made the hard work of pumping basements all that more difficult. Briefings were held at intervals during the state of emergency. After the state of emergency was terminated, a debriefing was held. The issue of a need for more pumps was brought up. Funding for pumps might be a great way for some area service clubs or businesses to give back to the community.

Trustee Whipple said the Fire Department and Department of Public Works were out in full force. The DPW was pumping out storm sewers and creeks to assist drainage. Fortunately, this was a non-police event. Everyone came together and handled it beautifully. It was worse for some than others, but overall our community was very lucky.

E. Mayor Matela

1. 9/9 Storm – Mayor Matela said she received a call at 6am and was touring the Village by 6:30am. She agreed that everyone worked very well together and all efforts were greatly appreciated. Brockport is looked to as a model for some other communities who called us to see how we were handling it and what needed to be done to declare a local state of

emergency.

- 2. Brockport Merchants Association – authorize annual funding towards Community Halloween Event – Mayor Matela shared a letter of request from the Brockport Merchants Association asking for assistance with their annual Halloween event. They will use the Market Street fire hall as in the past. Mayor Matela said there were some concerns with use of the fire hall last year. Assistant Chief Rombaut said Chief McCullough has addressed those with the Merchants Association. Mayor Matela said the Village gave them \$250 towards candy and such last year. The Village recently gave them \$500 towards the sidewalk sale / street faire.

→ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried authorizing \$250 for the Brockport Merchants Association annual Halloween event.

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- 3. Request for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters & pending litigation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Mary Jo Nayman of 5 Carolin Drive thanked the Village Board for meeting with the residents of Carolin Drive to hear their concerns of their street and drainage. They look forward to the follow up meeting scheduled for Monday, September 27th at 6pm.

⇒ At 9:05pm Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

⇒ At 9:30pm Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport exit executive session and re-enter the regular meeting.

9/11 Vigil – Trustee Maziarz commented that the Fire Department’s 9/11 Vigil and ceremonies were beautiful and that all were touched. All agreed.

AUDIT:

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

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| 9/20 | 170295-170319 | 8,316.21 |
| <u>Third Party Billing</u> | | |
| 9/16 | 401 | 1520.00 |
| 9/20 | 402-410 | 4,417.41 |
| 9/20 | 411-412 | 418.09 |
| <u>Capital Projects</u> | | |
| 9/20 | 1680-1689 | 17,994.50 |

ADJOURNMENT:

- Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk