

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees/Village of Brockport was held in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York, April 26, 2004 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees Morton Wexler, James E. Whipple, Norman J. Knapp, Peter C. DeToy, DPW Superintendent Bradley B. Upson, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer Scott D. Rightmyer, Treasurer Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Fire Chief Christian A. McCullough, Planning Board Chair / Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner

ALSO PRESENT: Inga Songbird, Jason Hage, Carrie Maziarz, Jennifer Skoog-Harvey, Ute Duncan, Marv Beaney, Norm GianCursio, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Rich Miller, Jack Wahl, Bob Mosher, Fred Webster, John Lessord.

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

1. Sidewalk Use Permit Application – Seaward Candies & Ice Cream – 7 Main Street – Clerk Morelli thanked Mayor Matela for allowing this application, received today, to be placed on tonight's agenda. The application for a sidewalk use permit was reviewed. Although the applicant did not specify the number of tables and chairs, they will abide by whatever the Village Board deems appropriate. Last year they had 2 tables, 8 chairs and a bench.

Trustee Knapp questioned if an ice cream shop is any different regarding likely spillage onto the sidewalk. Mayor Matela said they would be required to keep their area of the sidewalk clean just as anyone else with a sidewalk café permit. They have to have Monroe County Health Department certification. They will also have to provide waste and smoking receptacles. Trustee Wexler referred to the code that says they are to clean off the sidewalk (sweep or hose off) each night at closing. Trustee Wexler said as long as they follow the code, he has no problems with it.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk use permit for Seaward Candies and ice cream for tables, chairs and a bench as long as all conditions of the code are met.

Sidewalk Use Permits - Mayor Matela shared that she and the Trustees received correspondence late today from attorney Edward Riley stating that he represents James and Joan Hamlin. There was concern over a letter sent to the Main Street merchants by S. Zarnstorff trying to create the spirit of a shopper friendly area. Mayor Matela said she did not direct this letter. She will instruct S. Zarnstorff to send out a follow up letter of correction that until this section of the code is modified by the proper process (public hearing, Village Board adoption...) the code and interpretation of it remains as it has been. Mayor Matela said she has been putting items out for display in front of her antique shop, and will cease doing so. She thanked the Hamlin's for bringing this to everyone's attention.

Trustee Knapp commented that the letter is very misleading and actually encourages breaking the Village Code. He said he, too, appreciates the Hamlin's for bringing this up, but is very disappointed that it went out in the first place. It was placed in Trustees mailboxes after the fact, but that did not lend to input. He said he hopes this will cease and that correspondence such as this would be run by the Village Board in the future.

2. Consideration of adopting budget for fiscal year June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005 – Mayor Matela commented that she, the Trustees, Treasurers and Department Heads have all worked very hard on this budget. Since the tentative budget was presented, they have been able to whittle it down a little further. The tentative budget calls for a 9.88% increase to \$8.90 per 1,000 of assessed value. The alternate calls for a 7.65% increase to \$8.72 per 1,000 of assessed value. The lower increase subtracted a total of \$34,403 from the budget. It included decreased Police Department overtime line by \$10,000 and increasing the law line by \$10,000. Therefore, recent efforts have lowered the increase by 2.33%. Mayor Matela said the Village can live with a 7.65% increase, but it will be tough.

Trustee Wexler thanked Treasurers Rightmyer and Coyle for listening to everyone and trying to solve a difficult problem. He said he has some problems with both options. He said the Board worked together with negotiators David Lippitt and Ed Riley on a successor Stetson Club agreement. Trustee Wexler thanked Ed Riley for his work on negotiations and reminded everyone that he did this free of charge. Trustee Wexler said some did not believe that there would be any movement in the minimum staffing provision by the Stetson Club. However, the Stetson Club gave up 42.67% of their overtime on agreeing to allow a part-time officer to cover when needed on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Sure, the Village would have liked this for 7 days a week, but it got its foot in the door with 3 days. Unfortunately, the department is down

officer get time and a half when he has to cover for an officer that is out sick. Trustee Wexler said Police Chief Varrenti said it costs \$18,000 to train, outfit and equip each part time officer.

Trustee Wexler said he is not sure that is a common figure elsewhere or if it unique to Brockport. Nonetheless, there was a compromise made in the new agreement. However, if we do not implement it, what's the sense. Overtime will never be able to be controlled. The Chief has really tried. However, if one or two officers are out on long-term illness, it blows everything. Trustee Wexler said they still really do not know what overtime costs will be.

Trustee Whipple said at the last meeting he talked about the budget line for the Police Department. He believes there is adequate funding if the 2 officers per shift clause is adhered to. Trustee Whipple said he could see 3 officers on a night that is anticipated to be particularly rowdy due to an event. He would like to see the budget tracked vs. actual cost of labor. He bets that mid year there will be a surplus. Then they could bring on some part time officers. Yes, Trustee Whipple said he would have like to see only a 6% increase, but then you run into some risk management issues using the unexpended fund balance. Leading economic indicators look hopeful. He said a budget is a best estimate. He is glad they cut 2% off the increase.

Trustee DeToy said Chief Varrenti has presented several scenarios over the past year to reduce overtime. For whatever reasons, his recommendations were not taken. Therefore, the Village has really painted itself into a corner. He hopes it finds it way out. He apologized to the Chief for the budget he is being saddled with, but is sure he will do the best he can with it.

Trustee Knapp said 7.65% is a sizeable tax increase. However, it is better than the original 9.88% proposed. He is not happy with it, but will have to live with it.

Mayor Matela commented that each and every Board member contributed to this budget and presented their cost cutting suggestions to the Treasurers.

Chief Varrenti said unfortunately the Police Department continues to be the focal point of the budget. Yes, it makes up a good portion of the budget, but is not all of it. He thanked the Board for all of their thoughts. He said it would be challenging. He patiently waited for 2 years for the contract to change. Unfortunately it did not change managerially. It will not be business as usual come June 1st. He will do what it takes to make it work while providing the best possible services to the community as cost effectively as possible.

→ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, Trustee Knapp in favor, Mayor Matela in favor, Trustee Wexler opposed. Carried 4 to 1:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport (in a 4 to 1 vote) hereby adopts the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005:

General Fund Purposes:	4,680,000
Water Fund Purposes:	1,065,356
Sewer Fund Purposes:	174,565
Combined Capital Reserve Purposes:	1,310,600
TOTAL:	\$7,230,521

RESOLVED: that there be levied and assessed upon the real property of the Village of Brockport the following sums for the Village of Brockport and other charges for the fiscal year June 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005 with a tax rate of \$8.72 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation:

General Fund:	1,524,339
Omitted Taxes (Loss of Exemptions):	377.72
Delinquent Special Accounts:	163.64
TOTAL:	1,524,880.36

ADJOURNMENT:

→ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm.