

**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, January 22, 2008 at 7:00pm.**

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

**EXCUSED:** Trustee David J. Wagenhauser

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Fire Chief Scott Smith, Fred Webster, Norm GianCursio, Linda Borrayo, Todd Longstreth, Joan Hamlin, Jim Hamlin

**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 meeting.

- ➔ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 7, 2007, be tabled as Trustee Wagenhauser indicated in an e-mail to Trustee Heyen that he has some corrections to them.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** see later in the meeting

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
1. New backhoe is in – Superintendent Donahue reported that the Village took delivery of its new backhoe this morning. Trustee Heyen said she was given a tour of it and kidded that she and Clerks Morelli and Herzog would like to take it for a spin.
- B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
1. Reports – Chief Varrenti reminded the Board that he distributed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report some time ago and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report and annual report last week. He asked that the Board review it and feel free to contact him with any questions. He said the annual report shows that the department went from 11,000+ jobs to 13,000+ jobs with traffic tickets, parking tickets and arrests having increased. The public is welcome to a copy upon request.
  2. SPARTAC – Chief Varrenti updated the list of current SPARTAC members which include: returning members Francis J. Welch, Kent R. Blair, John D. Brugger, Stacey E. Bartlett, Matthew A. Nauerth, Eileen S. Ryerse. New members include William K. Day and Bernard J. Sarkis. No longer with the program: Craig Hadden, Mark McDaniel, Garret Breister, Stefanie R. Dickinson. Chief Varrenti thanked all for their service. Sgt. Cuzzupoli conducted training in November.
  3. Donations – Chief Varrenti reported on 2 donations to the department. One was \$100 from Joan Switzer for the Police Explorers annual gift giving to the residents of Lakeside Beikirch Care Center. This was on behalf of the passing of Ruth Stephanson for the November 24<sup>th</sup> funeral escort service. The other was \$1,000 from Wal Mart for the Explorer Post.
  4. Lakeside Beikirch Care Center – Chief Varrenti read a thank you note from a resident of the Lakeside Beikirch Care Center for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual holiday gift-giving event.
  5. Officer Cranston – Chief Varrenti reported that newest part time officer Cranston has completed his field officer training (FTO). He and part time officer Gleason are sharing many of the hours needing filling, but not all of them. Chief Varrenti reminded the Board that he cannot compel part time officers to work.

6. Brookdale Road – Chief Varrenti reported that the speed sentry device has been re-installed on Brookdale Road and radar details have been added. He said he was amazed to learn that 6,700 cars went eastbound alone on that street during a recent short period of time. The speeds have dropped. The average speed was 23 miles per hour with some over 36 miles per hour, but none over 45 miles per hour. He thanked Jack Mazzarella for allowing a police car to park in his driveway.
7. Hire new part time officer – Chief Varrenti said he and Mayor Wexler have had numerous discussions and recommend the hiring of Kelly McCracken as a part time police officer. She was born here and was formerly employed by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, had moved to Texas and is now back in Brockport. She has already been through the police academy, but will need to complete the field officer training. She has the potential to be a very good officer.

Trustee Castaneda asked if he was waiting for further information on her. Chief Varrenti said the background and testing is now complete. She would be considered a transfer. He said although she worked for the MCSO, she was assigned to the airport and has no road experience. He said he feels comfortable that she will do well with the 16 week FTO.

Trustee Heyen asked if she begins after the FTO. Chief Varrenti said the FTO is done here almost full time. Once successfully completed, a part time officer is able to go on their own. Trustee Heyen asked what the candidate's expectations are regarding number of hours. Chief Varrenti said she has indicated that she will take all the hours she can get. He said he hopes that happens. Trustee Heyen said it is encouraging.

Mayor Wexler said he spent an hour and a half with Chief Varrenti today regarding staffing. He said it is a great concern that there are many slots left unfilled by part time officers, as it is more costly to have full time officers fill the extra slots. The contract says the department can have up to 8 part time officers. Mayor Wexler said 3 or 4 would be good, but we can't compel them to work a certain number of hours.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, Mayor Wexler in favor, Trustee Castaneda opposed, carried 3 to 1 to hire Kelly McCracken as a part time police officer effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Varrenti said although Trustee Castaneda doesn't owe an explanation as to her opposition, he would appreciate an understanding of her position. Trustee Castaneda said she does not want to take up Village Board meeting time, but perhaps, they can set up an appointment. Chief Varrenti said he would welcome that since he has had minimal contact with Trustee Castaneda in her role as liaison.

8. Resolution to sponsor 2 new recruits for the February police academy – Chief Varrenti shared that per the Board's wishes, he has continued to work towards recruiting part time officers. They have advertised and interviewed and have begun background investigations and testing on 2 individuals who he feels would make excellent future officers. They are not certified – meaning they have not gone through the 16-week police academy. The 2 candidates in question are willing to go through the academy with no remuneration from the Village. This was previously done with Justin Tierney and Lucas Vandervort. He reminded the Board that L. Vandervort went on to become a full time officer. Chief Varrenti reminded the Board that there would be the cost of the background investigations and testing, uniforms and equipment. Assuming the background and testing goes well, he recommended the Board sponsor David Como and Kelly Krysor to the academy.

Trustee Heyen said she understands that current part time officers may not be putting in a significant number of hours and that they cannot be compelled to do so. Chief Varrenti said the current part timers all said at time of hiring that they would take as many hours as they could get. However, Officer Gleason now has a full time job in Buffalo, so his availability has been drastically reduced. Officer Cranston is now self-employed and makes more money with that job. Former Sgt. and retiree Ziegler stayed on as a part time officer, but takes very few hours.

For example, the February schedule so far shows Officer Gleason taking 4 shifts, Officer Cranston taking 4 shifts and Officer Ziegler taking 0 shifts. There are still 18 shifts to fill. Chief Varrenti said on top of that, this is the slower time of year.

Chief Varrenti said there is a cost to keep part timers on the rolls by way of training, uniforms and equipment. He said having 3 part time officers doesn't necessarily mean the slots are getting filled. Chief Varrenti said he understands that filling slots at the part time officer rate of \$17 per hour is preferred over the full time officer overtime rate of \$55 per hour. He said he also tries to look forward as to where we might be in 6 months after recruits get through the academy and field training. He's not trying to just put a fire out, but prevent a fire so as not to have to scramble for staff at the time the need arises. He said he is trying to do what he

thought the Board wanted, but it is not easy.

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Mayor Wexler asked when the recruits would be finished training. Chief Varrenti said August.

Trustee Heyen said the \$17 per hour for part time officers here is still lower than the \$20 to \$25 per hour with Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Chief Varrenti said yes, but it's contractual.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, Mayor Wexler in favor, Trustee Castaneda opposed, carried 3 to 1 to sponsor said 2 recruits to the police academy.

9. Recent newspaper articles – Chief Varrenti referred to a recent article in the Democrat and Chronicle from a vocal minority in Webster that wants to get rid of the Webster Police Department. He said the supervisors would like to see the taxpayers not have to pay for local and County police coverage. He said Webster Police Department is 37 to 42 percent of their budget. Police Departments are expensive to have, but sure are nice to have when you need them. He said Webster Police Department has been without a contract for 2 years and have entered the mediation and arbitration process. He said it happens. It's really not newsworthy. However, it seems that when it happens in Brockport, it's big news. He said he came upon photographers from Rochester's City Newspaper taking pictures of the Brockport Police Department. He said they got a phone call from Brockport officials and are doing a story on the Brockport Police Department, it's expired contract and the mediation process. Chief Varrenti said he wonders if we are so hurting for stories. He said it is a shame and puts the community in a negative light. He said he knows Mayor Wexler has negotiating experience from his time with the Teacher's Union, but if he thinks this is an impetus to resolution, everybody will just dig in their heels.

10. Trustee Heyen – Chief Varrenti said he was sad to hear that H. Heyen had decided not to run for re-election. He said for the record that when he first met her he thought she was going to be a pain in the neck. However, he has the utmost respect for her asking so many questions, doing her homework, listening and explaining, dealing with the facts and using her head. He said it has been a pleasure working with her. He said if his daughters were to look for a role model, he would cite H. Heyen as she epitomizes professional public office.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

→ At 7:40pm Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Clerk Morelli read the legal notice as follows and shared that it was published in the Village's official paper Suburban News in their January 14<sup>th</sup> edition, posted at Village Hall and on the Village's website.

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:30pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York to consider proposed Local Law #1 of 2008 (previously referred to as proposed Local Law #4 of 2007 that was scheduled for December 17, 2007) as follows:

- Amendments to Village Code Chapter 42 entitled Sewer Use to also include "Illicit Discharge Connection Storm water Local Law". This local law, if adopted, is intended to provide a mechanism, through monitoring, inspection and enforcement, for reducing pollutants in storm water discharges and prohibiting storm water discharges to sanitary sewers.

The text of this proposed local law is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk, and may be inspected during normal business hours. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Manager Coyle provided a brief overview of the proposal. The Monroe County Storm water Coalition in response to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation directives, developed an illicit discharge connection storm water ordinance for its members to adopt and/or incorporate into existing code. Although it was supposed to be in place by January 1<sup>st</sup> and we are a bit late, once adopted, we will be in compliance with this mandate. Since we already had Village Code Chapter 42 on Sewer Use, some minor amendments were proposed along with the inclusion of this ordinance.

Trustee Heyen asked if the Village Engineer reviewed this. S. Zarnstorff said yes as did the Deputy Village Attorney. Clerk Morelli added that it was also referred to Monroe County Planning and Development for their review and came back fine.

→ Hearing no public comment, at 7:45pm Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Mayor Wexler seconded, unanimously carried to adopt Local Law #1 of 2008 as proposed.

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

1. Fires – S. Zarnstorff reported 2 small house fires in the Village within 10 days that have displaced 7 people. One fire was at a single-family home on East Avenue and the other fire was at a 3 family home on High Street. Thankfully, there were no injuries.
2. Fire Prevention Initiatives – S. Zarnstorff shared that he had been working on a fire prevention document for SUNY Brockport that he altered after the tragic off campus college housing fires in Rochester and Ocean Island a few months ago. He communicated with SUNY Vice President Wilson who authorized its release to the 8,000+ students through their e-mail system. S. Zarnstorff also shared that Campus Fire Watch, a national advocacy group, was awarded a grant through homeland security for an instructional program for off-campus college students. It is in testing now and will debut soon. S. Zarnstorff said he is happy to report that he was able to work with Campus Fire Watch and SUNY Brockport and that Brockport has been selected to be one of the pilot test sites. Other pilot test sites include Rutgers, Perdue, Chapel Hill, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Plattsburgh. He and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Vaughan will be working with Brockport Fire Department, SUNY Student Affairs and Brockport Student Government.
3. Clerical Assistance – S. Zarnstorff reported that new part time clerk Pam Krahe is working out wonderfully and very busy with a lot of data entry. He thanked the Village Board for authorizing the filling of this previously created position. He said year-end reports would be forthcoming.
4. Sunflower Landing – Trustee Castaneda asked S. Zarnstorff if he could update the Board on last week's Planning Board meeting regarding Sunflower Landing. She said one of their applications was to modify plans for some single-family homes to condos, which could mean lower taxes.

S. Zarnstorff said Sunflower Landing currently has 3 models constructed and one under construction for a buyer. The developer made several applications to the Planning Board. The one for a pavilion and canal dock was approved contingent on necessary State approvals. No action was taken and review will continue on the remaining applications that include replacing the custom single family home lots with patio homes like the others and moving the lot line that encompasses 3 patio homes. He said the subdivision is under a Home Owners Association, approved by the New York State Attorney General. The property owner pays taxes on the structure and the land directly underneath the structure. The rest is owned by the HOA. Some call them condos. Some call them patio homes. He said Village Manager Coyle has had some dialogue with the developers of Sunflower Landing and McCormick Place as well as the Assessor.

Trustee Castaneda said she spoke to the Town Assessor and he said the condo process takes up to 2 years and is not in the Village's best interest. Manager Coyle said the Assessor will assess the common areas, but instead of taxes being paid by the individual homeowner, the developer or HOA pays it. This appears to be an assessment related marketing effort by the developer. Trustee Castaneda expressed concern on the effect on Village, Town and School taxes. Manager Coyle said the issue happens to be a NYCOM legislative agenda item they plan to fight against. He said it is on the radar screen. Trustee Maziarz said it is good we are paying special attention to this since similar housing is proposed in the Town of Sweden on Redman Road. Trustee Castaneda said it is important to look out for the best interest of the Village. Trustee Maziarz agreed.

**D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS – Deputy Chief Scott Smith**

1. Calls for Service – Deputy Chief Smith reported 56 fire calls and 125 EMS calls for a total of 181 calls for service year to date. This includes 3 working fires and 2 motor vehicle accidents with people trapped. He said they had a house fire on Redman Road Monday morning. It was 4 degrees outside, but the troops did a great job. The fire started in a basement in a workshop. Damage was kept mainly to the basement. There was a bedroom fire on East Avenue on January 13<sup>th</sup>. They were able to keep the damage to the bedroom with some smoke damage throughout the house. The house was turned over to the Building department and homeowner. At the same time they had a car crash on Drake Road with a car flipped. It only took 16 minutes with help from Hamlin and Spencerport to get the woman out of the car.

Mayor Wexler commented that he was at both calls to Village house fires and praised the quick and local response of Brockport Fire Department and Brockport Police Department.

2. Membership Drops & Adds – Deputy Chief Smith asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Raylene Smith, Douglas Flow, Kara Roth, Rachel McDowell, Ben Bahr,

Deborah Rivera and the following status changes: Shawn Butler add to Fire Police, William Turk from fire only to fire and ambulance and the following exempt certificates: Pat Butler, Brad Menear. One name change is Alicia McNamara to Alicia Sampson.

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→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to approve the previously mentioned drops, adds and exempt certificates.

- 3. Removal from rolls – Brian Bennington as part time dispatcher – Deputy Chief Smith said this person was hired provisionally October 1<sup>st</sup> and was required to obtain a certain number of training hours prior to permanent part time status. He failed to complete these hours and should be removed from the rolls.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to terminate the employment of Brian Bennington as a part time dispatcher for failure to complete the required training within a three-month period, as was a condition of his October 1<sup>st</sup> appointment.

- 4. Removal from rolls – Dawn MacMullen-Leuchtner as part time paid EMT – Deputy Chief Smith said this person has not worked since June 2006 and asked to be removed from the rolls.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to terminate the employment of Dawn MacMullen-Leuchtner as a part time Emergency Medical Technician due to inactivity.

- 5. May 3-4 Extrication Class – Dayton, OH – Travel Request –

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to authorize the travel request to send 2 people to the extrication class in Dayton, Ohio at an estimated total cost of \$1,330.

- 6. NYS Chiefs Conference – Travel Request –

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to authorize the travel request to send 10 people to the NYS Chiefs Conference in Lake George at a total cost of \$3,000.

- 7. Set 2008 Med Ex Rates – Deputy Smith asked the Board to accept the rates recommended by EMS Chief Vandervort and Fire Chief Rombaut and reviewed by Board liaisons for 2008 charges for ambulance/EMS services. Manager Coyle said these are the third party billing rates charged by our Ambulance Department pursuant to section 122 (b) of the General Municipal Law.

Mayor Wexler reminded the Board that the rates were not increased in 2005 or 2006. They increased slightly in 2007. The average proposed increase for 2008 is 10%. Fuel costs play a factor.

Trustee Castaneda said our rates have traditionally been lower than the average of comparable municipal ambulance providers and we continue to not charge for “treat and release”

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the 2008 rates as follows:

BLS Non-Emergency	\$375
BLS Emergency	\$475
ALS 1 Non-Emergency	\$495
ALS 1 Emergency	\$640
ALS 2	\$730
ALS Interface	\$600
Specialty Care	\$800
Treat & Release	No charge
Mileage	\$15

**E. VILLAGE MANAGER / TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle**

- 1. Village Attorney Search – Mayor Wexler said he, Trustee Wagenhauser and Manager Coyle reviewed 15 applications and selected 5 finalists. Mayor Wexler said he had prior dealings with 3 of the 5 finalists, so he just greeted the applicants and Trustee Wagenhauser and Manager Coyle conducted the interviews. He asked Manager Coyle to share their recommendation. Manager Coyle said it is their joint recommendation that the Board appoint Harris, Chesworth and O'Brien as Village Attorney. There services are diverse with numerous municipal law specialists in the firm. The firm's blended rate, \$150 per hour, is competitive and is currently what the Village pays for the services of its Deputy Attorney Frank Aloï.

Trustee Heyen commented that in looking over the finalists' resumes and credentials, this firm seems to be a good combination for the Village of Brockport. It's not a huge firm, but large enough to have the municipal expertise and background needed. She said Brockport is a little different than other Villages in the area partly due to the college, hospital and large school district.

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Manager Coyle commented that it is time to move from a solo practitioner to the full backing of a firm. He said the firm is comprised of 15 members including a former state senator and assemblyman, a former US District Attorney and others with various municipal experiences.

Mayor Wexler thanked Trustee Wagenhauser and Manager Coyle for their participation in the search process.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to appoint Harris, Chesworth and O'Brien as Village Attorney at \$150 per hour.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

**VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:**

A. Mayor Morton Wexler

1. Red Cross Blood Drive – Mayor Wexler reported that the Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Brockport Exempts on January 15<sup>th</sup> was very successful. They accepted 122 pints compared to 112 pints in 2007 and even had to turn some people away. Finding a larger location would be difficult, so they will likely extend the hours the next time.
2. Stetson Club Negotiations – Mayor Wexler reported that he called PERB and they confirmed having received the request for a mediator. However, the process is ongoing and they will keep talking. The Attorney representing the Village has a meeting with the Stetson Club's negotiator next week.

B. Trustee / Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda

1. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castaneda reported that the last meeting was January 8<sup>th</sup> in which 3 concerns were raised. These included a hollow tree at 71 Adams Street, lifting sidewalks on the west side of Adams Street to the railroad tracks and a discussion on Local Development Corporations and accountability. The next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. New Fire Officers – Trustee Castaneda shared that she attended the swearing in of Fire Officers on January 8<sup>th</sup>. She offered her thanks and congratulations.
3. Occasional Saturday morning Sweden Town Board meetings – Trustee Castaneda shared that she attended a recent Saturday meeting of the Sweden Town Board. She said they have scheduled a few of their regular meetings on Saturdays this calendar year to encourage resident participation. She said she would like to discuss offering some Saturday Village Board meetings at the next workshop, as it would give Village residents an opportunity to attend who might not otherwise.
4. James & Joan Hamlin – Trustee Castaneda congratulated James and Joan Hamlin of 50 Park Avenue on receiving a certificate of special recognition from the Sweden Town Board in honor of their commitment and dedication to local government for attending meetings for the last 10 years. She said at the next workshop she would like to discuss the possibility of offering a similar recognition from the Village Board.
5. Former Kleen Brite Properties – Trustee Castaneda said she met with Manager Coyle and Monroe County's Bill Fletcher on January 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the former Kleen Brite properties on State Street and Fair Street. B. Fletcher indicated he would be contacting environmental attorneys and commercial networks not afraid of such properties. He needs some demographics information from the Village, appropriate signage on the properties, and the ability to give tours of the properties. She suggested the Village allocate monies towards the signage through the DPW.
6. Monroe County Association of Villages – Trustee Castaneda shared that she attended the annual Monroe County Association of Villages banquet held January 19<sup>th</sup> along with Village representatives Harry Donahue, Dave Moore, Linda Baker and their spouses. She said she hopes all those invited will make an effort to attend next year's banquet. She said she has occasionally attended the bi-monthly Mayor's meetings in Mayor Wexler's place. It is a good opportunity to share ideas.
7. Emily L, Knapp Museum & Library of Local History – Trustee Castaneda reported that she recently met with Historian Jackie Morris regarding any budget related needs of the library.

She will bring these with her to the Board budget workshop.

8. Walk to School Workshop – Trustee Castaneda reported on a walk to school workshop scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> at Brockport Central School District with nationally known Mark Fenton. She is unable to attend, but commended the Walk to School committee for promoting safe walking.

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9. Electronic Payment Fees – Trustee Castaneda referred to an article in American City and County magazine regarding municipalities offering electronic payment options that can provide distinct benefits. She said she spoke to Manager Coyle on it and would like to discuss this further at the next workshop.

C. Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz

1. Farmers Market – Trustee Maziarz reported that a Farmer’s Market survey will be forthcoming and location will be a part of it. She reminded the Board that a survey was conducted 4 years ago at the time the market was being created. This will be an effort to help secure it’s longevity and continue what works and make improvements where needed.
2. Main Street Rehabilitation Committee – Trustee Maziarz requested that Mayor Wexler send a formal letter to the Town of Clarkson and to SUNY College at Brockport requesting a representative to be appointed to the Main Street Rehabilitation Committee. SUNY Brockport’s representative was Chris Cook-Florence, but she moved out of state.

Trustee Maziarz asked why Trustee Castaneda was laughing and said it is disrespectful. Trustee Castaneda said she is just surprised since she suggested long ago that there be a representative from the Town of Clarkson. Trustee Maziarz said they hope to re-convene the committee meetings in February. Mayor Wexler said once she advises of a meeting date, he will get those letters out.

3. Wind Storm – Trustee Maziarz commended the Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department for all of their efforts during the recent windstorm that took out power and some trees. She said Adams Street was blocked for some time and her home and others received damage. She said she witnessed first hand the quick response and great services of our local departments. She said she wished National Grid were as quick to respond. They sent a crew from Boston 2 days later. She commented to Superintendent Donahue that the remainder of the tree needs to come down. H. Donahue said National Grid would be doing so.
4. Police Contract & the Press – Trustee Maziarz read a prepared statement: “I am disappointed to hear that the Mayor, who has been unable to successfully negotiate a new police contract, was eager to personally call the local news agencies to discuss this failure. I believe this undermines the good faith position the Village of Brockport Officials should be taking, especially those who are solely responsible for the negotiating. The Mayor has had this issue in his hands for over a year and has come up short. The reason I fell comfortable isolating out the Mayor on this issue is because he has made it clear to all of us that he is in charge. He formed the negotiating team of which started off consisting of Village Manager Ian Coyle, Chief Varrenti and our Attorney and has forbid the Trustees from participating. Of his original team he has fired one member and refused to take the advice of our hired council. It is clear to me that the Mayor must have his own agenda, of which includes media attention. I would like to make it clear that I disagree with the process as it has been organized year-to-date and am further disappointed with the Mayor’s poor judgment regarding personally contacting the media to highlight these unfortunate events.”

Mayor Wexler said he has a difficult time when a person who hasn’t sat through the process uses the word failure. The parties are still talking and proposals are being exchanged. The proposals can be agreed upon only if there is movement on both sides. He said he knows what the Village offered the Stetson Club and what the Stetson Club offered the Village. If need be, it will be printed in the press so that the people in the community can decide about the proposals. He said he is very familiar with the Taylor Law and NYCOM confirmation that the Chief Executive Officer (Mayor) is in charge of negotiations and will bring an agreement back to the Village Board unless it goes to arbitration. Can we get a settlement? I hope so. He said the Board was elected to represent the Village of Brockport. He said he questions whom some Board members represent in the negotiations process. He stressed that until you know all the information, they shouldn’t tell him he failed. If he failed, then the Stetson Club failed too. It takes two to tango.

D. Trustee David J. Wagenhauser (excused)

E. Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen

1. Parks Committee – Trustee Heyen reviewed a memo to the Board on behalf of the Parks Committee regarding the December 19<sup>th</sup> Parks Committee public presentation and response to the projects and costs to update the Barry Street Park. Based on input from the Barry Street area residents and Parks Committee members, Chair Andrea Perry asked that she write up the selections made by the Parks Committee, with many thanks to Harry Donahue and Linda Baker, who helped determine the safest, most durable, and lowest costs for the new equipment.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to approve their recommendation of expenditures to be taken from funds of the 2006 MOU between the Village of Brockport and General Electric and Black & Decker) for specific equipment/products to enhance the Park. She reviewed the detailed listing and corresponding photographs which total \$5,232 plus shipping.

Mayor Wexler thanked Parks Committee Chair Andrea Perry and members, Trustees Heyen and Castaneda as liaisons, and DPW Superintendent Donahue and staff for their efforts on this project.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Linda Borraro of 155 Utica Street asked the name of the attorney appointed earlier. Manager Coyle said the name of the firm is Harris, Chesworth and O'Brien. Trustee Castañeda said the point person is indicated as David F. Mayer.

**AUDIT:**

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Mayor Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Village</u>	1/23/08	176441-176498	46,573.74
<u>Fire</u>	1/8/08	176354	614.19
	1/23/08	176417-176440	22,034.58
<u>Third Party Billing</u>	1/23/08	001170-001176	3,973.22
<u>Capital Projects</u>	1/23/08	002171-002183	55,940.78
<u>Water</u>	1/23/08	001899-001907	40,706.22

**ADJOURNMENT:**

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51pm.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk