

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, Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees Morton Wexler, James E. Whipple, Norman J. Knapp; and Peter C. DeToy, DPW Superintendent Bradley B. Upson, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer Scott D. Rightmyer, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Village Attorney Edward W. Riley, Planning Board Chair / Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Gregory B. Wing, Norman GianCursio, Karen Overmyer, Fred Webster, Bob Webster, John Bush.

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Matela called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held January 6, 2003.

➔ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held January 6, 2003, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GUESTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Bradley B. Upson

1. Canal Wall Rehabilitation – Superintendent Upson reported that a pre-construction meeting was held last week and Crane Hogan began mobilizing yesterday. They are fabricating tent structures to go over the area they are working on at the time to help protect them and the concrete from the cold weather. Trustee Knapp asked if the eastern most parking lot would be posted closed while work takes place. B. Upson said yes, he would post it and put an announcement in the local papers. He anticipates its unavailability until April 5th.

B. POLICE / COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Introduction of New Part-Time Police Officer Anthony Zapata – Chief Varrenti introduced Anthony Zapata, the new part-time police officer appointed by the Village Board at their January 6th meeting. The Board and staff welcomed him. He asked that Officers Tanner and Zapata be sworn in at the February 3rd Village Board meeting.
2. 4th Quarter Report – Chief Varrenti spent approximately 30 minutes reviewing the quarterly report and sharing highlights. He stressed that the Village still needs to hire 2 additional full-time police officers in order to really reduce the overtime costs. He hopes to make his case to the Board during this year's budget process. He suggested the Board take time to review the report and get back to him with any questions. If anyone from the public wishes to look at the report they can do so at the Village Office or Police Department.

Trustee Wexler commented that it is bothersome that the number of DWI's increased from 38 to 55 but he's glad that they are being caught. Chief Varrenti said there were probably just as many violators as before, but the department is doing a great job and has improved morale.

3. Snowmobiles – Chief Varrenti reported that the NYS Troopers have done a couple of details regarding snowmobiling and recently made two arrests.
4. Pedestrian Crosswalk Signage – Chief Varrenti said he has received a lot of positive feedback from people regarding the pedestrian crosswalk signage that past Chief Zimmer instituted on Main Street. However, the signs are now old and in bad shape, as well as too small. Officer Phillippy has researched this type of signage and Chief Varrenti hopes to work with Superintendent Upson and Mayor Matela to improve it.

Trustee Knapp expressed concern that a lot of people do not use the crosswalks. He said when the signage was put in place several years ago, there was supposed to be an educational component to go hand in hand. Crossing just anywhere could be hazardous to your health and is a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. Chief Varrenti agreed and further thinks they need to look at the location and number of crosswalks on Main Street. The crosswalks should be strategically placed. They will do some "sting" operations in the spring.

Trustee Knapp said he has heard of a new law giving pedestrians more rights now than ever. John Bush of 157 Barry Street spoke up and said he read the same thing and that cars are supposed to stop no matter which side of the street a pedestrian is on, even if he is just beginning to step into the crosswalk. J. Bush further shared that he goes to the Nativity School every day to check their boiler and finds motorists do not heed that crosswalk.

5. Home Invasion Robbery – Chief Varrenti shared of a home invasion robbery incident and commended members of the Third Platoon for doing a fine job. Two people were arrested and are in Monroe County Jail. The other two will act as witnesses.
6. Dispatch Issue – Chief Varrenti reported that he has met with 911's John Merklinger and they have agreed to roll out Brockport Police Dispatch by 911 on March 3rd at 8am. This involves a number of things including needing additional clerical help, voice mail and an educational campaign. He shared that if people continue to dial 637-1011 for Brockport Police, it will be forwarded to 911, but it will not show the location where the call is coming from. Therefore, it will be best to call 911 directly for any Brockport Police Emergencies. He said he would work with Clerk Morelli and Treasurer Rightmyer about getting notices out – possibly with water bills. Clerk Morelli stated that water bills are done by postcards and suggested a separate mailing be done.
7. Assistance to Ogden Police Department – Chief Varrenti commended Officer J. Rozzi for assisting Ogden Police Department recently with some tech work.

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

1. December Monthly Report – S. Zarnstorff reviewed his monthly report.
2. Year End Report – S. Zarnstorff reviewed his 2002 year end report. There were 164 applications, \$18,494.00 in application fees, with an approximate value of construction for those applications issued totaling \$4,057,041.00. He and Inspector Vaughan logged 965 inspections. In the coming months he hopes to propose a revised fee schedule and continue education efforts on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well as trash regulations and unlicensed motor vehicle regulations.
3. Update on 34 South Avenue – S. Zarnstorff shared that a reinspection of this Rich Miller property was conducted on January 10th with him, Larry Vaughan, Pittsford Building Inspector Bailey, RG&E, and NY Board of Fire Underwriters. There was some difficulty at the beginning with some dialogue that transpired, but they moved forward. RG&E found the flue for 2 furnaces completely plugged and red-tagged them. NYBFU found electrical violations and would not touch the electric panel for fear of electrocution. All in all, S. Zarnstorff said the reinspection verified his concerns of potential life safety issues. The Red Cross was contacted and those without heat were given temporary housing for the weekend. Since then, a heating contractor made the repairs and the gas was turned back on by RG&E. S. Zarnstorff reported that the fine imposed by the Court was not paid by the deadline. Therefore, correspondence is being drafted regarding this and the possibility of more severe repercussions and / or closure of the property. The Police Department was involved due to marijuana having been harvested there. The tenants admitted to it but destroyed the evidence before police arrived.

Mayor Matela commended S. Zarnstorff on a good job and follow through on this property. The Village does not want to impede landlords from making a living renting houses, but they need to be responsible for life safety.

4. Update on ___ Maxon Street – S. Zarnstorff said this property remains closed per the property owner's prerogative.

D. FIRE - Chief Gregory B. Wing

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Chief Wing asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Brian Quinn, Steve Mills, John Strizek, John Mikula, Santo Linton, the following to inactive exempt status: Joe Luna, Fred Ophardt

→ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned drops and inactive exempts.

2. Resignations of Paid Part-time Ambulance Staff – Chief Wing asked the Board to accept the resignations in good standing of ALS Technician Christopher Forsyth and BLS Technician Kevin Donnelly.

→ Trustee DeToy moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried accepting the resignations of Christopher Forsyth and Kevin Donnelly with regrets.

- 3. Call Load – Chief Wing said the Fire Department annual report would be ready next month. He shared that January has been very busy so far with 105 ambulance calls and 53 fire calls. There have been two fires and 7 motor vehicle accidents with people trapped.

E. TREASURER - Scott D. Rightmyer – No report.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

- 1. Parade Application – Max’s Mardi Gras Parade – Saturday, April 26th 10am to Noon – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual parade application with the same route as usual.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee DeToy seconded, unanimously carried approving the parade license for Max’s Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, April 26th from 10am to Noon.

- 2. Local Laws #3 & #4 of 2002 – Clerk Morelli reported that she finally received notice from the Department of State that these local laws were accepted and filed. They have gone to General Code Publishing for insertions for the Village Code books.

- 3. Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant – Clerk Morelli shared that the Village has an opportunity to apply for a records management grant by February 3rd. Department Heads are working with Stu Brown Associates on needs and what may best qualify for funding. Clerk Morelli asked that the Board authorize application to be made.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT GRANT

→ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried resolved that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Josephine Matela, as the Chief Elected official of the Village of Brockport, to file an application for grant funding under the 2003 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) program and to act on behalf of the Village for all matters pertaining to the grant request.

G. ATTORNEY – Edward W. Riley / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï (excused)

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

SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:

- A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner (excused)
- B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Sean Wilcox (absent)
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair Jennifer Skoog-Harvey (absent)

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- A. Vice Mayor Wexler
 - 1. Snow – Trustee Wexler reported that some merchants and residents are shoveling and plowing their snow where it makes it difficult to walk and see.
- B. Trustee Whipple – No report.
- C. Trustee Knapp – No report.
- D. Trustee DeToy – No report.
- E. Mayor Matela – No report.

AUDIT:

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

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
1/21	167016-042	9,197.75
1/21	166991-7015	17,476.55

<u>Fire</u>		
1/21	166962-990	26,971.73

Ambulance

Capital Projects

1/21 1556-57 P 44 10,307.15

Third Party Billing

N/a

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk