

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 2, 2005 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, Provisional DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Village Attorney Keith O'Toole, Deputy Village Attorney Frank A. Aloï, Planning Board Chair / Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Christian A. McCullough, Nicole Paupore, Melissa Flynn, Scott Hunsinger, Mary Jo Nayman, Ray Morris, Jim & Joan Hamlin, David Wagenhauser, Maria Castaneda, Linda Borrayo, Bob Collins, Kathy Snyder, John Bush, Fred Webster, Robbie Hess (Suburban News), Elliotte Bowerman (Brockport Post).

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Matela called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 2005.

→ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 18, 2005, be approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mary Jo Nayman of 5 Carolin Drive asked the status of the Carolin drive project. H. Donahue said they are finishing up the annual spring clean up. He hopes to return a crew to the Carolin Drive project later this week. MJ Nayman asked the projected completion date. H. Donahue said he couldn't venture a guess because it is weather dependant. MJ Nayman asked if the money for the project is still available. Treasurer Coyle said yes.

GUESTS:

1. Bill Walsh – Chianti's Italian Eatery – application for a hot dog cart and sidewalk café permit – B. Walsh said he wishes to pick up lunch business. He recently had to close at lunchtime because there was not enough business. He said dinners are doing fine. He would like to place a hot dog vending cart on the sidewalk in front from 11am to 3pm and during the evenings of the Summer Serenades concerts. Besides the cart, he would like to have two small iron tables with chairs for people to sit and eat. He said he would like to place the cart and tables and chairs at curbside instead of up against the building. Against the building would place them in front of the Message book Shop and Helen Simpson's Photography. Clerk Morelli memo'd those store owners and the building owner about the proposal and invited them to attend tonight's meeting. B. Walsh said he spoke with each of them and they were fine with his plans as long as their entrances were not blocked.

Trustee Maziarz said all of the other sidewalk café's place the tables and chairs up against the building. Placing them at curbside could be troublesome for pedestrian's having to weave in and out and could be difficult for the passengers of a parked vehicle to open their doors safely. Trustee Maziarz said there is a handicapped parking space in that vicinity. Further, the tables and chairs would straddle the tree grates. B. Walsh said the tables would be small and he would be sure they were not in anyone's way.

Trustee Wexler asked what affect this would have on Jimmy Z.'s. Trustee Whipple said it would be competition. B. Walsh said he is not looking to corner the hot dog market, but to pick up lunch business. Mayor Matela said that is not an issue for the Village Board. She further commented that the Village does not limit the number of pizza parlors or tattoo parlors. Trustee Wexler said those do not have sidewalk café's. Mayor Matela said one or two pizza parlors do.

Trustee Knapp asked about evening hours. B. Walsh said he would like to have the hot dog cart, tables and chairs out for events such as the Summer Serenades concerts. He said he has no intention of catering to the after bar crowd.

S. Zarnstorff commented that these applications are unique and different from the typical sidewalk café permit in that the customer does not go into the restaurant, order the food and take it outside to eat. What would be offered on the vending cart is not offered in Chianti's restaurant.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, Mayor Matela in favor, Trustees Maziarz and Wexler opposed, carried to grant the hawking and peddling permit for the hot dog cart and the sidewalk

café.

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Trustee Maziarz commented that she is opposed because it could impede on parking and pedestrian flow. She would prefer if all were placed up against the building. Trustee Whipple commented that in many municipalities, such as the City of Rochester, the carts are at curbside. B. Walsh thanked the Board and said he will do his best to monitor the situation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Provisional Spt. Harry G. Donahue

1. Authorization to hire summer help – H. Donahue reminded the Board that 4 seasonal laborers were budgeted. He would like to hire 3 at \$8 per hour to begin May 31st. He said \$8 per hour is in keeping with other area municipalities. He would also like to require drug and alcohol testing since they operate pick up trucks, mowers and some equipment. This could be made a condition of employment. He would call and arrange the pre-employment testing.

Trustee Whipple said if they needed a CDL, the DOT would get involved with the drug and alcohol testing. H. Donahue said that is correct. Mayor Matela said this requirement would protect them and the Village.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Knapp seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the hiring of 3 seasonal laborers and requiring pre-employment drug and alcohol testing as a condition of employment.

2. Convey piece of land to Town of Sweden for Senior Center parking expansion – H. Donahue said he was waiting for paperwork from the Town of Sweden and surveyor AJ Barea handed it to him. H. Donahue asked the Village Board to convey the triangular piece of Village land to the east of the Sweden Senior Center over to the Town of Sweden for \$1 for their parking expansion.

Trustee Wexler questioned the size of the parking expansion. Trustee Knapp said he learned there would be a buffer between State Street and the parking lot. This will prevent the discharge of cars at any point along the street. This is important since there is a site distance problem with the elevation to the east. H. Donahue said he understands that they will use the existing entrance / exit. Trustee Wexler said he hopes there will be grass and landscaping in the unused portion. H. Donahue said he believes there will be. Mayor Matela said this is an example of the Village and Town working together and will alleviate the parking crunch at the Senior Center.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried to convey said piece of land to the Town of Sweden for \$1 for the Sweden Senior Center parking expansion.

3. Welcome Center at Harvester Park – Mayor Matela thanked the DPW for all their work on the welcome center.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Calls for Service – Chief Varrenti reported 4,830 calls for service year to date. This is approximately 200 calls ahead of the same time last year.
2. First Quarter Report – Chief Varrenti distributed the first quarter report and said crime trends are consistent with last year. He shared that tasers were raised to a level 3 out of 4 (hard impact). An IACP study recommends it be classified as a level 2 (cap stun comparable). Over 7,000 Police Departments in the US use tasers with various policies and procedures associated with them. They are considered less lethal weapons and are re-evaluated regularly. Chief Varrenti referred to the Accreditation award and thanked the Board again for the ceremony held January 18th. He said they are doing their best to stay within budget. The greatest amount of any police department budget includes salaries, benefits, and overtime. In Brockport this totals 91.2% of the police department budget. Therefore, that leaves 9.8% that he controls. At this point in the fiscal year, the police department is coming in 5% under budget.
3. Receipt of Asset Forfeiture Money – Chief Varrenti reported that on April 18th he received a check in the amount of \$3,837.46, made payable to the Brockport Police Department, from the U.S. Department of Justice. This money was provided as a result of a \$4,872.00 seizure made from the Clifford Gallo arrest and investigation that was conducted by the Brockport Police Department in November 2003. The money will be deposited into a new account created by Treasurer Coyle (U.S. Justice Account) and expended in accordance with the Asset Forfeiture Guidelines.
4. Explorer Post – Chief Varrenti reported that he spoke to the Brockport Police Explorer Group, run by Officer Mesiti. He said the kids asked a lot of questions and are a credit to their parents

and the community. He thanked them and everyone (SPARTAC, Fire Police, SUNY University Police, volunteers...) involved with helping during Max's Mardi Gras Parade. He put a lid on overtime and only used one officer for the event.

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5. Parking Tickets for off road parking – Chief Varrenti shared that S. Zarnstorff and L. Vaughan have been issued parking tickets to issue for those parked on non-driveways such as lawns. This is not for those quickly washing their cars, but for those who park on the lawn. He will encourage the officers to write these tickets as well.
6. NYSDMV Underage License Detail – Chief Varrenti shared that Mr. Lang of NYSDMV contacted him and the Brockport Police Department assisted in a detail of two local establishments related to fake driver's licenses. He said 17 arrests were made, 18 different charges brought and licenses seized. ABC representatives were involved as well. The same night there was also a felony DWI arrest in the Village.
7. Officer Rivoli – Chief Varrenti reported that Officer Anthony Rivoli has 2 days left training with Officer Curley. Then he trains with Officer Wheat for 10 days before going on his own. He is doing very well and will complete the FTO in half the time since he transferred from another police agency. Trustee Maziarz asked if he is bike certified. Chief Varrenti said he thinks so.
8. Taser Guns – Trustee Wexler asked if the Police Department owns 2 taser guns. Chief Varrenti said yes. He said Assemblyman Reilich has agreed to purchase a third in case a third officer is working a particular shift or if one is out of service. This would be at no cost to the Village. Trustee Wexler asked if the procurement would come before the Village Board. Chief Varrenti said he does not see why it would. He is following the Village's procurement policy. Trustee Wexler said just because something is no cost to the Village does not mean the Village Board should not approve it. He said the Village wouldn't go to bazookas just because they were free.

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

1. CEDAR – S. Zarnstorff shared that he was called out as a member of the CEDAR group recently to assist with a flood event in Orange County. The 16-member team reviewed 280 buildings of which 110 sustained substantial damage and 9 were destroyed. The last time the group was called out was flooding in Newark about a year and a half ago. The community was grateful for their help. He thanked the Mayor and Trustees for allowing his involvement and reminded all that should our area ever sustain such an event, CEDAR would be able to respond. A letter will be forthcoming from the Governor regarding his involvement.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Christian A. McCullough

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Chief McCullough asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Joseph Cramer, Tracey Tenuity, the following drops from the Explorer Post: Scott Wisnowski, the following adds to the Explorer Post: Deborah Rivera, David Johnson the following adds to the Fire Department: Mark Hoy, Andrew Dillon.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned drops and adds.

2. Bid Results for the replacement of ambulance 2339 – Chief McCullough reported that 3 bids came in April 29th. They are being reviewed and a recommendation should be made to the Village Board for the next meeting.
3. Live Burn Demo – Chief McCullough announced a live burn demo using the new thermo cameras at the fire training facility on Owens Road at 10:30am on Saturday, May 7th. All are welcome.
4. 5 Submersible Pumps – Chief McCullough announced that the 5 submersible pumps are now in service.
5. FEMA Fire Grant – Chief McCullough reported that the FEMA grant application for \$350,000 to replace air packs has been submitted. Mayor Matela commended the department and Kelly Smith for the great application. She was in Washington, DC recently and Congressman Reynolds will flag this application and is hoping last year's application to fund pagers will be reconsidered.
6. Mercy Flight Benefit – Chief McCullough announced a spaghetti dinner benefit on May 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to benefit Mercy Flight.

E. TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle

1. Welcome Center at Harvester Park – Treasurer Coyle reported on costs to date for the Welcome Center. He said \$330,000 has been paid out minus \$90,000 in direct grants. This

means the Village has funded \$240,000 to date. Harvester Park Improvement figures are still to come.

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F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Sidewalk Café Permit Applications – Jimmy Z 's / Mythos Café / Main Street Pizzeria – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual applications. Mayor Matela stressed the importance of the café's having a garbage receptacle, smoking receptacle and abiding by the State and County smoking regulations. Clerk Morelli said she would include this information with their approval letters.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried granting the sidewalk café permit for each to have 2 tables and 8 chairs (with umbrellas if desired).

2. Parade / Procession Permit Application – SUNY Homecoming Saturday, 9/24 – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual application. Chief Varrenti had no concerns.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried approving the SUNY Homecoming / Family Weekend parade permit.

3. 2005 Events Schedule – Clerk Morelli shared that she gathered information from various community groups and

G. ATTORNEY – Keith O'Toole / 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 Matthew Minor (absent)
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair Jennifer Skoog-Harvey (absent)

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- A. Trustee/Vice Mayor Maziarz
 1. Max's Mardi Gras Parade and Festival – Trustee Maziarz thanked everyone involved in the annual event.
 2. Welcome Center at Harvester Park – Trustee Maziarz commented on the successful ribbon cutting, congratulated the Village and thanked everyone involved, particularly the DPW for all of their hard work on the site.
 3. Camp Abilities Silent Auction – Trustee Maziarz commented on the successful silent auction held for Camp Abilities and commended Lauren Lieberman's efforts.
 4. Next Village Board Meeting – Trustee Maziarz commented that she would not be at the May 16th Village Board meeting since she will be at the NYCOM conference in Lake Placid.
 5. Class of 2005 – Trustee Maziarz congratulated all those SUNY Brockport students who will be graduating on May 14th. She said there is a great energy on the campus at this time. She said she hopes they return to Brockport.
- B. Trustee Knapp
 1. Max's Mardi Gras Parade and Festival – Trustee Knapp thanked everyone involved in the annual event.
 2. Fire Department – Trustee Knapp reported that he and Trustee Wexler met with the Fire Chiefs for their monthly update on operations and upcoming events. He commended the combined effort of acquiring two state of the art thermal imaging cameras. This will help find victims and keep abreast of conditions inside a structure fire. It can also be used if someone is lost in the woods, thrown from a vehicle or the like. He thanked Assemblyman Reilich.

Chief McCullough shared that it would have been \$15,000 to purchase one camera but \$9,000 each to purchase more than one camera. Therefore, they used public donation monies to pay the balance of the second camera.

Trustee Knapp inquired as to the status of putting out to bid the re-roof job of 38 Market Street.

Treasurer Coyle said he and H. Donahue have met to develop the specifications and are getting help from Upstate Roof. However, he got busy with the budget, and set it aside.

C. Trustee Wexler

1. Max's Mardi Gras Parade and Festival – Trustee Wexler thanked everyone involved in the annual event as well as the Capen Hose Company for opening up their building for early morning refreshments.

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2. 5/9 Public Hearing – Trustee Wexler commented that the High School auditorium is not within Village limits and wondered if there will be a police presence at the May 9th public hearing. Chief Varrenti said it would not be appropriate for the Village of Brockport Police Department to be there since it is out of their legal jurisdiction. He said he will be in attendance and will contact Captain Letteney of the Monroe County Sherriff's Department to inform him of the event. Trustee Wexler said the School Board is aware of the meeting and has assigned extra security of their own. Trustee Whipple clarified that only the Brockport Middle School lies within the Village limits.

Trustee Wexler said the Mayor indicated to him that she would not call for a vote on the proposal until after the Village Elections and that there may be additional hearings scheduled. Trustee Wexler expressed concern that the issue could be dragged out for several weeks. He said if there are to be additional hearings or meetings on the issue they should be scheduled and publicized now. If it is found they are not needed, they can always be cancelled. Trustee Wexler said he believes the issue should be voted on by THIS Village Board before the election. He said the voters should know where each candidate stands.

Mayor Matela said there is nothing preventing the Village Board or candidates to let people know where they stand on the issue. However, Deputy Village Attorney Aloï communicated to her that the issue is too important to rush to a vote. Mayor Matela said she would like to convene a task force to study the issue. This does not preclude making ones feelings known. Trustee Wexler said THIS Village Board, although not unanimously, gave F. Aloï the right to move forward on pending litigation. Trustee Wexler said 4 out of 5 sitting Board members are running for election and stressed that a vote take place before elections.

Trustee Wexler commented that an article in The Stylus said the Mayor was "caught off guard" by the amount of people that came to the originally scheduled public hearing at the Village Hall. Trustee Wexler shared that both he and Trustee Knapp contacted the office 4 days ahead to suggest the location be changed.

3. C of O Letters – Trustee Wexler referred to the last meeting's discussion on the letters sent to property owners who need to renew their certificates of occupancy. He commented that there is no way an attorney takes it upon himself to write and send a letter to property owners in a community. He said someone must have given Village Attorney O'Toole permission to do so. He said it appears silence is golden.

D. Trustee Whipple

1. Max's Mardi Gras Parade and Festival and Welcome Center at Harvester Park Ribbon Cutting – Trustee Whipple thanked everyone involved in both events.
2. 2005 Events Schedule – Trustee Whipple thanked Clerk Morelli for putting together such a comprehensive schedule of events. He commented that there are a lot of wonderful opportunities.
3. Camp Abilities – Trustee Whipple said Trustee Maziarz referred to Camp Abilities earlier. He shared that this is a group on the SUNY Campus that helps 100 sight impaired kids. He said the Village's and SUNY's Lauren Lieberman started this 7 years ago. The silent auction was a fundraiser for the camp.

E. Mayor Matela

1. State of the Village – Mayor Matela read the following address.

Vice Mayor Maziarz, Trustee Whipple, Trustee Knapp, Trustee Wexler, Chief Varrenti, Chief McCullough, Department Supervisors, friends and fellow taxpayers:

I am pleased to be able to report tonight on the State of our Village. It is time to reflect on our accomplishments and plan to look toward our future. Together, we have accomplished marvelous things, maximizing our resources, leveraging our people, time and money in order to achieve the best possible outcomes. Although there have been a few "bumps in the road," our accomplishments and business results speak for themselves. This is not to say that we do not have challenges to face in the future, but today I can say the state of the village is good indeed. Four years ago, when I first came into

office, we faced one of the greatest challenges in the history of Brockport. That was the restoration of our neighborhoods that were environmentally impacted by our industrial heritage. In total, over 17,000 tons of soil was removed. I am pleased to say that today the restoration is virtually complete. Because of this restoration we can be assured that our friends and neighbors will have a cleaner environment in which to live. This could not have taken place without the cooperation of General Electric, 3 M Corporation, BBL, Department of Environmental Conservation and the Monroe County Health Department. I especially would like to thank Kelly Cloyd, of the DEC, Joe Albert of the Monroe County Health Department and Ken Pike of Earthworks Environmental. And most of all, the residents who were most affected by this situation for their patience and understanding for many months during this event.

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Our department of Public Works has been extremely busy this past year. We finished the Erie Street Project, worked on the Welcome Center at Harvester Park, finished the replacement of the storm sewers on Carolin Drive, and installed memorial benches on Main Street, all while still managing the day to day duties of this department. Our focus in the coming year will be to complete the Carolin Drive project, the Harvester Park promenade and start the Phase 2 of the Holley Street Sewer Project. We will also work with Chatfield Engineers put together a comprehensive capital improvement plan designed to address infrastructure needs. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Harry Donahue on his appointment as Superintendent of Public Works. I would also like to thank Rick Herzog and his crews for all the work they completed in short time for the opening of the Welcome Center. Without the support of all of the men at the Department of Public works this would not have been possible. Thank you very much to all.

Our Department of Building, Zoning and Code Enforcement has made great progress in safety inspections and code enforcement. Our total inspections for 2003 were 965, and in 2004 it was 1314 up 394 from the previous year. Since 2001 this department has completed over 593 multi-family inspections and issued over 175 certificates of occupancy. Scott Zarnstorff and Assistant Inspector Larry Vaughan have been very focused on making safety a priority. Through the combination of education and enforcement this has had a positive effect on our neighborhoods. This can be evidenced by the free market real estate forces at work in this community. For example, in 2004, the average sale price of a home in the Village exceeded \$100,000 for the first time ever, and overall property sales in the Village of Brockport increased 28%. The safety of our citizens will continue to be a number one priority of this administration going forward. We will continue to partner with SUNY Brockport to work in improving off campus housing. We will be purchasing a software program to assist this department in better managing our housing inventory and we will hire a part-time clerk to provide administrative support to that department.

The Office of Economic Development and Marketing, a new position created by my administration, has proven to be invaluable to our economic recovery, not only in a commercial sense, but also from a marketing perspective. Scott Winner has been actively working to recruit and retain commercial, industrial and retail business in the Village of Brockport. This has been very successful, and the list of accomplishments is long. Starting in 2004, in collaboration with Vice Mayor Maziarz, the Farmer's Market became a reality. We initiated the History Train and in collaboration with the staff at the Hill School the entire fourth grade was taken on a train ride into our past. We once again hosted the Santa Train. Many of those students, their families and hundreds of other train buffs came back to Brockport to ride the Santa Train – the third consecutive year that we've hosted that event. Also, in 2004 at Allied Moving and Storage, recruited into Brockport two years ago, employment levels reached 80 people. Retail momentum continued with two new restaurants creating more than 80 jobs, and storefronts remained full even through the usual attrition expected in the retail sector. Witnessing our success in this department, other communities such as Alden, Hilton, Honeoye Falls, Palmyra, and Williamson have followed Brockport's lead and added economic development services to their governments.

In 2004 Economic Development was involved in securing \$244,000 in grants for our community. This year this department will be again actively pursuing businesses but also continuing to work with Treasurer Ian Coyle in pursuing and securing grant opportunities. Together, they have identified more than half a dozen so far and are adding more to our list regularly.

We have been working closely with the County and DEC to create a plan to begin to bring the former Kleen Brite plants on State Street and Fair Street back to productive status, aggressively pursuing remediation and reuse opportunities. This will be a long process but we feel that we will be able to reclaim this facility so that it can contribute more to the tax base as well as to provide jobs to the community.

Another important boost to our tax base will come through the construction of new homes. Sales at the McCormick Place 65-unit patio home subdivision have been brisk and the 235-unit Remington Woods subdivision, after a slow start, is showing promise with the involvement of a new builder who has constructed new and more varied styles of model homes. Also under construction at that location is a \$500,000 dental office building, which once completed, will add new jobs as well as property value. A third proposed 175-unit mixed-use subdivision, Sunflower Landing, currently has an application

pending before the Village Planning Board.

We will continue to leverage our designations from the State and National Registers of Historic Places to increase our ability to market Brockport as the place to live work and play. Our Welcome Center at Harvester Park, which opened this past Saturday to the acclaim of federal, state and local official and citizenry, will, upon the completion of the renovations to the park, become the jewel in the crown of our village park system, and the standard by which all canal side facilities in New York State will be measured. Because of our progress in developing our waterfront, entrepreneurs with private sector initiatives such as the Merchants Street Smoke House have had the confidence to move forward with canal side development, creating jobs and enhancing the tax base. This fall the Village of Brockport will host over 100 participants from around the state who are attending the Erie Canal **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 2, 2005 continued.....page 7**

Conference. These municipal and tourism officials will travel from Rochester to visit Brockport and spend the afternoon discovering our waterfront, shops, restaurants and museums. I am working with Scott Winner and Carrie Maziarz to develop this event. We are serious about economic development as it is the driver in the success of our community and we will continue to explore every opportunity. I want to thank Scott Winner, who by the way is also Planning Board Chairman, for the fine job he has done on behalf of the Village of Brockport.

This year, the Brockport Police Department under the leadership of Chief Daniel Varrenti, has distinguished itself by its accomplishments. On January 18, 2005 Mr. James DeLapp, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Public Safety for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services presented to the Village of Brockport Police Department the Certificate of Accreditation Award. This award signified that the Village of Brockport Police Department meets or exceeds 130 standards recognized by law enforcement agencies throughout New York State. Only 107 out of 500 law enforcement agencies in New York State are accredited. With this historic milestone for Brockport it also marks Monroe County as the first county in New York State to have all of its law enforcement agencies accredited. Mr. DeLapp said, "The Village should be proud of its police department, as they have worked long and hard to achieve this goal. The community is fortunate to have a department of such high caliber and high level of excellence." Again, I want to personally thank Chief Varrenti and also a special thanks to Sgt. Douglas Ziegler for all his work and dedication in achieving this goal. This department can also be proud of its work in SPARTAC, implementing National Night Out, sponsoring 21 members in it's Explorer program, increased officer training and decreased overtime and all while finishing the fiscal year under budget. This year the department will be overseeing the Community Service program that will give the courts an alternative to offenders who break Village law and concentrate on quality of life issues. I will also ask that Chief Varrenti investigate the possibility of the Brockport Police Department participating in the Monroe County Drug Task Force. From January 2003 thru September 2003 the Drug Task Force seized over \$798,306.00 of which the Brockport Police Department would have received \$32,000.00. We need to use this resource if possible so that we can share in the money generated by the confiscation of illegal drugs. Therefore, I will ask Chief Varrenti to submit a proposal to me and to the Board of Trustees that would allow one officer to participate in the Monroe County Drug Task Force. At this time I would also like to acknowledge all the officers of the Brockport Police Department for their successes in the past year.

During the past four years I have also had the distinct pleasure of working with the Village of Brockport Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Ambulance Career Staff. The dedicated individuals who comprise these departments continue to deliver vital, life saving services to our community. Their service area, the largest in Monroe County, includes the Town of Sweden, Town of Clarkson and the Village of Brockport. This year you will see unprecedented growth in housing developments that will increase their responsibilities. Equally important in this department is the recruitment and retention of volunteers. We are very fortunate to have in place the leadership that recognizes the importance of this and strives to make recruitment a priority. The Village of Brockport Fire Department successfully won a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$184,000 dollars. As a result of this award, they were able to purchase new firefighter protective clothing, assisted in the dispatch move to Station 1 and also purchase the Live Burn Training Facility, which is situated on the Allied Campus on Owens Road. This training facility provides critical real life training to firefighters. I can speak first hand of this, as I was fortunate to have participated in a Department Drill on November 9, 2004. After being suited up in turn out gear with boots, gloves and air pack all in place I entered the facility. I assure you it is one experience I will treasure and never forget.

The Village of Brockport Fire Department also has gained national distinction by its placement of one of the first September 11, 2001 memorials situated at Capen Hose. This memorial, a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice on September 11th, forever memorializes the sacrifices that these men and women make every day in order to save lives.

You can expect your fire department to continue to deliver professional service in fire protection to our community. The Village of Brockport Fire Department managed its people, time and money so efficiently that there was no increase this year in the tax levy to our contract customers. On behalf of the communities of Clarkson, Sweden and the Board of Trustees I commend Chief Christian A.

McCullough, Deputy Chief Laurence C. Vaughan, and Assistant Chief Timothy J. Rombaut on their leadership and volunteerism.

The Village of Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps working with the Career Staff is also comprised of a dedicated and professional staff. Both the volunteer and career staff continues to work together in providing Basic and Advanced Life Support to the community. Working together they have proven that delivering excellent patient care comes first. At the current time we run three ambulances, and have at times had all three on the road. We pride ourselves in keeping our equipment up to date and one example was the purchase of three new Stryker stretchers. These stretchers were purchased to improve patient care and have the latest and most advanced features for ease of operation and have improved patient care. The ambulance replacement committee is now in the process of reviewing the bids received this past week so that we can purchase a much-needed third ambulance. The Brockport Ambulance Corps is always at the ready to be on site during the annual Brockport Soccer Tournament

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or at the college assisting in concerts or large assemblies. They collaborate with other municipalities such as Bergen, Spencerport and assist Mercy Flight. We will continue to work on recruitment and training and to provide excellent patient care. I would like to thank Captain Lucas VanDervort for his leadership. I would also like to thank all the members of the Brockport Ambulance Corps for their dedication to the community.

Equally important and vital to all of this running smoothly is the Village of Brockport Dispatch Department. Moved from police headquarters in 2003 when the village joined the county 911 system it is now housed at Station 1 (38 Market Street). The relocation process was complicated and required planning and execution that resulted in a seamless move. In September of 2004 the weather tested our results and we came through the experience without incident. This department dispatches the ambulance as well as the Village of Brockport DPW, and is also tied in with the Walker and Hamlin Fire Departments. Having the dispatch department in Station 1 has brought it back to where it was initially located and can now assist the Fire Department and the Brockport Ambulance Corps more readily. This department is responsible for the training and retention of its members as well as developing its personnel. This department provides service 24/7 over 90 shifts per month, 1,095 per year, utilizing 20 part-time dispatchers and not missing a shift. The cost of \$35,000 to maintain this department has been well worth it. In the coming months I will be asking the Board of Trustees to approve the position of Dispatch Supervisor. The person in this position will be charged with training and development, scheduling, maintenance of equipment, retention and recruitment and will answer to the Village of Brockport Fire Chief. I will ask that the Chief of the Brockport Fire Department to send me his recommendation for the position. I would like to thank all the members of the Brockport Dispatch Department for their dedication to the community.

At the end of the fiscal year we will also move forward with the creation of the position of Village Manager. Ian Coyle, who presently is in the position of Village Treasurer, will assume that title. He will continue to manage the village finances and will also be responsible for researching grant opportunities and will manage the day-to-day operations of the village office. With a Masters' of Public Administration, Ian is thoroughly qualified for this position.

This village would not run as smoothly if it were not for the professional staff at the village office. Clerk Leslie Morelli, Water Clerk Deb Herzog, and Deputy Clerk Betty Coopenberg continue to deliver prompt, courteous and excellent service to the public. Every person visiting our offices is greeted with professionalism and courtesy. Many thanks to you Leslie, Betty and Debbie for all you do not only for me, but also for the people we serve.

Our very busy Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are also staffed with dedicated individuals. Years ago both of these boards only met once in while. But with the continued growth of the Village these boards are meeting more frequently than ever before. I want to thank them for their service to this community.

I would be remiss if I did not say something about the volunteerism we have in our community. The newly formed Walk! Bike! Brockport! Action Group raised over \$10,000 at their first art auction, called "Stone Soup." The money raised will purchase a sculpture by renowned artist Bill Stewart, to be placed in Harvester Park. Also, over \$19,000 was raised to purchase memorial benches during the "Sitting Pretty" initiative, also part of the Walk! Bike! group. Soon, the billboard at the site of "Village Centre" apartments will be fitted with original artwork donated by Helen Smagorinsky, another renowned artist. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in the Brockport community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, especially Ray and Ute' Duncan, for spearheading and keeping all the projects going! The Western Monroe Historical Society continues to deliver quality programs to enhance our historical awareness and provide educational and social events that appeal to everyone. The Brockport Garden Club continues to beautify our community. The Brockport-Sweden Erie Canal Trails Committee and the Canal Revitalization Committee continue to flourish because our community is a community of giving.

Perhaps the one person that has been working diligently not only behind the scenes but on the scene is Bill Andrews, Historian Emeritus. Words cannot express my personal appreciation for your dedication to this community. And our present historian, Jackie Morris, you have filled some big shoes. You are always busy responding to mail, giving tours and have been doing a marvelous job. Many thanks!

In the next coming years we will need to continue to focus on public safety, economic development and quality of life. I will be looking to each department to participate in putting together a strategic plan. This plan should have short term and long-term goals in order for us to plan on how we will better utilize our resources. I am proud of all we have accomplished and look forward to the future. Let me end by telling you a short story. Not too long ago, someone remarked to me "Brockport was the last great community." This person relayed this to me because he had never been in a village so friendly and welcoming. I told him, "I cannot agree with you more."

Thank you for giving me this opportunity tonight, and God Bless America.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mary Jo Nayman of 5 Carolin Drive thanked Trustees Wexler and Maziarz for publicly stating their disapproval of Village Attorney O'Toole's treatment of taxpayers at a recent meeting. She questioned whether he actually sent the letters regarding certificates of occupancy to some residents.
2. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said he thought the Welcome Center was a 50/50 matching grant deal. Treasurer Coyle clarified that it was not a 50/50. He said earlier he addressed the Welcome Center only, not the park improvements. J. Bush asked about DPW labor. Treasurer Coyle said DPW labor has not yet been figured in.
3. Bob Collins of 52 Holley Street expressed frustration with 59 Holley Street and the hassles he has had over the past year with parking, beer bottles, nasty language, etc. He shared a harassing note that was left on his car.

Trustee Maziarz asked if he had contacted the Police Department at the time of incidents. B. Collins said yes. Chief Varrenti asked if he knows who put the note on his car. B. Collins said he was pretty sure which tenant it was. Chief Varrenti encouraged him to call the Police Department any time. He said they would help any way then can, within the law. He invited B. Collins to meet with he and S. Zarnstorff the following day.

4. Jim Hamlin of 50 Park Avenue asked for clarification if Chianti's sidewalk café permit was approved to be located on the brick instead of the usual cement portion. Mayor Matela said the Village Board used its discretion to allow it on the brick.

AUDIT:

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

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
4/19/05	171495-96	254.61
4/22/05	171497	15.00
5/2/05	171498-529	20,572.71
5/2/05	171540-42	1,976.76
<u>Fire</u>		
5/2/05	171530-39	8,926.60
<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
4/29/05	561-65	3,206.14
5/2/05	566-67	4,005.15
<u>Capital Projects</u>		
5/2/05	1839-49	7,015.58
<u>Sewer</u>		
5/2/05	1037	104.00

ADJOURNMENT:

- ➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk