

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 20, 2004 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Josephine C. Matela, Trustees Morton Wexler, James E. Whipple, and Norman J. Knapp; 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: Trustee Peter C. DeToy, Planning Board Chair / Economic Development Coordinator Scott Winner

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Edward W. Riley, Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, Carrie Maziarz, Ray & Jackie Morris, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Norm GianCursio, Fred Webster, John Lessord, Robbi Hess (Suburban News).

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 January 5, 2004.

➔ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held January 5, 2004 be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Joan Hamlin of 50 Park Avenue asked the status of the investigation and charges involved with the motor vehicle accidents on East Avenue and Park Avenue respectively. Chief Varrenti said the East Avenue accident was Mr. Drayton hitting Robin Donahue. As we know, Robin sustained many injuries. They obtained a search warrant for blood. It is being analyzed. The results will determine the charges. It could be DWI and vehicular assault. The Park Avenue accident was SUNY Professor Anderson hitting SUNY Professor Crimando. They also did a search warrant for blood and it came back .14 four hours after the accident. This is greater than .08 so it is DWI and possibly vehicular manslaughter.

GUESTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – Superintendent Bradley B. Upson
1. Snow – salt supply – Trustee Wexler asked if we have a good salt supply. B. Upson said yes, they have enough salt and sand to mix in with it. Trustee Whipple commended the DPW for the good job keeping the roads clear. B. Upson said he would pass along the compliment. He commented that they had two water main breaks last weekend. One was on East Avenue and one was by the High School.

2. Potholes on Main Street – Mayor Matela commented on a few large potholes on Main Street. B. Upson said he notified the NYSDOT. Mayor Matela said it is important that Village taxpayers know that Main Street is under the jurisdiction of NYSDOT.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Accept Resignation of Part Time Police Officer Carlos Torres – Chief Varrenti shared that part-time police officer Carlos Torres has resigned in order to pursue his education. He asked that the Board accept his resignation. Chief Varrenti said this is the fourth part-time officer lost in the past two years.

→ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried to accept with regret the resignation of Carlos Torres as part time police officer.

2. Hiring of Part Time Police Officer Ralph Gleason - Chief Varrenti shared the facts and figures associated with hiring part time police officers. He said they receive many hours of training and they have to be outfitted with uniforms, weapons and ammunition. This totals \$18,355 per part time officer just to get them started. Trustee Knapp said in the past, some part timers came already trained, at their own cost. Chief Varrenti said they all come having graduated from the police academy. The training he refers to is to acclimate them to Brockport. He said he would not even consider them if they were not already certified. Chief Varrenti said before his arrival, thorough background checks were not completed on part time officers. This includes medical and psychological testing, which is expensive. Chief Varrenti said his opinion on part time officers has been made clear. They work one or two days per month and cannot provide the service to the Village that full-timers can in regards to familiarity, ability to make return and follow up calls, continuity of investigations, etc. This is a lot of money to spend for

someone who works a couple of times a month.

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→ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the hiring of Ralph Gleason as a part time police officer.

3. General Orders and Department Accreditation – Chief Varrenti shared some revised and new general orders for Clerk Morelli to insert into the book at the Village office. These general orders are moving toward accreditation of the Brockport Police Department. Ninety of the 110 standards have been met. He hopes to have a mock accreditation at the end of February and be accredited by September. Brockport and East Rochester are the only two law enforcement agencies in Monroe County that are not accredited.

Mayor Matela said there are some structural changes that need to be made to the Police Department to meet standards. Mayor Matela commended Chief Varrenti for being on target with his promise to get the department accredited. The department will meet state standards for professionalism. Someday, maybe they could look toward Federal accreditation. Trustee Wexler said he learned from the Village's insurance consultant, Brian Baty, that state accreditation could possibly lower the Village's insurance rates. Chief Varrenti invited the Board, as he has in the past, to come down to the Police Department and take a look at what has been involved in this rigorous process.

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

1. Monthly Reports & Year End Summary – S. Zarnstorff reviewed his December 2003 reports and 2003 year end summary. His department (he and part-time inspector L. Vaughan) issued 177 permits compared to 164 in 2002, conducted 996 inspections compared to 965 in 2002. The door hanger program proved successful. The most common code issues are trash, unlicensed motor vehicles and missing house numbers. The application and permit fees and value of construction was down significantly since in 2002 the Allied projects increased those numbers significantly. S. Zarnstorff commented that when he worked for the Town of Greece he was a full time field inspector and averaged 2,500 inspections per year. The 1,000 in Brockport is quite a heavy load.
2. 10-20 King Street – Mayor Matela commented that the Christian Center Church is gutting the interior of the building and will be working on the exterior come nice weather. The building is in such bad shape. It is fortunate that nothing catastrophic has happened.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Assistant Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Assistant Chief Rombaut asked the Board to consider approving the following adds: Karen Marenus of Clarkson to Company 2, and Jorge Santos-Magin as mutual aid from Spencerport.

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

2. Call Load - 91 ambulance calls year to date and 42 fire calls year to date
Mayor Matela commented on the two fatalities in two separate motor vehicle accidents on Route 31. Supervisor Lester put a letter in the local papers stating that the Town of Sweden has asked NYSDOT to take a look at this area.

E. TREASURER - Scott D. Rightmyer

1. Budgetary Change – Treasurer Rightmyer asked the Board for authorization to make the budgetary changes as outlined on paper. It totals \$121,630 of which \$62,203 is to be taken from Third Party Billing for of automatic defibrillators.

→ Trustee Whipple moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried authorizing the budgetary changes as presented.

2. Clarkson Fire Contract – Treasurer Rightmyer said the Clarkson Fire Contract is ready for the Mayor and Fire Chief to sign. The 2004 total is \$238,404. Attorney Riley said he has not been provided the contract for review. Treasurer Rightmyer apologized and said he would get it to him. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
3. Treasurer position – Treasurer Rightmyer shared that the search committee narrowed the field of candidates from 41 to 18 to 6. One has withdrawn, so they are down to 5 finalists. Mayor Matela said the next round of interviews would be Friday, January 23rd from Noon to 4:30pm. Trustees not already on the search committee are welcome to sit in.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Updated Employee Directory – Clerk Morelli distributed the updated employee directory. Any changes throughout the year should be submitted to her.

2. Website – Clerk Morelli reminded everyone to visit the Village of Brockport website regularly to keep updated. Webmaster Waylen Bray does a wonderful job. The address is brockportny.org. The Town of Sweden’s is townofsweden.org.
3. Resolution authorizing change from BCBS to Preferred Care for non-union employees as with non-union retirees – Clerk Morelli shared that the information and enrollment meeting was held Thursday, February 15th with retirees and non-union employees. Mayor Matela said she made some opening remarks for the first session and Trustee DeToy did so for the second session. Mayor Matela commented that she was impressed with the representatives. Trustee Wexler said retiree E. Reynolds thanked the Village for the informational meeting and chance for questions and answers. There were no loud voices. Everyone seemed content.

→ Trustee Wexler moved, Trustee Whipple seconded, unanimously carried to switch the non-union retirees and non-union employees to Preferred Care TriVantage and Guardian Dental from Blue Choice and Smile Saver.

Clerk Morelli shared that there are a few retirees and employees that believe they have special circumstances. The Village Board agreed to discuss these at the January 26th Village Board workshop.

- G. ATTORNEY – Edward W. Riley / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï
1. Educable Contract – Attorney Riley referred to his memo to the Board reporting back on his phone conversation with Brian Caterino of Educable Channel 12. Attorney Riley does not recommend signing this open 3-year agreement. Revisions will be made and a one-year contract brought back to the Board.
 2. Webster Case – Attorney Riley shared that the motion for partial summary judgment will be argued before Judge Galloway in Supreme Court on January 22nd.

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. Contract Negotiations – Trustee Wexler commented that there was an article in last week’s Brockport Post in which Chief Varrenti said the Village Board had not acted upon his proposal for staffing and cutting overtime costs. He stated that the Village Board did indeed act on numerous occasions and voted 3 to 2 NOT to hire additional full time police officers at this time. There has been \$750,000 spent over the last 5 years for police overtime. The majority of the Village Board feels the minimum staffing clause in the contract needs to be changed. The solution is not hiring additional officers. Trustee Wexler said it has nothing to do with the Chief. It simply is not the right time to hire while contract negotiations are ongoing. They could cut overtime or cut the overall cost of the Police Department. In summary, Trustee Wexler said the Board HAS acted on the proposal. Although some may not like the outcome of the vote. Trustee Wexler commented that he does not agree with arguing a point through the newspaper.

Chief Varrenti thanked Trustee Wexler for always being a gentleman and speaking his mind.

- B. Trustee Whipple – No report.
- C. Trustee Knapp
1. Kleen Brite Labs – Trustee Knapp questioned the status of the clean up at the former KBL site on State Street. S. Zarnstorff said it is at a standstill. Prior to the holidays the remaining liquid was removed and the EPA was satisfied with that part. There remains some dry soap product. He will contact the EPA representative. He has also discussed some long-term solutions with Deputy Village Attorney Aloï.
 2. Dollar General Signage – Trustee Knapp questioned the status of the signage plans for 48-50 North Main Street – Dollar General and Fab Books. S. Zarnstorff said they provided updated plans by last Monday as the Village Board requested. The Planning Board reviewed them as

well at their meeting. Dollar General took the Village Board's concerns to heart and came back with signage much smaller and more appropriate. They will utilize the existing signpost and place small individual letters over the front door. The number and size are now in keeping with the code.

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D. Trustee DeToy - excused

E. Mayor Matela

1. Ambulance Career Staff – Mayor Matela reported that she held a meeting with the ambulance career staff January 14th. The Village Board is looking at options regarding privatizing. The public need not be concerned. There will be ambulance coverage whether the current program remains in place or the Village contracts with an ambulance company.

2. Police Department – Mayor Matela commented that she wishes to make public that she is not one of the three members of the Village Board that refuse to hire one or two additional full time police officers. They do not feel it will cut overtime. Yes, the Board did take action, but it was

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to 2 against hiring one or two full time officers, thereby letting overtime get out of control.

Mayor Matela said the Village hired Daniel Varrenti as Police Chief because he is an expert. It should have the courtesy of heeding his recommendations on how to run his department.

AUDIT:

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

Village

Date	Check #	Amount
1/20	168994-169039	46,017.89
1/20	169040-065	10,564.06

Fire

1/20	168964-168993	19,667.00
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Capital Projects

1/20	1625-1626	4,020.16
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Third Party Billing

1/20	244-253	6,233.43
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ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Knapp moved, Trustee Wexler seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk