

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, April 21, 2008 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Village Manager / Treasurer Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Timothy Rombaut, Bob Chapin, Pete Apicella, Dave Enos, Jaclyn Simaitis, William Heyen, Anita Wicks, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Norm Giancursio, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Mary Jo Nayman, Kathy Snyder, Fred Webster

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 Wagenhauser said he did not have a chance to review the 16 pages of meeting minutes that Clerk Morelli typed over the weekend. Trustee Heyen commented that Clerk Morelli does a terrific job putting out these detailed minutes with everything else she does. She encouraged the Board to be prepared at the next workshop to discuss the Clerk's recent memos and supporting documentation regarding meeting minutes and hopes that the minutes can be pared down to reflect a concise summary and record of actions taken. Mayor Wexler concurred that the minutes are inordinately lengthy and very time consuming for the Clerk to prepare an almost verbatim transcript.

➔ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 7, 2008 be tabled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. William Heyen read the following statement.

I'm Bill Heyen from Frazier Street. This disclaimer to begin with: Trustee Heyen never knows if I'm going to say something at one of these meetings. She'd probably prefer that I didn't.

I want to congratulate the three members of the Board who worked so hard, did their homework, and passed such a responsible budget for the next fiscal year. At a time when villages and the county and the State are having such economic woes, Brockport has done very well, the tax rate being kept down, lowered in fact, for the benefit of all. As Trustee Wagenhauser has emphasized, property assessments are in control of the Town of Sweden. Some folks keep trying to obfuscate the fact of this responsible and realistic Village budget that even puts money aside for future contingencies. I'm thinking of a resident's smug and self-righteous letter in the local paper that claims she is one of those who just can't be fooled, oh no! The thing is that we're lucky that we had three such stewards of this honest and realistic and responsible budget in place here, and Village Manager Coyle who worked so diligently.

I want to thank Trustee Castaneda for now saying "nay" when she is against a motion instead of "aye". This makes things clearer. I still wish the mayor would keep better track of when motions are made and/or seconded, and wish he'd announce the vote tally clearly, especially his. One local paper, if I remember correctly, said that he abstained from the budget vote; another said he did not vote. Not voting and abstaining are two different things, of course.... By the way, I think it's sad when a village's mayor doesn't vote at all, doesn't even abstain, on the major vote of the year.

Just one more thing. At the last regular meeting, when Trustee Heyen said she would have liked to know about the Rochester auction results on the Kleen Brite properties, she was taken to task, loudly and bumptiously, by the mayor, who said she'd heard from Ian Coyle that day and from the mayor himself, whom she'd just happened to run into here in this building. But these fly-by communications are not the point, of course. Trustee Heyen no doubt believes that given the extreme importance of the auctions for the future of our Village, one of those there and representing us – Castaneda or Wexler – should have communicated formally, probably in writing, about the sale and its ramifications. For example, it was only at a subsequent meeting here that we heard from Trustee Castaneda that she'd talked with the Town assessor who told her he would not lower assessment on the property for a year... or was it two? Was it a guarantee? Wow, this is big news and is this possible when and if the new owners grieve their assessment that is now demonstrated to be obviously, given what they paid, much too high? Trustee Castaneda, please get the Town assessor here to assure us of what he

apparently told you, or ask him to put it in writing. If you've had other communications with him, please let us in on

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them...

Which leads me to this. I've written two books and more on ecology and the environment, addressed the College faculty on these issues as early as 1988, and worked against the Wheelabrator incinerator that was proposed for Brockport in 1991 that would have, I believe, about finished us off. (You might look up my open letter to Mayor Stull and the Board of Trustees at that time in my book *Home: Autobiographies*). My wife, some of you might not know, is a breast cancer survivor, so we are both worried about what might be happening right now at the Kleen Brite property in regard to asbestos and other possible contamination, and hope that the mayor will assure us all that he knows this is all going on during his watch, and he is staying on top of things as the property is stripped or developed. I believe a more orderly process was necessary here in the amelioration of toxins, and we might all find out about this the hard way. I don't think a good thing has happened here with the sale, one supposedly instigated politically and certainly prematurely by that most mysterious and elusive of all so-called non-Village letterhead letters.

Thank you.

GUESTS:

Seasonal Sidewalk Café Permit applicants –

1. Main Street Pizza – 82 Main Street - Bob Chapin was in attendance to review his application for a sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season as allowed by Village Code. The application states daily from 11am to 10pm for 2 tables, 8 chairs and 1 trashcan. This is the same as last year.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season.

2. Java Junction – 56 Main Street – Pete Apicella was in attendance to review his application for a sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season as allowed by Village Code. The application states daily for the maximum hours for 2 tables and 8 chairs. This is the same as last year.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season.

3. Mythos Café – 77 Main Street – Dave Enos was in attendance to review his application for a sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season as allowed by Village Code. The application states Monday – Saturday from 11am to 9pm for 4 small tables and 8 chairs. This is the same as last year.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk café permit for the 2008 season.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

1. Approval for Training/Travel Request – Public Works School (Ithaca, NY) – Pursuant to the Village Travel Policy, Superintendent Donahue requested approval to attend 2008 Highway School sponsored by Cornell Local Roads Program in Ithaca, NY at an estimated cost of \$449.85 This includes the schooling itself and the hotel expense that is at a reduced cost to government agencies. He will drive down on Sunday, June 1st and return on Wednesday, June 4th. Superintendent Donahue said it is worthwhile as it is one of the best training schools in the state.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to approve the training/travel request.

2. Approval for engineering cost for DPW salt barn – from grant funds – Per the proposal from Chatfield Engineers. The \$4,997 in funds is to be utilized from the \$40,000 grant from Senator Maziarz.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to approve the engineering cost of \$4,997 for the DPW salt barn from grant funds and to authorize the Mayor to sign Chatfield Engineer's proposal for engineering services.

Trustee Heyen said money was saved since testing was done when the County radio tower was erected.

3. Spring Clean Up – Superintendent Donahue said the annual curbside spring pick up began today and is progressing well. The bi-monthly brush pick up continues the last Monday in

June, August and October. However, he thought the last Monday of June was the 23rd, but it is the 30th, so there is a misprint in the notice.

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B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. 1st Quarter Report – Chief Varrenti distributed the Police Department’s 1st quarter report. After the Board has an opportunity to review it, he is open to questions and comments, as always. Some highlights include: 4,000 calls for service in the 1st quarter with 23 pages of calls for the weekend of March 28-30 alone & 16 DWI arrests (and 9 already from April 1st to today). He said Brockport leads the County in per officer DWI arrests. One person was arrested twice in a 3-week period and 3 times in the last year. This offender just doesn’t get it. Even when his license gets taken away, he gets behind the wheel of a car and drives. Bike patrols are out more now so as to get to places including residential neighborhoods more. One officer was out on workers compensation with a bad wrist sprain. He returned to light duty and will return to full duty on April 28th.
2. Board Candidates – Chief Varrenti shared that as in the past, he has an open door to questions and comments from any and all candidates running for Village Board.
3. Grants – Chief Varrenti shared that the following are some recent successful grant applications:
 - a. Aggressive Driver grant of \$4,500 from Monroe County Traffic Safety Board – re 11 criteria including speeding, stop signs, red lights, use of non-hands free cell phones, etc. On a side note, he shared that police officers are exempt from the non-hands free cell phone law. This is per Congress.
 - b. Speed Sentry Devices grant of \$7,000 from Assemblyman Reilich – for more speed sentry devices. This grant will pay for 1 and ½ of the devices. Other funding opportunities are being pursued. The current one is battery operated and so heavy that DPW has to move it. There are newer ones that are solar powered and lighter. Some collect data and some don’t. The goal is to have 5 of them. Four would be for main arteries: Main Street going North, Main Street going South, West Avenue and East Avenue. One would be to move around based on citizen complaints. There is a possibility of getting a loaner from Monroe County for East/West Avenue since this is a County road.
 - c. License Plate Reader grant of \$17,100 from Division of Criminal Justice Services – 2 cameras are mounted on the roof rack of a police car that reads license plates and within seconds transmits the data to a computer system which tells if the registration is suspended or revoked or uninsured. He said there are a lot of people driving without insurance. This is problematic to those they hit.

Chief Varrenti commented that part time grant writer Kelly Smith has earned her pay with just one of these grant awards.

4. AAA Platinum Award – Chief Varrenti shared that the Village of Brockport Police Department is the only municipality with the distinction of having received the AAA Platinum Award 3 years in a row.
5. New Police Car – Chief Varrenti shared that Sgt. Cuzzupoli has been researching the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police interceptors and learned that the ordering deadline has been shortened. He will provide his Liaisons with the specifications to bring to the next meeting so as to avoid a price increase.

C. BUILDING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT - Scott C. Zarnstorff (excused)

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Timothy Rombaut

1. Calls for Service – Fire calls year to date = 300. EMS calls year to date = 922. Chief Rombaut said they have been very busy.
2. Membership Drops & Adds – None
3. Accept resignations of Career Staff Deborah Adams & Timothy Frost –

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to accept the resignations of part time paid Paramedics Deborah Adams and Timothy Frost with regret.

4. Accept resignation of Cleaner Richard Dalheim – Chief Rombaut reminded the Board that at the last meeting they approved advertising for a new part time Fire Hall cleaner. Due to health issues, Richard Dalheim has had to cut back and resigned.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to accept the

resignation of part time Fire Hall Cleaner Richard Dalheim with regret.

5. Bid Results – new Ford Explorer – Chief Rombaut reviewed the bid results to purchase a new 2008 Ford Explorer per specifications. Bids received were from Cortese Ford for \$23,379 and Vision Ford for \$23,755. He recommended the Board accept the low bid of Cortese Ford.

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→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to accept the low bid of \$23,379 from Cortese Ford.

6. Authorize Bid for new Ambulance – Chief Rombaut reminded the Board that it is time to replace one ambulance and asked the Board to authorize going out to bid now so as not to incur a price increase.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he reviewed the detailed specifications and noted that the they have been cut so that the estimated cost is \$5,000 to \$7,000 less than the last time the Village went out to bid on a new ambulance. Trustee Heyen said she appreciates the department getting what they need and eliminating what they don't really need.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to authorize going out to bid for a new ambulance.

7. Grant – Chief Rombaut shared that Assemblyman Reilich has come through with a \$9,000 grant for a hearst tool upgrade. This will give the department more versatility in its equipment and enhance its operation.

Mayor Wexler asked all Department Heads who receive grant funding to advise him when the funds come in so he can send the appropriate party a letter of thanks.

E. VILLAGE MANAGER / TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle

1. Tax Exemptions – Aged & Disabled – call for public hearing to increase income limit – Manager Coyle referred to Clerk Morelli's memo and supporting documentation from the Town of Sweden regarding the aged and disabled tax exemptions. Raising the income limit and additionally adopting the sliding scale to match the Town, County and School District would require a public hearing and adoption by local law. This would be for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2009. The Village's income limit for the aged and disabled exemptions is currently at \$24,000 compared to those at \$28,000. The sliding scale option would go to \$34,400.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to hold a public hearing on Monday, May 5th to consider Local Law #2 of 2008 regarding the income limit for the aged and disabled exemptions.

2. Accept \$2,000 grant – Rochester Area Community Foundation – Summer Serenades – Manager Coyle shared that the Village received the full request and maximum amount available of \$2,000 from the Rochester Area Community Foundation for the summer concert series. It is from an anonymous benefactor for Brockport-Sweden-Clarkson culture enrichment activities. This marks two years in a row of funded applications.

Trustee Heyen commended Manager Coyle and thanked the anonymous donor who gets a tax deduction for their contribution and helps make the series less expensive for the Village.

→ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Castaneda seconded, unanimously carried to accept such funds and thank the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. 2008 Events Schedule – Clerk Morelli said she has worked to gather information from Boards, Committees and community groups on any events being planned for 2008 that are open to the public and held within the Village limits. The schedule will be available soon.
2. Adoption of 6/1/08 – 5/31/09 Holiday Schedule –

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to adopt the 6/1/08 to 5/31/09 Holiday Schedule as follows:

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

Floater:	Thursday, July 3 (Stetson Club only)
Independence Day:	Friday, July 4
Floater:	Monday, July 7 (CSEA & non-Union only)

Floater: Friday, August 29 (CSEA & non-Union only)
 Labor Day: Monday, September 1
 Columbus Day: Monday, October 13 (non-Union only)
 Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11

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Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 27
 Day after Thanksgiving: Friday, November 28
 Floater: Wednesday, December 24 (Stetson Club only)
 Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25
 Floater: Wednesday, December 31 (Stetson Club only)
 New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1
 Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 19
 Presidents Day: Monday, February 16 (non-Union only)
 Good Friday: Friday, April 10
 Floater: Friday, May 22 (CSEA & non-Union only)
 Memorial Day: Monday, May 25

The above includes the 3 floaters chosen by various groups:

Non-Union: Monday, July 7 / Friday, August 29 / Friday, May 22

CSEA (DPW): Monday, July 7 / Friday, August 29 / Friday, May 22

Stetson Club (Police): Thursday, July 3 / Wednesday, December 24 / Wednesday, December 31

- Adoption of clarifying language regarding tax installment payment plan option – Clerk Morelli said she realizes that the proposed resolution presented at the last meeting was confusing and raised more questions than it answered. She said she had lifted the text from East Rochester's tax bill since East Rochester is the only Village in Monroe County currently offering the tax installment payment plan option. She received confirmation from Barbara VanEpps at NYCOM late today as to clarification on the law as it relates to late penalties.

As allowed by Real Property Tax Law §1434, beginning with fiscal year 2008-2009 taxes may be paid either in full, without penalty, by July 1 or payments may be made in 2 equal installments with the 1st installment (half) due by July 1st without penalty and the 2nd installment (other half) due by August 1st without penalty.

Clerk Morelli stressed that in order for a taxpayer to be eligible to pay the 2nd installment in July without interest, they must have paid the 1st installment in June. Penalties for late payments are computed pursuant to applicable provisions of the Real Property Tax Law.

Trustee Wagenhauser said the Board just received this today and suggested postponing decision until the next meeting. Clerk Morelli stressed that if the Board wishes to offer the installment option plan beginning June 1st of this year; they really need to take final action this evening. Otherwise, the option cannot be prepared for and implemented until the 2009 Village taxes.

Trustee Castaneda said the Clerk first researched this and provided information to the Board last June. Clerk Morelli concurred, but said she realizes the clarifying information was just confirmed by NYCOM today. She said the Board granted concept approval at the last meeting, but was awaiting this clarification.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried that as allowed by Real Property Tax Law §1434, beginning with fiscal year 2008-2009 Village taxes may be paid either:

- in full, without penalty, by July 1
- OR
- payments may be made in 2 equal installments
 - 1st installment (half) due by July 1st without penalty
 - 2nd installment (other half) due by August 1st without penalty

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Mayor Morton Wexler

- Budget – Mayor Wexler read the following statement.

The budget that the Village Board approved on April 7th is a product of the entire Board. I also wish to

thank Village Manager / Treasurer Ian Coyle for all the work and patience he showed during this long process. I also thank all the department heads for their assistance and fiscal restraint.

Are there some questions about this budget? Absolutely! A budget, simply stated, is a plan that generally shows the priorities of an organization. When we talk about a nearly five million dollar budget, there will be differences of opinion. Especially when five people are offering their opinion.

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This is the Village budget. I believe we demean ourselves when we blame the Town for any increase in taxes. We cannot speak out of both sides of our mouths on the assessment issue. The budget speaks for itself. If the total Village assessment showed a reduction and the Village wished to maintain the services they offer, then a large tax increase or a substantial reduction in the fund balance would occur. If the majority of the Village Board does not wish to use the Town's assessment rolls, they can pass a motion rescinding the Town's involvement in the Village's assessment. The Board should also find out how many of the 10 Villages in Monroe County have their own assessor.

When comments are made regarding tax cuts it is imperative that we are certain about the facts. The following comment that appeared in an article "That would be two years in a row with tax cuts." May lack accuracy. When you receive your 2008-2009 tax notice, you will determine if you received the stated tax cut.

2. Kleen Brite Properties – Mayor Wexler read the following statement.

Regarding the sale of Kleen Brite property, those of us who have been in the building (100 Fair Street) can attest to the fact that a share of the building has already been stripped. This occurred PRIOR to the sale, years ago. Do not blame the County or Vice Mayor Castaneda for the present condition of the building. The Village will meet with the new owners of the building in the near future. County Executive Brooks, County Legislature President Zyra and Vice Mayor Castaneda all worked for the betterment of the Village. I look forward to working with the County on any possible sale of the former General Electric building (200 State Street).

3. Appoint part time camera operator – Mayor Wexler reminded the Board that there were 4 applicants in response to the Village's advertisement for a part time camera operator to tape Village Board meetings. He said 2 or 3 of the 4 might have been qualified. He had selected a name to bring to the Board for consideration and some Trustees were not in favor. Manager Coyle had recommended one of the applicants, but the young man is no longer interested, as he is about to graduate from college and has secured a position out of state. Mayor Wexler said he is back to his original selection and recommended the Board appoint applicant John Bush. He has taped Brockport Fire Department meetings and church functions and is a Village resident.

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Mayor Wexler seconded, Trustee Wagenhauser opposed, Trustee Heyen opposed to appoint John Bush as the part time camera operator.

Trustee Castaneda said she had also attempted to fill the position with a student volunteer from Brockport Central School District. She had made contact with the audiovisual / technology person at BCSD and with Educable regarding training him. Unfortunately, the interested student turned out to be unable to accept due to his lacrosse schedule. She said J. Bush has experience and said it doesn't take a brain surgeon. Trustee Wagenhauser questioned that comment. Trustee Castaneda said that comment was per Brian Caterino of Educable.

Trustee Heyen said Manager Coyle had interviewed the applicants. Manager Coyle concurred that he interviewed 2 of the applicants and the one stood out with really strong credentials. He said one applicant didn't even fully fill out the simple position interest form. Trustee Wagenhauser suggested looking at the remaining candidate or re-advertise.

Trustee Castaneda said there's only one applicant left after John Bush, the one was the student that is moving out of state and the one that barely filled out the application.

Mayor Wexler said he was not given a reason for the rejection, but he thinks some Trustees rejected J. Bush because he had the audacity to ask questions at Village Board meetings. He said this is still the land of Stars and Stripes, not the hammer and sickle. He said he is not sure what else is wanted from a camera operator and reminded the Board that the Mayor has the right to bring a name forward for consideration. However, he won't beat a dead horse. The Village can re-advertise and then he'll bring a name forward for consideration.

Trustee Castaneda said the comment referenced earlier was not meant to demean or offend anyone – just to say that the job is not real complicated and is workable.

4. Reduction of Board Salaries – Mayor Wexler referred to 3 Trustees voting as part of the budget

approval on April 7th to reduce the salaries of the Board. He said he received correspondence from NYCOM and the Village Attorney that he shared with the entire Board. Sitting Trustees salaries can be cut only by referendum to the people. The compensation of future Trustees can be reduced by resolution. Mayor Wexler said the salary reduction of the Mayor and Trustees cannot be implemented. He suggested the 3 Trustees that approved such decide what to do and advise the Village Manager or Village Clerk.

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B. Trustee / Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda

1. Recent events and projects in progress – Trustee Castaneda reported on the following:
 - a. Village Advisory Committee – met April 8th – question arose as to whether the Village Board goes by Roberts Rules of Order or some other procedure.
 - b. Dan Zimmer Retirement – attended his retirement celebration and thanked him for his years of service.
 - c. Brockport Merchants Association – She and Mayor Wexler attended a recent meeting regarding planning for 7/11-7/13 sidewalk sale and appreciated the invitation and is glad that the North Main Street merchants will be included more. Josephine Matela inquired as to the Village assisting with funding. She told her the gifts provision that prevents it, but that the Village is considering Manager Coyle’s Celebrate Brockport proposal.
 - d. Step Up Community – She and Maria Maddalano of BHS are working with 12-15 students who will volunteer at various Village sites such as the Museum, Morgan Manning House, and Library, planting flowers etc and learning valuable skills.
 - e. 4/19 Clean Sweep – although it was too late for the Village to organize and submit an event to the NYSCC, she and some Village Advisory Committee members joined the events led by SUNY & Brockport History Club and Cub Scouts. She was disappointed in the lack of participation by Village officials on this.
 - f. 5/6 Bicycles Bring Business – announced this Parks and Trails of NY workshop to be held at the Library.
 - g. 6/7 Canalway Trail Celebration – has contacted Bill Hullfish and the Golden Eagle String Band to perform a concert on the canal on the NYSCC barge or the Rose Lummis who will be available for tours.
 - h. Museum – thanked DPW for installing a light at the top of the stairs to the museum.
 - i. 4/25 Arbor Day – 10am-noon – Tree Board has organized planting on Fayette Street
 - j. Main Street Rehabilitation Committee – to meet with Fairport Village Partnership next week.
 - k. Mayors for Meals – read a thank you letter she received for participating in the Mayor’s stead. This is the 2nd year she’s done it. It is worthwhile and a pleasure.
 - l. Community Partners Transportation Survey – the group made up of representatives of 20 local organizations began in 2006. one of the issues is the lack of inexpensive public transportation. Their survey is out and would be helpful for residents to complete. No personal information is needed. It will provide resources to move forward on transportation needs.

2. Museum window replacement –

→ Trustee Castaneda moved, Mayor Wexler seconded, Trustee Wagenhauser opposed, Trustee Heyen opposed to expend \$8,946 from Capital Project 43 to replace 21 windows on the 2nd floor of Village Hall in the Museum.

Trustee Heyen asked for clarification as to the number of windows and that previous discussion took place on insulating before replacing windows. The Museum Committee also made recommendations regarding heat and air. These items are worth discussing before making any expenditure.

Trustee Wagenhauser said window replacement was previously discussed and determined to be a good project for a member item request rather than Village funds. He inquired if member item funding had been requested of state/federal officials. Trustee Castañeda said she has invited them to tour the museum, but that Manager Coyle told her the Village can get reimbursed later. Manager Coyle clarified that he said the Board could either make a motion such as this or wait and apply for member item funding. It would be unlikely to be reimbursed.

Trustee Castañeda said in conversations with Village Historian/Museum Director Jackie Morris, the Village has really not taken care of its museum. It’s status as a museum and library of local history is the reason the Village Hall was able to relocate to this building.

Trustee Heyen said she is not against the improvements and does want to help the museum. She just wants to put it off a week or so to review the information that was just presented and

funding options.

Trustee Castañeda said there have been so many motions of hers tabled for discussion at a workshop or more information – that rarely get touched on. She cited the Smith Street Bridge issue which surprisingly had someone else make the motion a couple of months later – still without the additional information that was requested. Trustee Castañeda said Trustee Heyen has given Parks Committee information on expenditures needed on the day of a meeting and has had no problem. Trustee Heyen said she prepared a written document and placed it in front of each Board member for review.

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Trustee Wagenhauser said window replacement was brought up by Trustee Castañeda long ago and the member item suggestion was made, but she did not pursue it. The motion is not ready to come to fruition yet – just premature. Trustee Castañeda said kinda like Trustee Wagenhauser’s motion to reduce Village Board salaries.

Trustee Heyen said it is only one week to a workshop. It’s worth checking on the insulation costs and funding options. Trustee Castañeda said the Board approved expending \$10,000 to upgrade this building last year that included replacement of the 3rd floor museum windows. Trustee Wagenhauser asked Superintendent Donahue how much of that was spent. H. Donahue said the 3rd floor windows, patio work and west side of building repairs were just short of the \$10,000.

Trustee Castañeda said she knows that Mayor Wexler and Manager Coyle are meeting with Senator Maziarz tomorrow. She asked that they bring the window replacement request to him for consideration of funding.

3. Former Kleen Brite Properties – Trustee Castañeda referred to the serious accusations made by Trustee Heyen questioning whether she had ever sent a letter to Monroe County requesting their help with these properties. Although the County’s initial response to Trustee Heyen’s FOIL request for such letter was denied, they searched further and updated their response and provided a copy of the letter. She said she doesn’t know why the FOIL request was denied and is not accountable for the County. She believes she is owed an apology.

Trustee Castañeda said she disagrees with statements made regarding a lack of cooperation or information sharing. She said she has consistently tried to communicate with this Village Board and even took the time to pull copies of all of the e-mails she has sent and noted that many of them were unanswered time and again. There seems to be an issue when she comes up with ideas or initiatives, but not when other Trustees do so. She has continually tried to share information, ask for input and come up with initiatives. It is hard to communicate when some don’t respond or come to meetings.

4. Budget – Trustee Castañeda said the Board is obligated to meet publicly on spending taxpayer monies – not just e-mail. She referenced a letter to the editor stating that 3 Trustees worked hard on the budget. The entire Board did. She said she would like to see if the Village Attorney has an opinion on a quorum working on the budget while not in an open meeting. It upsets people that some Trustees meet and discuss business while not in open meeting. It seems when it comes to following procedures; they are followed when it suits some. Be fair.

C. Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz (excused)

D. Trustee David J. Wagenhauser

1. Budget & Salaries – Trustee Wagenhauser responded to Trustee Castañeda that responding to her comments leads nowhere, but that again, there were no clandestine meetings of 3 Trustees on the budget. Each met with Manager Coyle. He said a few months after they were elected he asked why she, Mayor Wexler and then-Trustee Nayman met on the police chief contract issue in private and she responded, “We’re the majority.” Regarding the budget, Trustee Wagenhauser said Trustee Castañeda’s ideas and thoughts on the pay increases for Manager Coyle and DPW Superintendent Donahue or the pay decrease for the Village Board were not brought forward prior. He said Trustee Castañeda has advocated eliminated the Village Manager raise and/or job altogether.

Trustee Wagenhauser stated that it has been brought to his attention that he was in error reporting that the Town of Sweden Finance Director received a 15% raise. Their budget noted such, but Leisa Strabel was kind enough to share that some of the money on her budget line now goes towards a part time clerk. Therefore, the Finance Director received a 4% increase, not a 15% increase as he noted. He apologized for the error. He further stated he was also erroneous in comparing Ian Coyle’s job with Leisa Strabel’s job, as the jobs are not

comparable.

Regarding the Village Board salary reduction, he reminded everyone that this was a reduction of \$1,148 each; as this was the amount each Village Department was reduced. The Board leans on Department Heads to hold the line or cut costs. The Board taking the same reduction is called leading by example. What Mayor Wexler didn't state earlier was that the Board can reduce non-sitting Trustees. There are 2 seats up in June. NYCOM's Wade Beltramo said it is muddy regarding sitting Board members in a budget resolution. He, Trustee Castañeda and Mayor Wexler are sitting Board members whose salaries can be reduced if they all agree to it. He said he stands in favor of the reduction, to lead by example and help make Brockport more affordable. Not because he is rich as has been implied. He has a mortgage, kids and a car payment and doesn't like paying more taxes than necessary. He said he would guess that

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Trustee Castañeda and Mayor Wexler will not agree to incur a salary reduction. However, he is willing to do so for the remainder of his term. He asked Trustee Castañeda and Mayor Wexler to join him in this. Mayor Wexler would still be making more than the Mayors of Spencerport, Churchville and Hilton.

Trustee Wagenhauser asked Trustee Castañeda and Mayor Wexler their thoughts on this. Mayor Wexler said he does not intend to answer to Trustee Wagenhauser or play 20 questions. He said the law is clear. If he wants to put it up for a referendum / community vote, he can. If he wants to reduce his own salary or donate the difference, fine.

2. Code Review – Trustee Wagenhauser said he has reviewed the proposed code changes thus far and they are still in need of an awful lot of work.
3. Emergency Response – Trustee Wagenhauser shared a story that might put some squabbles into context. His 8-year-old daughter was struck this past weekend when they were on bicycles near Wendy's. He called 911 and Brockport Fire Department, Ambulance and Police Department were there almost instantly. He said Brockport Police Department's Officer Rivoli heard that Monroe County Sheriff's Department was tied up, so even though it was just out of the Village, he responded. The Sheriff's Department responded shortly after. He thanked all for the quick, kind and helpful response. On a separate note, he confirmed that the particular ambulance they rode in is, indeed, in need of replacement.

Mayor Wexler said he and Trustee Wagenhauser may not always agree, but he sincerely hopes his daughter is okay. Trustee Wagenhauser said that wasn't necessary.

Kathy Snyder of the audience muttered something. Trustee Wagenhauser asked if she had something to say and that the muttering was uncalled for. She stormed out calling him a smug ass and that him sitting up there was uncalled for.

E. Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen

1. Board Communication – Trustee Heyen said the Village taxpayers encompass a large public and she knows that they are grateful for the good in the community and for the new budget. She said she has always tried to answer e-mails from Trustee Castañeda. She cited an example feeling publicly demeaned by Trustee Castañeda who last year asked her at a public meeting whether she paid for her ticket to a SUNY dinner last year. She said she had already asked her in private and the response was that she and her husband received tickets due to their affiliations with the College and that it was a donor's dinner. No one paid for a ticket unless they wished to donate to a scholarship. She said she has also filled in for Trustee Castaneda on hosting duties for Summer Serenades when needed. She has tried to be responsive. But when her character is questioned unnecessarily, then her antenna goes up. As for Trustee Castañeda's comment that she was disappointed with the lack of Village official turnout at Clean Sweep, Trustee Heyen said she was unwell and unable to participate.
2. Former Kleen Brite Properties - Trustee Heyen said yes, she foiled Monroe County for a copy of the letter that Trustee Castañeda reported that she sent regarding the former Kleen Brite properties. She had repeatedly Trustee Castañeda for 2 ½ months. She said if it had been her, she would have been proud to share an "in" with the County. An updated FOIL response came by fax to the Village Hall today between 4:30pm and 6pm. She said in her heart, she knows how this happened and that her boss (Congressional office) would have asked why there was no received stamp on a document. Trustee Heyen said now she's being FOILED by people a few community members, but she responds with her information right away. Trustee Heyen said she hasn't withheld anything and will not go along with how this whole thing was handled.

Trustee Heyen said the best thing would have been for the Village to continue its pursuit of the Brownfields Program for these properties before the properties were sold. Although 10% of the cost would be to the Village, a number of programs allow this to be in-kind services or administrative costs rather than funding. The Fair Street property is eligible and has testing needs. She said she hopes the Mayor and Village will let the new owners know all that is involved and notify the neighborhood of the change in ownership and that there will be movement on the property. NYSDEC never determined exact contamination. All in all, we were not given the opportunity to see what could be done.

3. Parks – Trustee Heyen said DPW Superintendent Donahue will continue drainage work at the Barry Street Park after spring clean up is completed. Sagawa Park has been weeded and mulched through an annual donation of Pat Sagawa. She said the Village no longer uses pesticides. She suggested that the Mayor have a grand re-opening for Utica Park with the new pavilion and thank BISCO and Petsmart.

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4. NYSCC – Fayette & Lyman Streets – Trustee Heyen said some work has been done by New York State Canal Corporation to clean up their parcel at the corner of Fayette and Lyman Streets. However, there is still more work to be done to clean up and rectify safety issues. She suggested the Mayor write a letter to NYSCC's Bill Clifford regarding needed work and an ongoing maintenance plan.
5. Volunteers – Trustee Heyen shared that the Free Methodist Church under Pastor Mutton will again be canceling some Sunday church services to get parishioners out in the community doing projects. She asked that his proposal be placed on the next workshop agenda.
6. Museum - Trustee Heyen commended Village Historian Jackie Morris for being such an ambassador. She IS the museum and a credit to the community.
7. Tree Board – Trustee Heyen said the Arbor Day planting is this Friday. The tree ordinance is also being worked on.
8. Library – Trustee Heyen said the Library has a lot of things underway with its new website, calendar of events and on-line registration for summer programs. She commended Director Cassie Guthrie's efforts. They have also adopted an organic lawn maintenance plan spearheaded by Library Board member Jeff Davignon. This is through Sara's and has no pesticides, but corn gluten. Free career counseling through a grant is also in the works as well as policies regarding cell phone use and food/drink at the library.

Trustee Castañeda said she wished to respond to a few things. She questioned Trustee Wagenhauser's comment that the interpretation is muddy regarding reducing Board salaries. The correspondence received from NYCOM and from the Village Attorney is very clear. She said she had asked the Village Board a couple of years ago to not take a salary increase. This was honorable. She previously stated that she was not in favor of a 5% raise for 2 employees (Village Manager and DPW Superintendent) when all others get a 3% raise. Two long-time employees brought this disparity to the Board's attention. Who's to say other employees don't want to be considered for a 5% raise. She did not suggest the elimination of the Village Manager's job. Regarding Trustee Wagenhauser's comment that she remarked a couple of years ago that they were the majority, that is an outright lie. If anything, that's been his stance since he has been in the majority. Regarding Trustee Heyen's comment that in her heart she knows about the letter, she said she sticks to the facts. The letter WAS sent. If there's an issue, take it up with the County. Regarding Trustee Heyen's comments regarding being questioned about the SUNY donor dinner, she said she was questioned about going to the Lakeside Hospital dinner. She said it is a responsibility of Village officials to represent at such events. So, if you point the finger, point fairly. She does not appreciate being attacked or called a liar. Regarding Trustee Heyen's comment that NYSDEC never determined what contaminants are at the former Kleen Brite properties, Trustee Maziarz specified at least asbestos at the last meeting. She said she hopes the Village will be able to work with the Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson and strengthen relations and create partnerships. It makes it difficult when some Trustees attack our neighboring municipalities.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he is surprised to hear Trustee Castañeda say that she wasn't for the elimination of the Village Manager position as she has said she is many times. He said anytime she wants to do a lie detector test, he'll be the first one strapped in. He said enough is enough. This is a silly back and forth.

Trustee Heyen commented that there are stacks of papers regarding contamination at the former Kleen Brite properties. The EPA and others were involved and asbestos was cited. Chief Varrenti asked for

information on the new owner of 100 Fair Street in case they need to respond. Manager Coyle said he would forward that information once it is documented. Mayor Wexler said he agrees there are concerns regarding those properties. There is nothing yet in writing, but we are talking. Any written communication will come to the entire Board. Trustee Heyen said she would like to discuss at the next workshop who “we” is that are talking.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AUDIT:

➔ Trustee Heyen moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, Trustee Castaneda abstained, carried that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Village</u>	4/22	#176913-176969	\$28,715.26
<u>Fire</u>	4/21	#176891	\$41.70
	4/22	#176893-176912	\$17,295.86
<u>Third Party Billing</u>	4/16	#001232	\$21.62
	4/22	#001233-001243	\$8,340.41
<u>Capital Projects</u>	4/22	#002208	\$276.94
<u>Water</u>	4/22	#001963-001969	\$61,890.43

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ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Castaneda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk