

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 2, 2007 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Hannelore G. Heyen, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: Manager/Treasurer Ian M. Coyle, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Fire Chief Rombaut.

ALSO PRESENT: Robbi Hess (Suburban News), Gloria Lear, Josephine Matela, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Bob Chapin, Pete Apicella, Doug Nothnagle, Kris Schultz, Ute Duncan, Michael Davis, Kelly Smith, Jack Mazzarella, Norm GianCursio, Linda Borrayo, John Lessord, Kathy Snyder, Bob & Debbie Ryan, James Zisovski

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Wexler called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19, 2007.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2007, be approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

GUESTS:

1. Sidewalk Café Permit Applicants –
 - a. James Zisovski – Jimmy Z.'s – 53 Main Street – Request 2 tables and 8 chairs as in the past.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to grant the sidewalk café permit for 2 tables and 8 chairs.

- b. Robert Chapin – Main Street Pizza – 82 Main Street - R. Chapin introduced himself as one of the new owners of Main Street Pizza. He requested 3 tables and 12 chairs and said he thought the previous owner had 4 tables and 16 chairs. He also asked if he could have approval to do some grilling on the front sidewalk.

Trustee Maziarz said she only recalls 2 tables and 8 chairs. Clerk Morelli confirmed. Trustee Maziarz said she is not sure the sidewalk café section of the code includes outdoor food preparation. She suggested he take a look at the code with S. Zarnstorff and that he contact the Brockport Merchants Association regarding the annual sidewalk sale and BISCO regarding the annual arts festival. She said the Arts Festival usually has vendors come in and set up.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to grant the sidewalk café permit for 2 tables and 8 chairs.

Board welcomed him as a new merchant.

- c. Peter Apicella – Java Junction – 56 Main Street – P. Apicella was in attendance to request his annual sidewalk café permit for 2 tables and 8 chairs as in the past.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to grant the sidewalk café permit for 2 tables and 8 chairs.

2. Street Closure Requests:

SUNY Brock the Port
Merchants Association Sidewalk Sale & Street Fair
Lakeside Bed Race

SUNY BSG Programming Director Mike Davis returned to the Board with more detailed information on locating the May 4th Brock the Port event in the Village. He distributed an information sheet that listed the booths and activities planned, SUNY's estimated costs and the anticipated attendance. He said there would be 30 t-shirted staff. He said SUNY is willing to consider reimbursing the Village for any police overtime costs. He said they would really like the Board to approve closing Main Street from Market Street to Erie / State Streets. He said it would be nice to extend to Water Street, but is confident that starting at Market Street will give them enough space.

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Mayor Wexler asked if Market Street would remain open. M. Davis said yes. Trustee Maziarz said keeping Market Street and Clinton Street open would be helpful. Trustee Wagenhauser asked what day of the week May 4th is. M. Davis said a Friday. He said they would like the event to run from either 3pm or 4pm to 9pm or 10pm with time to set up and tear down. He said they would need King Street closed by 11am to erect the stage. Board commented that Friday traffic is very heavy. Trustee Maziarz said she is confident that if traffic is appropriately detoured, closing this section of Main Street could work.

Trustee Castañeda asked if they could be a little flexible on the start and end times. M. Davis said an hour either way wouldn't hurt. Trustee Maziarz asked if he had an opportunity to look into insurance. Trustee Wagenhauser said the Village would need to be named as an additional insured. Trustee Maziarz said she would feel comfortable approving pending submittal of the insurance certificate. Trustee Heyen stressed the importance of providing contact information.

M. Davis reminded the Board that he met with most of the Main Street merchants and they signed a petition in support of the event and its location.

Mayor Wexler asked if he had met with Police Chief Varrenti yet and encouraged him to get the go ahead from SUNY to cover Brockport Police overtime costs. M. Davis said he had not yet met with Chief Varrenti but will do so next week.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded to approve all street closure requests that have returned to the Board tonight (Brock the Port, Merchants Sidewalk Sale and Lakeside Bed Race).

Trustee Castañeda referred to the workshop discussion regarding street closures and stressed that safety of residents and visitors and the possible costs associated with closing Main Street need to be of prime concern. She said the Board continuously asks Chief Varrenti to reduce overtime costs and yet street closures often warrant additional police coverage. The NYSDOT requirements for closing a state road require proper police coverage and traffic barricades, cones and the like. That means our police and department of public works have a role. Trustee Castañeda said she spoke with Fire Chief Rombaut about utilizing volunteer fire police. He said this would not be possible. She suggested that either a fee be charged to the groups requesting street closures that covers Village expenses or that officers considering volunteering their time on a rotating basis or that the Board consider alternative locations besides Main Street for some events. Trustee Castañeda referred to Clerk Morelli's recent memo that attached a draft that the former Mayor and Board had Deputy Attorney Aloï draft regarding special events. A policy did not result. One of the issues is that the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps need to get their emergency equipment through.

Mayor Wexler said he has real concerns with closing Main Street, especially on a Friday afternoon and evening. He said a merchant recently made a video of the traffic jam on Main Street due to a fire on North Main Street a couple of Fridays ago. He said he is not thrilled with closing a portion of Main Street at any time, but Fridays are particularly bad. He said Chief Varrenti shared that proper traffic detouring would be to close Main Street at East and West Avenues. However, there are businesses on North Main Street who lose out when this happens. Barricades make people think they can't get to those businesses. He said there are 2 sides to Main Street – north and south and that both need to be taken into consideration when entertaining a street closure request.

Trustee Maziarz read into the record the following e-mail from Pat Kutz of Lift Bridge Book Shop.

Dear Village Board of Trustees:

The Downtown Merchants are asking the Village Board tonight to close Main Street from market to State for our sidewalk sale this summer. Jo Matela, our president has the details.

I cannot attend tonight's meeting because of a religious holiday. Otherwise, I would definitely appear in person.

A Sidewalk Sale with the street closing is very important to us for many reasons. Two of which are:
Community Building: Sidewalk Sale has always been an opportunity for the community to gather in the summer time and appreciate this Village which tourists tell us all the time is a very special place. The HS band has played downtown during Sidewalk Sale every year since at least the 60s. Finances: Sidewalk Sale gives Downtown Merchants the opportunity to clean house, generate some cash, and provide bargains for shoppers during a slower time of the year.

If you do not close the street there might as well be no sale. The whole flavor is generated by children tiding their bikes, playing with chalk and bubbles, folks setting up their lawn chairs to listen to the music etc etc.

We pay a lot of taxes to the Village and we spend a lot of time and energy downtown trying to keep it going. This is really the only special request we have that incurs an expense. We need you to say yes to our request so that we can have a healthy, happy and profitable community building Sidewalk Sale.

Thanks,

Pat Kutz

Trustee Maziarz said the onus is on the Village Board to make sure the street is closed appropriately to protect safety and ensure success. The Village can do more by way of signage that states local and event traffic only, and proceed with caution, etc. If community events cease, the businesses will suffer greatly. A lot of time and effort has been spent trying to build up the community and the downtown district. She said there was a motion and a second and asked for a call to question. Mayor Wexler said the Chair would call to question.

Mayor Wexler said he has been around long enough to remember when the Merchants Sidewalk Sale was just that - a sidewalk sale. Traffic went through Main Street as usual and it went well. Over the years it has expanded and that is fine. However, the Village is just asking for trouble when it closes down a section of Main Street.

Trustee Castañeda said Trustee Maziarz had a good point on erecting appropriate signage and asked if she had checked with DPW Superintendent Donahue to see if the Village has such signage. Trustee Maziarz said she had not yet, but will do so. Trustee Castañeda said she would like to reach a happy medium, as she believes community events are important but believes that safety should come first. She said she would find it difficult to say yes to one request and no to another.

Mayor Wexler referred to last year's Soap Box Derby. He said the group originally wanted to hold it on Main Street, but agreed to try Smith Street. He said it was a tremendous success and they plan to return to ask to use Smith Street for the event again this year. Mayor Wexler said the issue of street closures was a topic of discussion at the last Department Heads meeting. All were in favor of limited closures of Main Street for safety reasons. Trustee Castañeda suggested that different locations be explored for some of the events.

Trustee Wagenhauser said he spoke with Chief Varrenti today and was assured that street closure and traffic detour can be handled effectively and safely under his direction.

Trustee Heyen referred to the sidewalk sale planned for Thursday, Friday, Saturday July 12, 13, and 14. Josephine Matela asked for permission to speak since this is on the agenda. She said she forwarded a revised request indicating that it would be held Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 13, 14, and 15. She asked if BISCO had yet submitted their request and received approval to close Main Street. Clerk Morelli said they are scheduled on the April 16th agenda. J. Matela said all community events are vital, but that the merchants are local and pay taxes here and consideration should be given to that.

Mayor Wexler referred to the Lakeside Bed Race. Gloria Lear and Krys Staub were in attendance with several committee members. She said their original request was for Sunday, July 22nd. However, since then they have spoken with the Merchants Association about holding it during the sidewalk sale weekend. They are not yet sure if it would be Saturday or Sunday, as the details still need to be ironed out. She said it would be a great collaboration and would cause street closure during one weekend instead of two. Trustee Castañeda said eliminating one closure is a great solution. Trustee Heyen

agreed.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to grant the street closure requests as follows:

- Brock the Port – Friday, May 4th – 2pm – 10pm – Main Street from Market Street to State Street. This will provide 2 hours for set up (2pm – 4pm) 5 hours for the event (4pm – 9pm) and 1 hour for clean up. This is on condition that the Village is named as additional insured and provided with a copy of the insurance certificate and that SUNY give due consideration to reimbursing the Village for any Police Department overtime costs incurred.
- Brockport Merchants Association Sidewalk Sale and Street Fair –
Friday, 7/13 – 6pm – 9pm – Main Street from Market Street to State Street
Saturday, 7/14 – 11am – 2pm – Main Street from Market Street to State Street
Saturday, 7/14 or Sunday, 7/15 – possible Lakeside Bed Race – information to come

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jack Mazarella of Brookdale Road thanked the Board for authorizing DPW to install stop signs on Brookdale Road. He said much of the traffic has slowed down and he is confident that the Police Department will take care of the rest. He said a neighbor had attended a recent Board meeting saying that she did not want these stop signs and that there was a group of neighbors against it. He said that was news to him and wondered if J. Moszak was referring to people on Brook Terrace. He said he contacted the property owner(s) of each home on Brookdale Road and obtained signatures from all but 2 in favor and 2 were out of town. He said he did not canvas Brook Terrace and did not care if they were inconvenienced by stop signs on a different street. The petition was presented to the Clerk and read, "We, the undersigned residents of Brookdale Road, would like to thank the Village of Brockport for their immediate response to our speeding traffic problem. In this short time of installing the stop signs we have seen a great reduction in the number of vehicles that were exceeding the speed limit." The following suggestions were made: to install Children at Play signs, to paint a white line where the stop signs are to help people get used to stopping, and to install another stop sign on the corner of Brookdale Road and Brook Terrace, which is an intersection, for people going east.

Trustee Castañeda said Chief Varrenti shared his concerns with the installation of stop signs on Village Streets and encouraged the Board to consider the use of speed bumps where necessary. However, DPW was not in favor of speed bumps as they are rough on the roads and the equipment. Trustee Castañeda stressed that the Board is not looking to put stop signs on streets throughout the Village and said now that the Police Department is aware of an issue on this street, enforcement may alleviate the problem.

2. Kris Schultz, Project Engineer for Sunflower Landing Subdivision off East Avenue was in attendance with Doug Nothnagle, drill and blasting contractor. He said their site work has uncovered approximately 600 linear feet of bedrock that will require blasting. He said they spoke with the Village's Engineer and Building/Zoning Officer today and in an effort to keep site work moving along in preparation for construction were encouraged to come before the Village Board this evening to request approval per Village Code.

Trustee Wagenhauser said the Board received a memo from S. Zarnstorff late today. He said he does not wish to hold up development and wants to see those houses go up, but has some questions. He said it states the law, but does not give S. Zarnstorff or the Village Engineer's opinions or recommendations.

K. Schultz introduced D. Nothnagle who shared that he is fully licensed and insured and holds all necessary certificates of competency. He does a lot of blasting work throughout Monroe County and even did some a couple of years ago in the Village of Brockport for the Remington Woods site off West Avenue and other projects in the Town of Sweden.

Trustee Heyen asked what kind of notification they provide neighboring property owners. D. Nothnagle said his insurance company dictates them to go 250 feet. In this case, the closest house is 310 feet. He said some municipalities have their own ordinances, such as the Village of Brockport. However, the distance is not specified. Trustee Heyen said she would want the immediate neighbors notified at least 24 hours ahead of time.

Trustee Wagenhauser said in his time as a Trustee, he has never had to approve a blasting permit. K. Schultz said he understands if the Board is not comfortable granting approval on such short notice, and is not looking for an uninformed decision. He said they wanted to make the request and ask if there was anything they could provide the Board in order to get approval relatively soon. He said the developer does not want to lose too much time. D. Nothnagle said he could provide copies of his insurance, licenses and such.

Trustee Maziarz said if the Village receives the information soon as well as something from the Village Engineer, the Village Board might be amenable to holding a quick special meeting. Otherwise, it would be on the next agenda.

REPORTS:

A. VILLAGE MANAGER / TREASURER - Ian M. Coyle (excused)

B. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Update official Village map and related code – call for public hearing for 5/21 – Clerk Morelli reminded the Board that she and Scott Zarnstorff had been working with Bergmann Associates on updating the Village's zoning map and street map. The Board had previously called for a

public hearing to consider amending the related Village Code text. However, it was a bit premature, as the Village Attorney had not yet reviewed it. That review has now taken place and it is time to re-schedule the public hearing. Clerk Morelli recommended May 21st since Department Heads would not be in attendance May 7th.

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Clerk Morelli shared that in the meantime McCormick Place is in the process of filing Phase II and Sunflower Landing is in the process of filing Phase 1. She asked the Board if they would like Bergmann to add those streets and lots to the maps. Board said yes.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried to schedule a public hearing for May 21st.

2. DPW – accept quote for brush grinding – On behalf of DPW Superintendent H. Donahue, Clerk Morelli reported that he had received 3 estimates for the annual brush grinding. H. Donahue recommends the Board authorize RC Excavating at \$13,900 as it includes support equipment. This cost is split with the Town of Sweden.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried authorizing DPW Superintendent Donahue to go with RC Excavating for \$13,900 to be split with the Town of Sweden for the annual brush grinding.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Trustee Maziarz

1. Main Street West Economic Development Conference – Trustee Maziarz referred to the brochure on this conference to be held May 16th and 17th in Syracuse and read the various workshop titles. She said this is very appropriate for what the Main Street Rehabilitation Committee is doing. She as liaison and committee members Bob Ryan and Chris Cook-Florence are interested in attending. Trustee Castañeda said as liaison to that committee she is also interested in attending. Trustee Maziarz said she and Chris Cook-Florence are willing to save hotel costs by sharing a room. Registration would be \$160 x 4 = \$640 and hotel would be \$119 x 3 = \$357 for a total of \$997. Trustee Maziarz said she would not be requesting reimbursement for mileage.

→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Heyen seconded, unanimously carried to send 4 people to the Main Street West Economic Development Conference May 16th and 17th in Syracuse.

2. Brochure Update – Trustee Maziarz announced that Manager Coyle was successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from Assemblyman Reilich to update the Village's brochure listing shops, Services, restaurants and accommodations.

B. Trustee Wagenhauser

1. Water – Trustee Wagenhauser reported that he spoke to Water Department Foreman Rick Herzog today whose opinion is that the water system is in a lot better shape than some may think. The main issue they've dealt with is decreasing the water loss rate through a leak detection program. The loss rate is down to 8 to 10%, which is great. The Village buys water from Monroe County Water Authority and re-sells it to its customers. Since the water fund is a moneymaker, the Village did not have to raise water rates when MCWA did. Trustee Wagenhauser said that H. Donahue and R. Herzog are looking at the Main Street Rehabilitation issue and have some ideas cost saving ideas.

2. Budget – Trustee Wagenhauser read the following statement into the record.

First, I'd like to take my hat off to Village Manager Ian Coyle who has proven once again the valuable resource he is to this Village.

Kudos should also be given to this Board, who, for the past year has worked to control costs, create efficiencies and make this Village run a little more like a business.

Since last November, I have had the opportunity to work with Manager Coyle and Trustees Maziarz and Heyen on this budget. A flat rate in today's climate of rising costs is a worthy feat. We don't believe, however, that it reflects our progress or optimism for the future.

Tax Cut. That's what an overwhelming number of residents want. The people want it, we've got it: a one percent tax cut. Tonight, I am proposing a revised budget that would cut the tax rate while maintaining all services – including full funding for the Public Works Department.

This revised budget is also responsible, while looking to the future. Projected expenses and revenues would be seen by unbiased observers as accurate, if not conservative. In addition, for the first time in

years, this amendment returns funds to both the General and Water Funds – helping us to prepare for the challenges in the years ahead.

Again, I'd like to thank Manager Coyle, Department Heads and Trustees Maziarz and Heyen. It will take hard work to continue to stabilize our tax rate and make Brockport more affordable. I believe the first steps have been taken toward that end and I am optimistic of our continued success. I will now read the amendment resolution.

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→ Trustee Wagenhauser moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded:

The Village of Brockport's "Tentative Budget" for fiscal year June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 was presented March 2, 2007 by Manager Coyle. That Tentative Budget is hereby accepted with the following alterations: 1. Amendments to Water Fund (attached); and 2. The following expense/revenue revisions (all Water Fund changes referenced here have been included in the attached Water Fund Amendment):

<u>Expense:</u>		<u>Line:</u>
Economic Development	-2,000	A6410.4
Police	-1,000	A3120.4
Police Overtime	-4,777	A3120.1
Code Enforcement Office	-500	A3620.4
Village Manager	-2,000	A1230.1 (1,000); F1230.1 (1,000)
Traffic Control	-800	A3310.4
Celebrations	-500	A7550.4

\$11,577 Total Expense Savings (General Fund \$10,577; Water Fund \$1,000)

<u>Revenue:</u>		<u>Line:</u>
DEC Grant (Trees)	+7,500	A3089
Monroe County (KBL Enclosure)	+2,100	A2389
Sales Tax	+2,600	A1120
GE (Legal Fee Reimbursement)	+5,000	A2770

\$17,200 Total Revenue Savings

General Fund Summary:

Revenues	\$17,200
Expenses	<u>10,577</u>
	\$27,777 available funds (Total Savings Found)
Calculation error	<u>1,000</u> per Manager
	\$26,777 Total available funds

Additional Appropriations:

\$17,000 for 1% tax decrease
7,777 for 3% increase for part time employees
\$24,777 appropriated

Reconciliation:

\$26,777 available funds
24,777 appropriated funds
 2,000 to fund balance: General Fund
1,000 to fund balance: Water Fund (from expense savings)
\$ 3,000 Total to replenish fund balances

Mayor Wexler said the entire Board helped with the budget and he would like to thank Vice Mayor Castañeda for her work. She forwarded questions and comments to Mayor Wexler and Manager Coyle. Mayor Wexler said his only concern is in regards to sales tax revenues. The end result of the County Executive's proposed intercept program is still unknown. Most Villages, Towns and School Districts within the County have pursued legal action. At worst, there could be a loss of 1.3 million dollars in sales tax revenue to the Village of Brockport.

Trustee Castañeda read the following statement into the record.

Although there was sharing of e-mails between some Board members, I felt that we as a Board needed to have budget workshops. We discussed the budget at a meeting when Trustee Maziarz was not present. In the last workshop, Trustee Wagenhauser went over his proposal and was unable to stay for the rest of the workshop. In my last e-mail regarding the budget I stated to the Mayor, Trustees and Manager that the Board is elected primarily as fiduciaries of public monies. We the Board have an obligation to taxpayers to meet publicly to discuss how the Village is going to spend taxpayers' money.

Trustee Wagenhauser has clearly stated that he worked very hard on the budget with Trustee Heyen and Trustee Maziarz. I would like to comment on this as well. While it is true that working on a budget results in a document, the process of planning a budget is as important as the finished product. Per Wade Beltramo of NYCOM, preparing and working on a budget when done most effectively, is an inclusive, consensus-building process. This is not to say that plans must be agreed upon unanimously or that every stakeholder gets what they want. But planning and working on a budget should be a collaborative effort, where all of the community's stakeholders are brought to the table, given a

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meaningful opportunity to express their views and opinions, and have those views and opinions either incorporated into the budget or, if not incorporated into the plan, at least acknowledged and addressed. Trustee Castañeda said this process obviously did not occur.

Expenses

The personnel line for street maintenance has been reduced by \$10,000. Where is our commitment to our infrastructure? Our streets are not in good shape. Our actual street lighting expense for this year will be \$82,000, but we are only budgeting for \$79,000 for next year. It does not seem responsible to decrease the liability insurance line by another 10%. Yes, the competitive bid process has lowered it significantly, but we should be prepared for small annual increases; not expect the premium to continue to decrease. In the Village Manager's budget message, he claims a \$20,000 reduction in health insurance premiums, yet the health insurance budget has been increased by \$53,000. The Village Manager's salary increase of 15% is out of line. I favor a 3% increase. His salary has been compared to other Village Managers' salaries as justification for the increase. Yet, the comparisons are not accurate. I was asked at the last workshop if I knew how much the Village Manager of Fairport made. I wasn't sure. I am now. He makes \$92,999 with 17 years of experience. Ours will now be making \$60,000 with 2 years experience.

Revenues

Sales tax revenue. Why are we budgeting \$22,000 more than we actually received this year? Sales tax revenues fluctuate over time. Why are we pushing the envelope on this? The same with interest earnings. Interest rates fluctuate. Why are we not budgeting more conservatively? Fines and forfeitures. Our fines collected have decreased, why are we predicting an increase? Again, why are we not budgeting more conservatively? What is the justification for a \$5,000 increase per capita state aid?

In general, I believe the proposed budget overestimates revenues and underestimates expenses. This is a dangerous game to play. It seems that someone is determined to have a flat tax rate, despite a decreased tax base. It's almost as if a decision was made to have a flat tax rate and then the revenues and expenses were manipulated to make it come out that way. Our budget needs to realistically estimate revenues and expenses. We need to fund essential services at the level that is historically required. Cuts should come from non-essential services. I don't think that sewers, sidewalks and street maintenance are non-essential.

VOTE TO ADOPT THE AMENDED TENTATIVE BUDGET:

→ in favor: Trustee Wagenhauser, Trustee Maziarz, and Trustee Heyen. Opposed: Trustee Castañeda. Carried 3 to 1.

C. Trustee Heyen

1. Park Pavilions – Trustee Heyen reported that Village DPW Superintendent Donahue and Town Superintendent Perrine went and looked at the 2 pavilions that Petsmart graciously offered to donate to the Village for use in its parks. The Town of Sweden will be allowing the Village to utilize some of their equipment to relocate the pavilions.
2. Property Remediation Committee – Trustee Heyen reported that they again met with Elaine Miller regarding making application for brown fields funding. Tentative boundary lines were discussed regarding contamination and economic development.
3. Smith Street Bridge – Trustee Heyen reminded everyone that petitions are due to Village Office by the end of the week.

D. Trustee / Vice Mayor Castañeda

1. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castañeda reported that the next meeting would be Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm at Village Hall. New members are needed. They will be re-organizing by selecting new officers.
2. Mayors for Meals Day – Trustee Castañeda reported that she attended the March 21st Mayor's for Meals Day on behalf of Mayor Wexler. She also congratulated the Town Board on making an excellent decision regarding meal service at the Sweden Senior Center.

3. Special Olympics – Trustee Castañeda reported that she attended the March 26th event to try to get the event held here in 2010. She reminded everyone of the sculpture at SUNY Brockport from when they hosted in 1979.
4. Brockport Merchants Association – Trustee Castañeda reported that she attended the March 27th meeting of the Brockport Merchants Association. Archie Kutz of the Main Street Rehabilitation Committee had prepared a summary regarding the efforts thus far.

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5. Main Street Rehabilitation Committee – Trustee Castañeda reported that the committee would be meeting with Lew Gurley whose assistance, as a consultant may be helpful. She shared that committee member and Town Board member Rob Carges took photos of many aspects that will also be helpful.
6. Assessment – Trustee Castañeda shared that NYS Office of Real Property Services notified the Town of Sweden that they have slipped below the 95% rate and could be in jeopardy of losing state assessment aid and having the state assign an equalization rate. Trustee Castañeda said it is important to remember that assessment does not determine taxes, the tax rate does.

Trustee Wagenhauser said the Town of Sweden Assessor sent out approximately 2,000 notices of change of assessment and that assessment has a lot to do with taxes. However, due to the Village's fiscal year beginning June 1st, any assessment changes will not catch up to Village taxes until June 2008. Trustee Wagenhauser encouraged anyone with questions or grievances on their assessment to contact the Town of Sweden.

E. Mayor Wexler

1. G.E. M o U - Mayor Wexler asked that this be placed on the next workshop agenda, as it has been several months since the Board met with the public on ideas for spending the monies. DPW Superintendent was to get cost estimates on some of those ideas and provide them to the Board.
2. Summer Serenades – Mayor Wexler reminded Board members to get back to Manager Coyle with their availability to host the annual summer concert series.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ute Duncan of Brook Terrace thanked the Board for their hard work on the budget. She said she like many residents like living here and don't mind paying taxes when there has been thought behind it.
2. Tony Peone of Smith Street and Brockport Computer asked if there was going to be any opportunity for public input on the budget. Trustee Maziarz said there were 3 public information meetings and a public hearing. All were advertised in the official paper, on the website and at Village Hall.

Trustee Castañeda said there were no separate Village Board workshops where the public could simply listen as there had been in the past.

3. Jim Hamlin of Park Avenue inquired as to the property remediation committee's efforts regarding the former Kleen Brite properties and contamination. Trustee Heyen clarified that the State Street site is not a "superfund site". Trustee Maziarz said it is premature to comment until the analysis and testing have been completed.
4. Linda Borrayo of Utica Street responded to U. Duncan's comment thanking the Board for the budget. She said she might not have thanked all of them if she had been to the March 26th workshop meeting in which a lot of screaming took place. She said it is more civil during regular meetings because the camera is rolling. However, workshops are not taped. She said the only officials in attendance March 26th who were civil and polite were Manager Coyle and Trustee Castañeda.
5. Norm GianCursio of College Street said he left that workshop early because he was disgusted. He said it is amazing that hardly any discussion time was spent on giving one employee a 16% pay raise but a lot of time was spent discussing outfitting Main Street with flowers. He said it was a disgrace.

AUDIT:

➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the bills be

allowed and paid upon audit.

<u>Village</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/26/07	174951-174958	2,042.64
4/2/07	174963-175005	11,836.95
4/2/07	175006	3,062.19

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<u>Fire</u>		
3/20/07	174878	100.00
3/23/07	174949	10,296.92
3/26/07	174950	21.00
4/2/07	174959-174962	8,491.63
4/2/07	175007-175024	9,417.83
4/4/07	175026	100.00

<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
3/26/07	978	36.38
4/2/07	979	33.00
4/2/07	980-981	500.36

<u>Capital Projects</u>		
4/2/07	2079	4,174.99

<u>Water</u>		
3/26/07	1678-1679	111.71
4/2/07	1680-1684	3,617.52

ADJOURNMENT:

- ➔ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk