

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 17, 2006 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Mary Jo Nayman, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Treasurer / Village Manager Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

EXCUSED: DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Laurence Vaughan, Robbi Hess (Suburban News), Jim & Joan Hamlin, Julie Carter, Matthew S., Bill & Hanny Heyen, Norm GianCursio, Linda Borrayo, John Bush, Jack Wahl, Ute Duncan, Giff Mosher, Mary Ann Rogers, Joanne Marcello, Helen Brown, Ronald Davis, Mark Kim Consagra, Dorene Estrada, Diane Hoy, Kristina Telles, Colleen Lerro, Sandeep Singh, Robert Canham, Iskra Alexandrov, Rudy Aceto, John Lessord, Fred Webster, Merv Beaney, Hal Legg, Don Hibschi

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 April 3, 2006.

➔ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Nayman seconded, unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held April 3, 2006, be approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: 6pm – Monroe County's Proposed Police Communications System Project – proposed antenna installation at 38 East Avenue (DPW) – see notes at the end of the regular meeting minutes.

GUESTS:

1. Donald Hibschi re new developments – concerns from potential buyers – Local developer and builder Donald Hibschi provided an update regarding his McCormick Place subdivision of patio homes off East Avenue. He said sales have been slow. He hired a new realtor (Danielle Windus Cook Properties). She has set up a beautiful web page and is providing a heavy emphasis on what Brockport has to offer. He shared that he lost two sales just in the past month due to high taxes and litigation. He asked the Village Board to do their best regarding taxes, but even more so to settle pending litigation, move on and make the Village what it should be. He said he can justify the taxes to most people by explaining the services that they get, but he can't justify the bickering. He said the other new development; Remington Woods on West Avenue is also struggling. Between the two, only 8 homes have been built in 3 years. D. Hibschi said his home prices are lower than those comparable in Spencerport, Hilton, or Greece. He urged the Board to focus on all our community has to offer and to return it to the quiet Village it used to be.
2. South Avenue residents re Village owned South Avenue parcel –
 - a. John Delvecchio of 78 South Avenue said he and his wife Linda have lived here for 8 years. He asked the status of the open space at 52 South Avenue, what the Board's intentions are, if there are any known interested parties and how the property is zoned. He said to leave the parcel as open space as it would not be a lot of cost or work. It only requires mowing. He said there is a high concentration of people from Winston Woods who use the property. He said he collected some of the signatures on the petition and 95% of the people he approached want the parcel to remain open space.
 - b. Iskra Alex Alexandrov of 66 South Avenue said she lives across from this parcel. Although she has no children or large family living with her, she sees families using the open space year round to play ball, sit or have a picnic. She supports keeping it open space. She said the residents in the southeast quadrant of the Village have no other park. Children and families in the area deserve a place. She said she collected some of the signatures on the petition and people are concerned that green spaces are diminishing every day. There is not a significant amount of work needed and there are property owners in the area that are willing to trim and plant flowers. She said a few of them met with Mayor Wexler and Manager Coyle and knows that raising Village taxes is a concern, but she said in the long run there are more pros than cons to keeping this open space.
 - c. Arthur Smith of 57 South Avenue said the parcel is a wonderful asset and would be a shame to lose. It is nice to see old-fashioned play, informal ball throwing, and kids making their own entertainment. It is heartwarming to see. He said he knows the Village has some tough decisions to make regarding the budget, but once this parcel of open space is gone, it's gone. He asked that this be considered.
 - d. Helen Brown said she has spent 20 years on South Avenue growing up in her mother's house then at Winston Woods and now in her own home. She said it was heartbreaking

study. As a new homeowner she does not mind paying taxes to a Village that conserves

green space. She said there are a few playgrounds throughout the Village and that is enough. Green space is important. She said she wants to have confidence in the Village she loves.

- e. Kristina Telles of 111 South Avenue said she has been there since 1994 and it is a great neighborhood – a community within itself. There are volunteers willing to maintain it if needed.
- f. Bob Canham of 30 Winston Woods since 2003 said they have looked at the Village Board's recent decision to declare this property (52 South Avenue) surplus as a serious threat to open space. He said he collected some of the signatures on the petition and the majority of people he spoke to do not want the open space impeded with playground equipment or artwork. He said the Village has been provided with a petition in 2 parts with over 150 signatures. He said many people are here from South Avenue tonight, although not all wish to speak. He asked the Village to not sell the parcel and to put the park in perpetuity to prevent future Village Board's from selling it. He said there is a beautiful Beach tree on the property. He said they checked with Morgan Manning House and with Cornell Cooperative Extension and learned that the tree is 100 to 150 years old. He said if the Village sells the land, the disposition of the tree would no longer be under the Village's control. It would likely be taken down to construct a building. He said this tree is a legacy for the future and can serve as an attraction for new residents to the Village. He asked what they could expect from the Village Board.

Mayor Wexler said there was a possible vote on the budget at tonight's meeting, but there are still a few unresolved issues and this is one of them. Board agreed to hold a special workshop meeting next week since a budget must be adopted by May 1st. B. Canham asked if they would be notified of the meeting. Mayor Wexler said it would be advertised in the next Suburban News and on the Village website. If he leaves his phone number, Ian will advise him of the date.

Trustee Castañeda said the proposed budget is very tight. Not selling this parcel could result in a 2 to 4% tax increase that will affect the whole community – every taxpayer. She said she has been thinking of a few options. It is too late to put it up for referendum on the June ballot since the budget has to be in place by May 1st. She said they could hold a less formal paper ballot at the Village Hall front counter. Trustee Castañeda said the neighbors or signators on the petition could ban together and purchase the land and then dedicate it to the Village on the condition that it remain open space.

B. Canham said the Village never set a precedent with other parks like that. He agreed that it would affect the whole Village. He understands that besides the one shot revenue of selling the property, the Village will not see the annual tax revenue of that property. However, the impact is almost minimal. He asked why risk this tree and open space and good wholesome recreation opportunities. Trustee Castañeda said she does not disagree, but stressed that it concerns all citizens.

Trustee Wagenhauser clarified that to not sell the parcel would not result in a 2 to 4% tax increase. He said from what he understands, the Village has taken the hit this year for that property. Additionally, the Village would continue to lose future tax revenue if a house or two were built there.

Manager Coyle said anytime the Village sells anything (land, equipment, vehicles, etc.) the first step it must take is to declare it (the property) surplus. The intent was to sell the property at some point. Therefore, 2 appraisers were hired to provide appraisals and a surveyor was hired to survey the property. As a courtesy, the Village sent notification to the property owners on South Avenue. The Board's goal was to realize the one-shot revenue from the sale of the property and to get the property back on the tax rolls.

- g. Robin Waller of 93 South Avenue said she has small children who enjoy the green space. Yards are small and there are no parks or playgrounds close enough for them to travel to safely or to be able to watch them from home. She said to sell the parcel would be detrimental to the Village. There has to be some other way to make the budget work. She said there is no other place for play and idle hands get into mischief. Wild kids can be destructive. She said the open parcel was one thing that attracted them to buy on that street.
- h. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said he does not have any real feeling for this issue one way or the other. However, gaining the revenue from the sale of this property is a temporary fix. It will not solve the Village's overall budget woes. The Village Board has got to make some tough decisions. Next year there won't be a parcel of land to sell. J. Bush said there are 3 houses for sale on his street and he thinks they are leaving the Village due to the high taxes. He said the Village is going to have to lay off some employees or cut departments just like industry does.

Mayor Wexler thanked everyone for speaking and said it would be discussed further at the special budget workshop next week.

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Trustee Maziarz also thanked everyone for speaking and said they have done the right thing. It is the Village Board's responsibility to make sure not only are costs cut, but that the Village is kept attractive and the community is not jeopardized. She said they have her promise that she will look long and hard before making a decision. Trustee Nayman said they have all of the Board's promise on that.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue (excused)

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti

1. Shawna Cyr – Chief Varrenti said it is a sad time for the Brockport community. Recently retired Officer Mark Cyr's 17-year-old daughter Shawna was killed last weekend in a motor vehicle accident. He shared that calling hours will be Thursday 7-9pm, Friday 2-4pm & 7-9pm with a funeral mass Saturday 11am at St. Luke's Church. Chief Varrenti said the Police Department would be providing escorts, honor guard and such on their own time with no overtime cost incurred.

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

1. Monthly Reports – S. Zarnstorff provided his March inspection report. He said it was a particularly busy month with 109 inspections. From 1/1 to 3/31 in 2005 they had conducted 150 inspections. From 1/1 to 3/31 in 2006 they have conducted 333 inspections. This is more than double compared to this time last year. S. Zarnstorff said the increased fieldwork and inspections has been in large part due to having a part time clerk in the office these last 8 months. He said when she leaves May 17th; the department will experience a big loss.
2. Fire Safety – S. Zarnstorff passed around a plug and challenged Board members to try to easily pull it apart. He said these were 2 plugs from an appliance taken out of a local restaurant in a fairly new building last week during an inspection. They overloaded the circuits, used an extension cord and the two fused together from excessive heat. The plug held the current, but the plug and cord heated up. It would have caught fire. This shows the importance of regular inspections. S. Zarnstorff paid kudos to L. Vaughan for finding this upon inspection, and explaining the concerns to the owners.

D. FIRE /AMBULANCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Chief Laurence C. Vaughan

1. Membership Adds/Drops/Transfers – Chief Vaughan asked the Board to consider approving the following drops: Karen Marenus, the following adds to the Explorer Program: Ashley Meiers and Jennifer Nobrega, the following exempt certificates: Michael Henry.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Castañeda seconded, unanimously carried approving the previously mentioned adds, drops, transfers and exempt certificates.

2. Call Load – Chief Vaughan reported that there have been 233 fire incidents year to date and 472 EMS calls year to date for a total of 705 year to date. They are averaging 7 calls per day.

3. Miscellaneous – Chief Vaughan said consolidation has gone to the companies. They will know on May 18th whether the companies are in favor of it or not, but the talk is very favorable. If everything goes as planned, the new department could be activated as early as September 21, 2006.

Trustee Castañeda clarified that this consolidation is not the creation of a Fire District. Chief Vaughan said that is correct. Trustee Castañeda referred to a recent e-mail and asked who are paid and who are volunteer. Chief Vaughan said the only paid staff is the part time ambulance employees from 6am to 6pm and the part time dispatchers 24/7. Chief Vaughan said the ambulance is fully funded (self supporting) through third party billing. No taxes are needed.

From EMS Chief Toole and Captain Vandervort – the new ambulance was placed in service on April 10th. There are a few minor items to fix, but it seems to be a piece that will service the community well.

They are working through some issues with the ladder truck as it relates to a leaking hydraulic cylinder. It is currently out of service in the factory repair shop for work. Hopefully it will be returned by week's end.

Chief Vaughan said it has been a rough week for the department. On the 8th they had a working house fire on Redman Road in Clarkson that caused considerable damage to the attic and 2nd floor. The crew did a great job in salvage work, removing much of the furnishings and household items before they were damaged by smoke or water. On the 12th they had a fatal

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motor vehicle accident at Owens Road and Route 31, which was very possibly a medical situation prior to the accident. On the 15th they had a fatal motor vehicle accident on Lake Road in Sweden. This accident hit very close to home and affected several of the members very hard.

Mark Cyr, not only being a recently retired Brockport Police Department officer, was a very active member of the Brockport Fire Department in the late 1970's and into the 1980's.

Mayor Wexler thanked both Chief Varrenti and Chief Vaughan for contacting him about the Cyr accident.

Chief Vaughan commented that everyone comes together and that Chief Varrenti and his department were wonderful to work with. Chief Varrenti said the Cyr's have a lot of people coming from outside the area and that sometimes it takes an outsider to see the good working relationships. Outsiders are not subject to the day to day bantering we know of. They see a community that comes together. For fellow officers to respond in the middle of the night outside their jurisdiction and assist the Sheriff's department and go above and beyond. Between the Police Department and the Fire Department, they made sure not a thing was left behind. Sometimes we see the glass as half empty, but this community has a lot to be proud of.

E. TREASURER / VILLAGE MANAGER - Ian M. Coyle – No report.

F. CLERK - Leslie A. Morelli

1. Sidewalk Café Permit Application – Seaward Candies – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual sidewalk café permit application from Seaward Candies for 2 tables, 8 chairs and 1 bench.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to grant the 2006 sidewalk café permit to Seaward Candies for 2 tables, 8 chairs and 1 bench.

2. Parade Permit Application – SUNY Brockport – Homecoming 9/30 – Clerk Morelli reviewed the annual application for the SUNY Homecoming Parade to be held from 11:30am to 1pm on Saturday, September 30th. She noted that as last year they would line up on Clinton Street rather than Market Street. Fire Chief Vaughan commented that worked well.

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried to grant the parade permit for SUNY Brockport for Saturday, September 30th 11:30am – 1pm.

3. Add Max's Mardi Gras Committee Members to employee / volunteer directory – Clerk Morelli distributed a list of 15 members of Max's Mardi Gras Committee and asked the Board to adopt it for inclusion in the Village's employee / volunteer directory.

Trustee Castañeda said she understands it is also to cover them under the Village's insurance umbrella. I. Coyle said that is correct. Trustee Maziarz said Bill Andrews explained to her that the first year SUNY BSG was to carry the liability insurance. However, that did not happen in subsequent years. The new BSG President feels it should be covered under the Village's insurance umbrella. Brockport Central School District said they would cover it at one point, but the festival would have had to take place on their campus. Fortunately, there have never been any claims due to the event. I. Coyle said this does not incur any additional cost. The special attractions (moon walks and rock climbing wall) have provided the Village with certificates of insurance. Trustee Nayman said the Village is 2.1 square miles and can understand covering it within our limits. Trustee Maziarz said the part of SUNY where the festival is held is within the Village.

Trustee Nayman noted that the members are not all within the Village. Clerk Morelli said two representatives are from Cerebral Palsy Rochester, one from Mendon's Camp Good Days and Special Times, five volunteers are from Clarkson, 1 volunteer is from Sweden and 4 volunteers are from the Village of Brockport and Max and his father relocated to Greece. The names are as follows: William Andrews, Lucille Brandt, Tina Bennett, Bethany Centrone, Krista Gillette, Jack Hall, Josephine Matela, Mike Monaghan, Max Monaghan, Jacqueline Morris, Roger Smith, Marcia Kucmerowski, Joseph Richards, Katie Richards, Dean Westcott.

→ Trustee Maziarz moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, Trustee Castañeda opposed, Trustee Nayman in favor CARRIED to adopt the members of Max's Mardi Gras Committee as listed.

G. ATTORNEY – Thomas D. Calandra / DEPUTY ATTORNEY – Frank A. Aloï

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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SUPPORT BOARDS REPORTS:

- A. PLANNING BOARD – Chair R. Scott Winner
- B. LIBRARY BOARD – President Matthew Minor
- C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chair John Bush

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- A. Trustee/Vice Mayor Maziarz
 1. Farmers' Market – Trustee Maziarz shared that she is having the annual organizational meeting with the Farmers tomorrow evening. She said she is open to promotional ideas and suggestions of special activities that could run in conjunction with the Farmers Market.
 2. Meeting with Senator Maziarz – Trustee Maziarz shared that she, Mayor Wexler and Manager Coyle have a meeting scheduled with Senator Maziarz this Thursday with an agenda of ways Brockport can use state dollars.
 3. Condolences to Cyr Family – Trustee Maziarz extended her condolences to the Cyr family. The loss of 17-year-old Shawna has really permeated the community. She was well known and respected as are her parents Mark with a long career with Brockport Police Department and mother Kris as a teacher with Brockport Central School District. She said it seems as if each spring there is a tragedy such as this. She hopes they find peace.
- B. Trustee Castañeda
 1. Condolences to Cyr Family – Trustee Castañeda also extended her condolences to the Cyr's. She said those who have children know that losing them is the worst thing imaginable.
 2. Village Advisory Committee – Trustee Castañeda said the next meeting is May 9th and all are welcome. The last meeting brought the topic of the South Avenue parcel, which is why the residents were here tonight.
 3. Budget – Trustee Castañeda commended Manager Coyle for doing a really good job with the budget. She said he can't work miracles and the Village can't use a band-aid approach to solving its budget problems. She stressed the importance of eliminating Village Assessing and turning it over to the Town of Sweden as is an option the State supports. This will save the Village \$2,000 to \$3,000 and eliminate a lot of office paperwork. She suggests the Village and Town also share Building/Zoning services as some other communities are doing. This could save \$23,000 per year. She suggests looking at different ways to man the two crosswalks for school students rather than paying crossing guards. She suggested a police officer on duty take over the one hour on Main Street and Centennial Avenue. Chief Varrenti said that is a 2-hour shift. She said the Village could look at staffing with volunteers. Trustee Castañeda also suggested that the economic development line be cut and the part time person not replaced. She said Manager Coyle has taken on this responsibility and is doing a good job. Finally, Trustee Castañeda suggested looking into eliminating the day shift of the Police Department, which could save \$175,000. She said the Village of Brockport is too small to carry such a large tax rate.

Trustee Castañeda asked Chief Varrenti for a summary of what percentage and type of crimes occur during the day shift 6am – 2pm. Chief Varrenti said off the top of his head the type of crimes included 2 bank robberies and the most violent rape. He cautioned the Board about getting rid of crossing guards or a police shift. It is important to fully do the homework on the issue. Trustee Castañeda said she admires Chief Varrenti's loyalty to the police department, but hers lies with the taxpayers. Chief Varrenti said with all due respect she has no idea of where his loyalties lie. It is with the people of the Village of Brockport.

Chief Varrenti said although public safety may account for 35% of the budget, 65% is going somewhere else. However, the Police Department takes 100% of the blame for budget woes

year after year. Trustee Castañeda said it is not a matter of blame. She said these are just suggestions of things the Village needs to take a good look at.

C. Trustee Wagenhauser

1. Budget – Trustee Wagenhauser said all municipalities are dealing with rising costs for fuel, utilities and health benefits. He acknowledged the efforts of Manager Coyle saying he has done a phenomenal job. Trustee Wagenhauser said the proposed budget has a decrease in spending from the current budget. It may not be large, but it is significant that it is a decrease. Further the proposed tax increase started at over 11% and they may be down to 6%. Coupled with the suspension of the sewer rent, the majority of taxpayers would not pay much more than last year. Trustee Wagenhauser said he can raise some questions, but he knows what the response will be. “You’re a police supporter.” He said he does support the police department, but agrees that the Village has to get the costs down.

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Trustee Wagenhauser said to propose cutting a shift of the Police Department with no research, studies or public hearings is incredible. To try to get this in before having to have a budget in place by May 1st is unrealistic. He said there were 2 public hearings on his refuse collection proposal. He said he would have to think the logistics of operating 2 shifts instead of 3 would be many. This would cause the layoff of 2 to 4 people with severance implications. Trustee Wagenhauser said he requested a breakdown of calls per shift from Chief Varrenti and learned there is an average of 10 calls per day during the 6am to 2pm shift as opposed to an average of 12 or 13 calls per day during the other shifts.

Trustee Castañeda agrees that the public needs to weigh in on this issue through public hearings or a vote. She said she gets comments that she is “anti-police” but she is not. She said she wants 24/7 coverage, but needs to look at the cost. She said a savings of \$175,000 is a conservative figure for eliminating the day shift. Manager Coyle said the implication of parking tickets, which produce revenue, needs to be looked into. Trustee Castañeda agreed that it should be looked into thoroughly.

D. Trustee Nayman

1. BISCO – Trustee Nayman shared that she attended the recent BISCO meeting. They are already beginning to plan for the 2007 Arts Festival and are concerned of how the proposed NYSDOT Main Street rehabilitation will impact that. Manager Coyle said the last he knew, NYSDOT plans to let contracts in 2007 and do construction in 2008.
2. Crossing Guards – Trustee Nayman said coverage at the 2 particular crosswalks is needed in some form. She said she heard that Brockport Central School District used to help pay for the crossing guards. Manager Coyle said he checked with Superintendent Fallon and he was not aware of any assistance such as this. He will follow up with him.

E. Mayor Wexler

1. Appointment(s) to Village Advisory Committee – Bob Canham and Iskra Alex Alexandrov –

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried to appoint Robert Canham and Iskra Alex Alexandrov to the Village Advisory Committee.

2. Bienvenida Proclamation – June 18-25 farm worker recognition –

→ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Wagenhauser seconded, unanimously carried adopting the following proclamation for the upcoming Bienvenida.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 1,000 migrant farm workers who come to the Hamlin, Clarkson and Brockport area constitute the backbone of our area’s agriculture workforce; and

WHEREAS, the farm workers are members of our community for approximately six months of each year, during which time they plant and harvest our crops; and

WHEREAS, as residents of the Hamlin, Clarkson, Brockport community, migrant farm workers make a substantial contribution to our local business economy.

NOW THEREFORE, The Village of Brockport Board of Trustees designates the week of June 18th – June 25th as a week of recognition of the presence and contributions of our local farms and farm works, and proclaims Sunday, June 25th as a Day of Welcome to the migrant farm workers.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Brockport Village Board on April 17, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed this day, April 17, 2006.

3. Budget – Mayor Wexler commended Manager Coyle on his work on the budget. He said he has the pleasure of seeing him plug away at it every day. He said this is going to be a problem year after year and there is no easy solution. The money simply isn't there. As Manager Coyle told the Board, if you want to maintain the services as they are, taxes will have to go up. He said Manager Coyle is not a magician. He said the Department Heads have tried very hard to cut where they can, but there is not much that can be taken out.

Chief Varrenti said he is passionate about law enforcement having served for 28 years. He reminded the Board that he did a cost study on going to 911 and the pros and cons of limiting local dispatchers 3 years ago. He said before the Board cuts a police shift, they should find out

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where the money went when the Village cut full time local dispatch. The Village is no further ahead today.

Mayor Wexler said he met with the Union Presidents and the DPW is willing to help out with a cost saving idea of \$50,000 to \$100,000 over 5 years. However, the Police Union is not providing any assistance at this point. Mayor Wexler said he understands Unions very well, having sat on the other side of the table for much of his life. He said had help been forthcoming the tax increase could have been 1 or 2%.

4. Set Special Workshop Meeting re budget – Wednesday, 4/26 7pm in place of regular 4/24 Village Board workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Bush of 157 Barry Street said he knows Police Chief Varrenti thinks he and others are downing the Police Department. He said he has reviewed the contracts of the police union and the DPW union and believes the unions have the Village in a stranglehold. He asked Manager Coyle what besides fuel costs have gone up. Manager Coyle said health insurance went up 10 to 12% and retirement costs have increased. He said some budget figures have been brought up to more realistic levels. J. Bush said only in Brockport do employees get 100% medical and dental coverage while employees and for the rest of their lives. Chief Varrenti commented that is not unique to the Village of Brockport. Manager Coyle said employee benefits are a large cost center. J. Bush said if the Unions don't give in, then the Village will have to do something about it. Trustee Castañeda said there are some provisions in the contracts that are unfavorable.
2. Mary Ann Rogers of 5 Perry Street said she read that by the Village Board not signing Chief Varrenti's retirement waiver 211, it would put more onto the taxpayers. She asked how it serves the taxpayers to refuse to sign this waiver. Mayor Wexler said he would be happy to talk about this, but doesn't think it should be discussed now that it is in litigation. This will all eventually be decided in court. Both sides will have the opportunity to state their case. M.A. Rogers said this is all at a cost to the taxpayers.

Trustee Castañeda tried to make a comment and M.A. Rogers asked her to please keep her mouth shut so she can hear what the Mayor is saying. M.A. Rogers said not everyone in the Village or on the Village Board is in agreement on this issue. Mayor Wexler said he is well aware of that and knows that it was a 3 to 2 vote on the Village Board. M.A. Rogers said the Board should be able to understand why people in the community are at a boiling point regarding this litigation.

Trustee Maziarz said it is important to remember that every \$15,000 equals a 1% tax increase or decrease. So, by not signing the waiver it is slightly more than a 1% tax increase. M.A. Rogers said if people have half a brain they could figure this out. This is costing the taxpayers.

3. Sandeep Singh of Brook Terrace asked if the public would have the right to speak at the April 26th workshop meeting. Mayor Wexler said it is not a public hearing, although by and large this Board rarely tells people they can't talk. He said they would appreciate a civil tone and brevity since there will be a lot of business to get done. Mayor Wexler said the Board represents the public and needs to hear from them.
4. Chief Vaughan commented that as a Department Head of Fire and Ambulance they need police services on a regular basis and often in a hurry. Any shift elimination will affect fire and ambulance response as well, particularly 3 times a day at shift change. They often have to wait a long time for Monroe County Sheriff's Department response.

Chief Varrenti said if the Board is truly going to consider eliminating a shift, they should look at elimination of the police department as a whole. He said they should either support the department or get rid of it – reap the benefits or suffer the consequences. He said they should do all things well. He referred to the Village of Fairport’s experiment with eliminating a shift and then returning to 24/7 coverage. He suggested it be put up to a referendum and that the department isn’t incrementally killed. He said to act now for this budget is waiting until the 11th hour. When it’s gone, it’s gone.

AUDIT:

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

<u>Village</u>		
Date	Check #	Amount
4/4/06	173201	180.00
4/4/06	173202	52.08
4/5/06	173203	1,615.24

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4/10/06	173210	5,780.00
4/17/06	173265	108.57
4/17/06	173218 –173264	33,629.72

<u>Fire</u>		
4/3/06	173199	164.50
4/17/06	173211 – 173217	8,736.60

<u>Third Party Billing</u>		
4/17/06	764-771	6,542.56

<u>Capital Projects</u>		
4/17/06	1986-1989	33,760.50

Sewer

<u>Water</u>		
4/17/06	1390 – 1400	35,373.79

ADJOURNMENT:

➔ Trustee Castañeda moved, Trustee Maziarz seconded, unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: 6pm – Monroe County’s Proposed Police Communications System Project – proposed antenna installation at 38 East Avenue (DPW).

PRESENT: Mayor Morton Wexler, Trustee/Vice Mayor Carrie L. Maziarz, Trustee Maria C. Castañeda, Trustee David J. Wagenhauser, Trustee Mary Jo Nayman, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Fire Chief Laurence Vaughan, Treasurer / Village Manager Ian M. Coyle, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli.

Mayor Wexler said the following legal notice was published in the March 27th edition of Suburban News, posted on the Village’s website and Village Hall bulletin board and as a courtesy it was mailed to property owners within 500 feet of 38 East Avenue.

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a **Public Information Meeting beginning at 6:00pm on Monday, April 17, 2006**, in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York regarding the following:

- Monroe County’s Proposed Police Communications System Project – proposed antenna installation at 38 East Avenue at the Department of Public Works garage. This will provide an enhanced radio communications system for all local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service agencies.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Wexler shared that on January 31st he, Trustee Castañeda, and Chief Vaughan attended the public information open house meeting sponsored by Monroe County for the proposed police

communications systems project.

Per their flyer, "The Police Communications System project will provide an enhanced radio communications system for all local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service (EMS) agencies. Monroe County currently provides, operates, and maintains the voice and data radio communications system and infrastructure for all local law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service (EMS) agencies which includes a system of over 42 radio center sites and antennas. Due to new federal regulations, federal homeland security concerns, rising public demand and spectrum limitation, the current UHF voice radio system must be replaced by a digital voice and data radio system.

This project will include the replacement of communication equipment at the existing radio center sites and antenna locations, installation of six 180-foot tall antennas at new locations, replacement of one existing 160-foot tall antenna with a new 180-foot tall antenna and replacement of one existing 60-foot tall antenna with a new 120-foot tall antenna pole. The new 180-foot tall antennas will be triangular, self-supporting structural steel lattice towers. The new 120-foot tall antenna pole will be a single, self-supporting pole. Each site will also include an emergency generator to provide electrical power during service outages and will be enclosed with an eight-foot high steel security fence."

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Mayor Wexler said there are 8 proposed sites throughout the county. The proposed west side installation closest to us would be for a new antenna at 38 East Avenue at the Village of Brockport's Department of Public Works. Mayor Wexler said he has heard on numerous occasions over the years from the Police Department and Fire Department of the need for improvement in certain areas of the Village.

Chief Vaughan shared that Fire and EMS have some issues communicating with certain areas of downtown Brockport and with other agencies. They rely on 911 to backup local dispatchers so all of their eggs are not in one basket. The closest satellite receiver is by the Lake View Cemetery on Lake Road in Sweden. He said the best transmission is straight. There is not a good signal within line of site. Chief Vaughan said this proposal also gives them a transmitter site for using the new digital paging system. He said people might have noticed that they no longer blow the siren at the firehouse. They have to carry 2 pagers. One is a tone and voice pager for local dispatch. The other is a digital pager for jobs. He has been carrying a demo pager and has found a lot of dead spots. To further complicate matters, because our area is considered close to Canada, the FCC and Canada's counterpart reject most new licenses for power reasons. Chief Vaughan said coverage is very important. The corner of East and West Avenue to Lake View Cemetery has a radiated signal. The County is adding tower sites to guarantee full coverage and an overlap in coverage to eliminate dead spots. He stressed that this is not a cell site. It is strictly related to public safety communications. He said it would additionally help with the technology of in car computers like the MDT's that are in police vehicles. Chief Vaughan said everyone benefits from this. Public safety personnel are more likely to return home safely as well as citizens that call for assistance. He said it is pretty scary when people are trapped in a fire and responders are afraid of missing a transmission. Chief Vaughan said the portable radio is their lifeblood. Batteries wear down and power output drops. They need a receiver site. He said the new paging system has 17 transmitter sites. He said the new pager doesn't even work in the basement of the firehouse.

Chief Varrenti said he does not have 1/100th of the technical expertise of Chief Vaughan, but he knows that upon his arrival here 4 years ago an officer was talking into the radio and shared with him that the radios don't work in certain parts of the Village. He said he immediately went to Gates Police Chief T. Roche who sits on the communications committee. He said if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. Therefore, Chief Varrenti said he was enlisted to sit on that committee. He said there would be a new 800-megahertz system in Monroe County. The experts determined the best locations for radio sites. They cannot be incommunicado. The Village of Brockport is in somewhat of a valley with the lowest point being the DPW compound at 38 East Avenue. For this reason and since it is a government owned site and available for use without having to purchase property, this was determined to be the best location.

Chief Varrenti referred to the December 19th bank robbery where the person announced he had a bomb. The officers radioed in and stayed on Channel 1. If they had been switched to Channel 2, they would have lost all communication. He said he could provide a demonstration of the dead spots in the Village if needed. For 911 to be able to copy the radios is critical. This proposal will alleviate 98% of the problems. Monroe County is paying for the entire upgrade. He said it may be aesthetically pleasing, but it is very necessary. If it does not go up, people's lives are in danger. It is to ensure good public safety. He said this is for all public safety operations within Monroe County including the Sheriff's Department, all local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and EMS operations. He said no officer or responder in the year 2006 with today's technology should be in a position to not have communications. This is not a luxury, but a true need.

Mayor Wexler said the County made it clear at the January 31st open house on the proposal that areas were tested and that this is technically the best location to service our area. They made it clear that it is

going to happen.

John Bush of 157 Barry Street asked the height. Mayor Wexler said 180 feet. J. Bush asked if the state and county would use this too. Chief Varrenti said yes. J. Bush commented that it would help if the Village were to get rid of its local police. Chief Varrenti said true. Chief Vaughan said this study drove a lot of capital improvements. J. Bush asked why they couldn't add 50 feet to the top of the cell tower. Chief Vaughan said they need 24/7 service. When you rent from a cell tower, you are at their mercy. They also prefer their own secure sites due to homeland security issues. J. Bush asked if this would take place of the one in Bergen. Chief Vaughan said no. Chief Varrenti said Bergen is not in Monroe County. J. Bush asked if there would be lights on it. Chief Vaughan said no. Chief Varrenti said there would also not be any other equipment on it. It will strictly be for public safety. J. Bush asked if there would be any dangerous rays. Chief Vaughan said no.

An unidentified man asked if there would be any affect on wireless networks and where exactly it would be located. Chief's Vaughan and Varrenti said there would be no affect on wireless networks at all. It would be located by the salt shed at the DPW. Chief Varrenti said the tree line there is 100 feet. The antenna will go an additional 80 feet.

The public information meeting ended at 6:25pm. Mayor Wexler thanked everyone for coming.