

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, June 21, 2010 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Deputy Mayor Christopher R. Martin, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Trustee Hal S. Legg, Clerk Leslie A. Morelli, Interim Treasurer Mary Beth Lovejoy, DPW Superintendent Harry G. Donahue, Police Chief Daniel P. Varrenti, Building/Zoning Officer Scott C. Zarnstorff, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Henry

EXCUSED: Fire Chief Scott Smith, Village Attorney Michael Leone

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Snyder, Tom Mangan, Bernie LoBracco, Joe & Jo Matela, J. Levandowski, Ute Duncan, Bill Andrews, Vikki DiMatteo, Ray & Jackie Morris, Kevin Swartout, Bill & Hanny Heyen, Jim & Joan Hamlin, Christine Hamlin, Karen Zok, Margay Blackman, Dan & Missy Donovan, Sri Ram Bakshi, Peter & Susan Smith, Pat Kutz, Rachel Blair, Jim Getz, Laurie Gurnett, Kathy Speer, Mary Jo Nayman, Tom & Darlene Lang, Carol Hannan, Norm Giancursio, Fran Bovenzi, Paul Galloway, Francisco & Linda Borrayo, Matt Sauers, Linda Clay, David Markham, Joan Marcello, James DeMaria, Mark & Katherine Kristansen, Jack Rollwagen, Laura Emerson, Harry Snyder, Art Appleby, John Bush, Brian Winant, Dave Moore, Rudy Aceto, Fred Webster

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Martin presented the Mayor with a gift – a gavel to use during Village Board meetings as necessary.

Mayor Castañeda called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Hunsinger said the record should emphasize that this is a meeting of the Village of Brockport, as the dissolution referendum of June 15th failed.

MISSION STATEMENT: “To provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport’s unique heritage and historic character.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Clerk Morelli shared that the June 7th and 13th minutes will soon be forthcoming.

AUDIT – PAY BILLS:

➔ Mayor Castañeda moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the bills be allowed and paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	06/21/10	101,043.81
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	06/21/10	49,408.49
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	06/21/10	38,621.37
FUND (T):		\$189,073.67 Grand Total

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Tom Mangan of Utica Street read the following prepared statement:

Good evening.

The people of Brockport have spoken. But just because dissolution was defeated doesn't mean the job is done. A lot of people spent a lot of time researching many good ideas to fix Brockport's financial problems. Now you have to make sure those ideas are implemented.

Revenue Production

- Village Court
- Sewer Use Fee
- Points and Penalties System for Code Enforcement
- Reassessing rental properties (they are not single-family homes)
- Updating current tax assessments (very undervalued by State formula)
- Student Fee
- Grant Writer
- Village Manager

Cuts

- Eliminate Fire Dispatch
- Eliminate the Water Department

If you don't act, and act now, what have we accomplished?

We already know how to do the Sewer Use Fee, and you can implement that tonight.

During the Wexler administration, all of the groundwork was done for a Points and Penalties Property Maintenance Code, so you can implement that almost immediately. Plattsburgh just did, and they have a SUNY College just as Brockport does.

Do something, and do it now. Start tonight. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

2. Pat Kutz of Brockport Merchants Association & Lift Bridge Book Shop – distributed a flyer on the annual Brockport Merchants Association Sidewalk Sale to be held July 8th – 10th and 2 street closure request applications. The first is to close Main Street from State/Erie Streets to Market Street from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Thursday, July 8th for the High School Band concert. The second is to close Market Street from Main Street up to the Fire Hall Saturday, July 10th for Family Fun Day.

P. Kutz said the Board has said no to recent BMA requests such as flower purchases, basket hanging, and flower watering in the downtown commercial district. The BMA partnered with volunteers to plant flowers around the trees and to raise funds for hanging flower baskets. Unfortunately, here it is late June and the flower baskets have not been hung. She cited other municipalities with civic pride and recognition of the economic benefit of such. She said while she does not reside in the Village, she pays taxes here. She said she hopes they can see their way to clear to say yes to these annual street closures. She said she believes in public/private partnerships.

3. Jim Getz of Park Avenue – commented that the dissolution referendum results were not an affirmation of the status quo. He urged the Board to act on various suggestions and solutions being brought forth. He said if in 4 years nothing has changed, results on such a referendum would likely be different.

4. Josephine Matela of Adams Street – shared that Carol Hannan's campaign brochure was clear on what she stands for and presented several ideas. Some of these include elimination of the Water Department and of Police overtime. J. Matela said that while it may not be popular to hire in difficult financial times, the Village needs to add to its Police force to get rid of the high overtime. She cited the populations and size of Police Departments of Cortland, Geneseo, Fredonia, Plattsburgh – all municipalities with SUNY colleges. She reminded all that the Village of Brockport is the largest populated Village in Monroe County and yet it has such a small Police force. She said when she first became Mayor, police overtime was \$250,000. Currently there are officers regularly working 50 to 60 hours per week. The Village can't continue on the same path or they won't cut overtime costs.

5. Karen Zok of High Street – read the following prepared statement:

Is their motto not "to protect and serve"?

We have a drug house on our road. The police know about it because my husband and I and another neighbor allowed an officer (Officer McCracken) to sit in our homes and observe the comings and goings at the drug house. The day I agreed to let the officer sit in our home which was January 20th, Chief Varrenti stopped me as I was leaving the village meeting and thanked me. I got a lot of odd looks and do not appreciate him putting the lives of my family in danger so he can look good. The officer spent 7 days sitting in my home watching from the living room window, we supplied video and license numbers of cars and descriptions of people on foot that arrived at the house. The cd with the video and the chip from my camera were returned to us by an officer (Officer Deto) in a marked car again causing suspicion by the neighbors. My husband and I were approached to two officers (Sergeant Mesiti and Officer VanDervort) in Jimmy Z's in front of several patrons after Officer McCracken was done sitting in our home and proceeded to discuss with us what kind of evidence would be required to get a search warrant to enter the drug house. On the day of the stabbing on Utica Street (May 17th), my daughter kicked a plastic bag on the sidewalk near our home. It appeared to be a white powdery substance rolled into a ball wrapped in plastic then placed inside of a sandwich bag. I placed a call to 911 to have an officer pick it up. My call was placed somewhere around 6pm that evening. The officer (Officer Mesiti) did not get to my home until near 10pm that night. His excuses were as follows, 911 told him I had found a bike, and they were very busy with a stabbing, an accident, etc. I knew about the stabbing and the accident but the stabbing was around 2pm and the accident around 5pm. These

are just excuses. I certainly did not tell the 911 operator I had a bike. I am going to FOIL 911 to see what the officer was told for sure. A few days later we were told that the bag contained baking soda and not cocaine.

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The night before the dissolution meeting on May 25th one of the officers (Sergeant Mesiti) stopped my husband and I while we were out for a walk with our dog on the corner of Park and South to inform us that the dealers on our road were only small time dealers, and they were only selling marijuana. He told us that he had talked to the homeowner and she said she knew nothing about it, was crying and that she would tell the dealers that they were being watched by the police. He informed us that he also asked when the dealers were moving out and she told him their lease was up in August.

We have a vacant house on our road that has been purchased, but right now is empty. As we were walking by Sunday, June 6th, we noticed the side door open so we called the police for them to check it out. When the officer (Officer Mesiti) came down the road there was a car parked on our street on the north side of the road facing out in front of the drug house. The officer had to pass the car to come into our street because High Street is a dead end. While the one officer was in the house, the dealer hurried to move his car into the road and move the car that was parked in the road into his driveway. Another officer (Sergeant Mesiti) came down our road and parked in LeFrois' driveway while the other officer was still in the house and waited in his police car. We were sitting in front of our house with neighbors and while the officers were on our road, two more drug deals appeared to occur.

Last, we have many parties on our road due to college kids. There is one house that had a party and when the officers (one unknown, and Officer VanDervort) arrived around 12:30 or so I believe the parties were told who called because after the police left and as the parties were leaving they walked by my house removed my vote yes sign, replaced it with vote no signs and then said "F you" near our bedroom windows.

So whom may I ask are our Brockport Police protecting and serving? If I were to have loud parties, get drunk, have campfires and sell marijuana I would be arrested, but I guess it is ok for others!

6. Margay Blackman of Park Avenue – read the following prepared statement:

The legacy of last Tuesday's historic vote is still a village divided but one in which its citizens, regardless of their views on dissolution, will likely be much more involved in village government. We all want the services the village offers, and none of us wants to pay higher taxes for them.

Pro-Brockport wants to see this village succeed, financially and otherwise, and will, in the months ahead, press the village board to consider creative and sensible solutions to that end. Tonight I would like to address increasing revenue by an active grant writing program.

Brockport has missed the boat on some important opportunities for grant money. Unlike the much smaller communities of Middlesex and Elba which applied for and received federal stimulus money for road and sidewalk improvements, Brockport is saddled with a 2.5 million dollar bond for the Main Street water and sewer improvements, a project that would have been eligible for federal stimulus money. And we have the eyesore, environmental hazard and chemical wasteland at 100 Fair Street, which was sold at auction for ¼ of its assessed value. Its new owners caused a hazmat incident and owe back taxes on the property. The opportunity was lost to apply to the NYS DEC's Brownfield Opportunity Areas program to have the site assessed, rehabilitated, sold for redevelopment and put back on the tax rolls at a much higher value.

This is not to say that the village hasn't applied for grants. The police and fire departments have received a number of grants, and even the volunteer chairs of village affiliated boards have sought and received grants, most notably Bill Andrews. As head of the historic preservation board, Bill has single handedly brought in thousands of dollars of grants, gotten our village designated as a Preserve America community and our downtown on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Town of Clarkson, like a number of other municipalities, has a grantwriter. For the last five years they have contracted the services of J. O'Connell and Associates of Clarence, New York at a fee of \$21,000 per year. I spoke with Bill Ey, Assistant to the Town Supervisor, who said the town has been very pleased with this firm and their results. Their grantwriting, he said has resulted in literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for the Town of Clarkson, including a \$181,000 Brownfield grant from the DEC in 2007.

Can't afford \$21,000 a year to retain a grantwriter? How about contracting one on an as needed basis? Still too expensive? Look around the community; Brockport doesn't lack for expertise in grant writing. Perhaps volunteer time coupled with a modest stipend. However it's done, the opportunity for increasing the revenue stream through grants is there. Brockport cannot afford not to systematically

and aggressively apply for grants.

7. Bernie LoBracco of Adams Street – said the issue of fairness to taxpayers needs to be addressed. One way is to reinstate the sewer use fee. This means all properties, whether tax exempt or not, pay for the service they use. All would benefit from this.

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8. Dan Donovan of Chappell Street – read the following prepared statement:

We need a strong mayor and trustees. We need code enforcement and sewer usage fees restored. We need new revenues from a village court, a points and penalties system, and to end unfair property taxation.

We need Roberts Rules of Order implemented to end the unruly behavior of people at board meetings. We also need to reinstate Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Vaughan's hours and put a moratorium on further student housing in the village. We need to turn some of the rentals back into single family residences that will help us bring new residents to the village.

We need to return this village into a place where families can come to live and grow up here.

The three trustees have to remember that they can be removed if they fail the people. But, before that can happen, we need the resignation of Mayor Castaneda. Then and only then can we move forward. The people of Brockport need a strong mayor that has the welfare of this village at heart. Not a mayor that has destroyed it.

The future of Brockport is now. We will move forward with a Mayor and Trustees that have our best interests at heart.

9. David Markham of King Street – read the following prepared statement:

I want to thank Police Chief Varrenti for bringing in over \$16,000 from Monroe County Stop DWI. I have noted that in 2008, the last year that I could find data, the number of DWI arrests in the Village went up to 77 from 59 in 2007. Also, the University Police made 27 DWI arrests in 2008. That's a total of 104 in a 2.2 square mile area averaging 2 per week. As a father who had 2 of his children killed in a DWI crash on Route 31 in Ogden in 1993, the enforcement of our drunk driving laws is very important to me personally and should be to all of us for our safety. In spite of the media hype, we are all much more likely to be hit by a drunk driver than by a terrorist. I am very grateful to the Brockport Police Department for keeping us safe from drunk drivers. The fact that more weren't killed and injured is due to our Police Department's good work.

10. Pete Smith of South Street – commented that election day was a great day for Brockport and that he is proud of all who voted. He said there are ideas out there. He encouraged the Board to act with urgency. It is do or die. He said it is evident that there are widely differing views on the Board. Each is certainly entitled to their views, but what the community needs is a government that truly wants the Village to succeed. It could be considered treasonous if someone is on the Board to not help the Village prosper. While he does not ask for anyone's resignation, he said it would not be disgraceful to resign if one is truly not up to the task. He suggested Board members look at themselves in the mirror and if they cannot serve properly, step down.

11. Tom Lang of Carolin Drive – said he and his wife have been Village residents for 20 years and feels the Village kept silent from the public that 1/3 of the properties carry the burden for the Village since 2/3's is tax exempt. He questioned why this wasn't made public long ago. He said he feels the number of registered voters and the voter turnout was sad. He said he believes many more people would have put up signs for dissolution, but they didn't want to offend their neighbors. He expressed dismay that he asked DPW for a net on the tennis courts at Corbett Park – a simple thing – and was told the Village can't afford it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed Local Laws #1 & #2 of 2010 – amendments to Village Code Chapters 34 & 51 –

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Clerk Morelli read the following legal notice and stated that it was published in the Village's official paper (Suburban News), and posted on the Village's official website and at Village Hall.

Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a Public Hearing

beginning at 7:00pm on Monday, June 21, 2010, in the Conference Room of the Village Hall, 49 State Street, Brockport, New York to consider proposed Local Law #1 & #2 of 2010 as follows:

Amendments to Village Code

- o Chapter 34 – Parking
- o Chapter 51 – Trailers, Trailer Camps and Camping

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The text of these proposed Village Code changes is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk, and may be inspected during normal business hours. It is also posted to the Village website www.brockportny.org. All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Art Appleby, Chair of the Code Review Committee, highlighted the proposed changes to Chapters 34 and 51. Regarding Chapter 34, some of the changes were recommended by NYS DOT regarding Main Street. A. Appleby said DPW Superintendent Donahue and CEO Zarnstorff conducted an inventory of no parking areas. Some changes are minor in nature such as the relocation of handicapped parking spaces more to the center, clarified procedures around emergency street and parking closures.

Regarding Chapter 51, A. Appleby shared that a lot of work went into this as the existing ordinance is very old and outdated and much of it related to tent camps and trailer parks which has been eliminated. Storage trailers didn't previously exist. Rules on motor homes and storage on properties of PODS type units have been included.

Mayor Castañeda thanked A. Appleby and invited public comment.

Jim Hamlin of Park Avenue said 51-4 makes it illegal to have a trailer camp in the Village. He shared that 15 years ago when he served on the Code Review Committee, they were told they could not be banned. He asked if the State code has changed on this. He said 51-5C3 regarding distance used to be 25 feet from the road edge. Now it is 15 feet from the curb edge, right of way or public sidewalk. He asked which do you use and asked if all right of ways in the Village are the same. DPW Superintendent Donahue responded that they are not. J. Hamlin said the distance from lot lines cannot be met in some cases. He said 51-7 violations and penalties is inconsistent. Section A says a written notice shall be issued. Section B says verbally or in writing. Section C says shall. He said this seems to be a mixed bag.

Mayor Castañeda reminded the Board of the suggestion made by a member of the public at the June 7th meeting in regards to the issuance of parking passes for municipal lots in the downtown commercial district. She also reminded the Board that it could reconsider the year round parking ban on Village streets from 2am to 6am and change it to November to April (snow season) only. She wondered if it made sense to deal with those issues while considering amendments to the parking chapter.

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

Mayor Castañeda recommended the comments be reviewed by the Code Review Committee and any necessary changes be brought back to the Village Board for consideration at the late July meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS: None

CERTIFICATES OR PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Present retirement proclamation to DPW/Water Department's Kevin Swartout –

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to adopt the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; Kevin M. Swartout has been employed by the Village of Brockport Department of Public Works since May 19, 1986; and

WHEREAS; he has worked devotedly on behalf of the people of the Village of Brockport regardless of the peril or hazard to himself; and

WHEREAS; he has helped to safeguard lives, property, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; the Village of Brockport acknowledges the dedication and talent Kevin M. Swartout has invested in the community; and

WHEREAS; the year 2010 marks the occasion of his retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maria Connie Castañeda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Village Board do hereby tender this certificate of recognition, and congratulate Kevin

M. Swartout on his retirement and encourage all our citizens to extend to him their best wishes.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Brockport Village Board on June 21, 2010.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have here unto set our hands and caused the Corporate Seal of the Village of Brockport to be affixed.

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GUESTS:

1. Bill Andrews, Historic Preservation Board Chair – Clinton Street redevelopment plan – B. Andrews referred to the final proposed Clinton Street Master Plan prepared by Clark Patterson Lee, Bero Architecture, Dudley Breed, and Camoin Associates. As he previously explained, this study was funded entirely by grants from the Preserve America Communities and Community Development Block Grant programs. It elaborates and develops the Brockport Canal Front Master Plan that was adopted by the Village Board in 1998. The Historic Preservation Board respectfully asks the Village Board to adopt this plan and, when appropriate, to incorporate it in the next version of the Town-Village Comprehensive Plan. Eligibility for outside grants often depends on the proposed project having been included in such an official plan. No applications for such funding are contemplated at present, but might be in the future. However, adoption of this plan does not constitute a commitment by the Village to apply for any such grants. The Greater Brockport Development Corporation is recruiting a developer for 60 Clinton Street and the Village's endorsement of this plan may assist. The process of developing this plan included a presentation to the Village Board and 2 public hearings. In response to comments at the public hearings, the original draft plan was revised and the original is now included as a possible, long-term alternative. Otherwise, the plan seems to have met with general approval. As the study points out, the Clinton Street area is the most underdeveloped neighborhood in the Village and the one with the greatest potential for becoming a major economic asset and for increasing the tax base of the Village. Implementation of this plan would enable the Village to realize that potential.

B. Andrews said of the 4 Mayors and numerous Village Board members over the years of this long, involved, transparent process, there has never been a negative vote. He asked the Board to grant approval to the Clinton Street Master Plan.

Mayor Castañeda clarified that it involves no Village monies. She inquired if it calls for the elimination of any residential properties. B. Andrews said no. However, there is only one parking lot available on Clinton Street – the one by the Police Department. Additional parking may be required in the future, but the economic benefit and assessment of development would more than compensate for any property tax loss of a residential property.

→ Trustee Legg moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve the Clinton Street Master Plan.

B. Andrews said this plan is a guide to provide direction and inspiration. It is incumbent upon the Village Board to provide leadership and do what it can to attract developers and investment. He said he would be happy to remain involved and assist in any way he can. He asked that the Board include this in the next update of the Town of Sweden / Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (All Department Heads are in attendance the 2nd meeting of each month)

- A. PUBLIC WORKS – Superintendent Harry G. Donahue
 1. Authorization to fill and advertise for Water Department vacancy created by retirement – DPW Superintendent Donahue reminded the Board of his June 7th request for authorization to advertise internally for the vacancy. Replacing the last person who was at the top of the pay scale with someone at the entry level end of the pay scale would result in a \$27,000 savings for that position. He said he is down to 1 person in the Water Department and it is difficult to run a department with one person.

Mayor Castañeda said this will be discussed in executive session.

- B. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniel P. Varrenti
 1. Agenda items – Chief Varrenti shared that he submitted the following items for his portion of the agenda and the Mayor responded that she would put one of the items under her report. The items were: hiring of current part time officer Richard Cranston to full time police officer to replace Officer Rivoli who left 3 months ago, to publicly address some concerns and questions the Mayor has had with the day to day operations of the Police Department, and other police department issues as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

He reminded the Board that a resolution was unanimously adopted at the December 21, 2009

meeting (Mayor Castaneda was absent) to immediately replace any officer who leaves the Brockport Police Department. Officer Rivoli left approximately 3 months ago. Chief Varrenti said his choice then and now is to fill the position with Officer Cranston. He said he was unable to make that recommendation back then as Officer Cranston wasn't reachable on the Civil Service list until now. Although Officer Cranston will come in at a rate higher than the starting rate of a new officer, the Village will save in excess of \$20,000 in uniforms, training, background, medical, and psychological expenses. Additionally, he reminded the Board that the Union agreed to sign a memorandum of agreement with him allowing Officer Cranston to fill the hours vacated by Officer Rivoli at a part time rate until such time that he was reachable on the Civil Service list. This has

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occurred for the past 60 days and has saved the village thousands of dollars in overtime. At this time, and in accordance with Civil Service law, he recommends the hiring of part time officer Richard Cranston to full time police officer.

Mayor Castañeda said the Board would be happy to consider such and will do so this evening in Executive Session.

As to publicly addressing a concern raised by the Mayor, Chief Varrenti said there was a gathering a couple of Sundays ago in which cars were parked in front of the Alumni House on the east side of the road. The organizers of the event asked for and received a special exception to park and not be ticketed. Chief Varrenti said special parking exceptions have been requested and granted to others. Chief Varrenti said the Mayor informed him that Rhett King registered a complaint. He had not identified himself. Chief Varrenti said he always recommends complainants provide their name and address. If they truly wish to remain anonymous or do not want Police Department interaction, they need to make that clear.

2. Deputy Mayor Martin – Chief Varrenti thanked Deputy Mayor Martin for his service on the Village Board these past 8 months and for being a Board liaison to the Police Department.
3. Trustee-Elect Hannan – Chief Varrenti welcomed Trustee-Elect Carol Hannan and said his door is always open and he welcomes Board ride alongs.
4. Brockport Merchants Association Street Closures Requests – Chief Varrenti commented that he has no issue with the street closure requests for the annual Sidewalk Sale special events. As in the past, there will be adequate police coverage without incurring overtime. He simply asks that the Police Department be allowed to determine how best (at what point) to close the road for public safety and ease of traffic.
5. Stop DWI – Chief Varrenti thanked David Markham for his earlier comments. He said the 2009 numbers just came out and that 2008 was one of the highest DWI arrest years for a number of reasons. It is unlikely that there was less drinking and driving in 2009. Arrests were down likely because officers did not sign up for as much DWI overtime since they are doing their best to backfill other shifts. The grant money this year was less than the previous year due to less arrests. He said they do the best they can with the number of officers they have. Chief Varrenti shared that the Department's one female officer is on maternity leave and was off the road for several months. This brought the 24/7 Department to 7 officers on the road. Each DWI arrest probably saves someone's life.
6. Grants – Chief Varrenti concurred with earlier public comment about the need for a grant writer. However, it is important to contract with a grant administrator, not just a grant writer. The work is not done once a grant application is written.
7. Response to K. Zok comments – Chief Varrenti said he could respond point by point to the statement read earlier by Karen Zok, but won't. He said countless hours were spent on the drug house complaint. There is a drug issue on the street as there is elsewhere in the Village. They are doing the best they can. It is a never ending battle. He apologized if he was wrong for thanking her at or after a Village Board meeting.

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

1. Report on Crisis Leadership Class – S. Zarnstorff referred to the report and handouts he provided the Board on training offered by the Department of Homeland Security. He attended at no cost to the Village. Although he knew a bit on the topic of emergency management, he gained a lot more information. The costs of disasters can be phenomenal. Municipalities need to be prepared and have adequate funds to handle emergencies and seek reimbursement later. There is work to be done on the Village's Emergency Operations Plan. He previously volunteered to have his office review and recommend updates to the EOP to the Village Board. This project is still on his to do list.

2. SUNY – S. Zarnstorff said SUNY has asked him to participate in another task force. He is

currently on the task force for a smoke free Brockport campus. SUNY plans to put this into effect by 2011. They are now forming a task force on student issues – specifically off campus student affairs through Dr. Wilson’s office. He commended SUNY for showing a desire to work with the Village on issues.

3. Points and Penalties System - S. Zarnstorff shared that repeat violations take up a great deal of his code enforcement time. He believes the points and penalties system that he researched and presented to the Board a couple of years ago could be a good tool to deter repeat problems – particularly since he is currently a Code Enforcement Officer of one – working alone.

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D. FIRE / AMBULANCE / DISPATCH – Deputy Chief Michael Henry

1. Calls for Service – 406 fire calls and 881 EMS calls year to date.
2. Membership Drops & Adds – None
3. Authorize 8/26-8/29 Vital Signs conference Transportation – Deputy Chief Henry said the latest proposal from EMS Chief VanDervort is to charter a small bus. They request the Village pay half and the Fire Department private fund drive monies pay half.

Trustee Blair said last fall the Village Board approved sending 18 volunteer EMT’s to the annual Vital Signs Conference which is to be held this year in New York City. The approval was for the conference registration fees and did not include travel or per diem, etc. From his understanding, they are down to 14 of the 18 able to go

Trustee Legg asked the total cost of this training conference. Mayor Castañeda said she emailed EMS Chief VanDervort several questions and had not yet received a reply. She directed Interim Treasurer Lovejoy to contact EMS Chief VanDervort today who found the registration fees to be \$170 per person if by June 30th or \$200 per person after June 30th, \$71 per day per diem, 8 hotel rooms, chartered bus all totaling \$10,504. This does not include parking, gratuities, etc. The budget line has only \$8,000 for the entire year. Trustee Legg said he sees a couple of problems. Firstly, this was an inadequate proposal from the start as it didn’t include all of the costs. Secondly, \$10,000 is a lot to ask of the taxpayers to fund for training for 14 volunteers. He questioned whether this is the only such training opportunity. Maybe there is something locally. He questioned whether any of these volunteers will lose their EMT certifications if they do not attend. He questioned the 4 people having bowed out of the training and questioned whether they or the Village will suffer any repercussions for such.

Deputy Chief Henry reminded the Board that these volunteers, like the paid staff, provide ambulance services that bring in revenue to the Village’s General Fund.

Trustee Legg said obviously the Village wants its people certified and re-certified so they are able to continue providing EMS services. However, his inclination now having been more fully informed and still having so many questions unanswered is to not approve this expense. The Village Board needs to more carefully examine proposals and is happy to entertain such if all of the information is provided, true need is determined, and all costs are taken into consideration.

→ Trustee Legg moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to rescind the prior approval for travel/training to NYC for the 2010 Vital Signs Conference.

Deputy Mayor Martin said he served as Ambulance Captain for several years and knows that when this conference is announced, it is customary to gather information on who wants to attend. Since these are volunteers that are employed elsewhere, some may find that they are unable to get time off from work. He suggested the 3 Fire Chiefs and the EMS Chief meet to iron this out and prepare a detailed proposal. There is no need to hash this out at a Village Board meeting.

Trustee Blair said he is supportive of training and took it upon himself to reach out to a couple of other agencies as to what they do. He said he learned some cover the expense for the class (the registration fees), but not for travel, food or accommodations. These agencies are not in the financial distress the Village is in. He also learned that there are more local training opportunities in Rochester and Buffalo, although they are scattered over time rather than in a concentrated one-shot conference.

Trustee Hunsinger said he is also supportive of training, but the Board needs to receive true and total costs and be educated about options before voting on such expenses.

Trustee Blair concurred and said the standing of the member should be considered before

being sent for travel/training as well. Are they active? Do they need certification or re-certification?

Deputy Chief Henry said he understands and shared that this proposal did not come through the Fire Chiefs Office.

Deputy Mayor Martin said New York State should be ashamed of itself for planning this conference in New York City – one of the most expensive places.

Trustee Legg suggested pursuing other alternatives that respect the time of the volunteers, but more importantly, allow the Village to be appropriate stewards of taxpayer monies.

Interim Treasurer Lovejoy suggested a travel policy. Clerk Morelli said the Board created one a few years ago. It is in the appendix of the Employee Handbook and all Departments have it.

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- 4. EMT-Advanced (ALS) & EMT (BLS) Staffing – Board referred to the memo from EMS Chief VanDervort requesting authorization to hire additional paid ambulance staff (3 ALS and 3 BLS). This would not be to increase the hours, but to cover the existing hours as some staff are unable to dedicate sufficient time to cover all shifts and staff under the 24 hours/week maximum. The volunteer staff continues to cover 92% of calls not covered by the Career staff.

→ Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 directing Clerk Morelli to request from Civil Service a current certification of eligibles list for EMT-Advanced and EMT.

- 5. Hose Testing – Trustee Blair reminded the Board that the hose testing proposals were tabled until the new fiscal year. Trustee Legg said he recalls that it was so the money was approved and expended within the appropriate fiscal year. Trustee Blair said the lowest quote was for \$2,500 and was to be scheduled to be done in August. He reminded the Board that the Fire Department did their own hose testing last year and the need to change the governor on the truck caused damage at significant expense.

→ Trustee Blair moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve the hose testing and accept at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

INTERIM TREASURER – Mary Beth Lovejoy

1. Budget transfers & amendments –

→ Trustee Legg moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to authorize the following budget transfer / amendments.

Account From:	Account To:	Amount:
	A2089.0000	\$2,500.00
	A6520.4000	\$2,500.00

Purpose: to amend the budget for the donation by Mark and Kelly Lewis for the 2010 Farmers Market. (covers \$2,000 for co-managers salaries and \$500 for advertising)

A5182.4040	\$4,403.04
A2680.0000	\$4,403.04

Purpose: to allocate insurance recovery money to budget code expense will be paid from – Total expense is \$5,445.00 and to increase the insurance recovery revenue code (A2680.0000) by the recovery as well for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. (relates to damage to a light pole)

- 2. Tax Collection – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy shared that Clerk Morelli reports \$445,552.45 in tax collection June 1st to today. Clerk Morelli said the banks and tax service agencies make payment in late June. Interim Treasurer Lovejoy shared that the PILOT payments totaling \$110,525 have come in. It was discovered that the PILOTs had been under billed in 2008 and 2009 by \$4,700. This has been recovered, with no questions asked. The PILOTs may have realized the Village had not used the proper figures in 2008 and 2009.

- 3. National Grid Refund – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy said she discovered that the Village had a \$3,000 + credit balance on one of its National Grid bills. Apparently, the account was overpaid in May 2009 and the Village never requested a refund. She said she has requested the refund.

- 4. Seymour Library – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy reported that she and Mayor Castañeda met with the Library Director and members of the Library Board on June 15th. They discussed a number of items including the Village handling of Library finances, accounting, payroll, benefits, Civil Service, etc., and gets no compensation for such, nor is it budgeted for in the library budget, the fact that the Village Clerk signs their accounts payable checks, but plays no role in that function, the fact that former Treasurer Coyle was still the electronic signature for the library employees who receive live paychecks instead of direct deposit, the need for the library to

get on the accounts payable schedule of the Village if the Village is to continue handling such, the budget process of dealing with 3 municipalities with the "low bidder" setting the tone for the others. Further, at the same meeting, Cassandra Guthrie resigned to the Library Board as Director. She has been offered a position elsewhere.

5. Fire Service Contracts with Towns of Sweden and Clarkson – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy reported that she and Mayor Castañeda have a meeting with the Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson Supervisors tomorrow to follow up on the meeting held in April. She expressed dismay that the Towns did not follow through on their promise to pay their quarterly fire service contract payments on time. They were due June 15th.

Trustee Hunsinger referred to a recent letter to the editor in the local paper from the Clarkson Town Board and said it is good to stress that there really are discussions taking place regarding fire service budget and contracts.

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6. Fiscal Year 06/01/09 – 05/31/10 Close Out – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy said the Board had a lot of bills to review and initial today, as she is working to close out the expenditures to fiscal year 6/1/09 – 5/31/10. In rough figures projected revenues look to be coming in at 96% of what was budgeted and projected expenditures look to be coming in at 92% of what was budgeted. That wouldn't have been the case had the Board not imposed the non-essential spending freeze in January. There looks to be an approximate \$200,000 operating surplus. The main reason is that the Village was hand-delivered a check for \$168,000 from its workers compensation program for surplus. Otherwise, it would have close to break even.

7. Purchasing & Procurement Policy – Interim Treasurer Lovejoy said the Village's purchasing and procurement policy needs to be updated and needs to include encumbering. Otherwise, the Village will not really get a handle on its finances. She will work with Department Heads and identify staff who are responsible for signing purchase orders. They will implement a purchase order system.

8. Payroll & Accounts Payable – Interim Treasurer shared that she has been handling payroll and accounts payable since the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's departure 5 weeks ago. She has identified areas to streamline and how to maximize use of the payroll system. She created salary notices for employees and asked for them to be reviewed, signed and returned. They were well received as it lays out exactly what is included by way of pay and benefits in paychecks as well as outlines the sick, personal, vacation and comp time banks. The payroll system will be set up to track this properly. Interim Treasurer Lovejoy commented that the way the Police Department does their timesheets is excessive. She confirmed with the auditors and OSC that timesheets are only needed for exceptions. Salaried employees are guaranteed base pay.

Chief Varrenti said that's what he said about timesheets a year ago. Clerk Morelli said it was her understanding that the auditors and OSC recommended each and every employee submit a timesheet and that the Department Heads sign off on them.

Interim Treasurer Lovejoy said it is clear that she won't be successful continuing to handle payroll and accounts payable on her part time hours. She said she believes extra hours should be offered at some point to a Village Hall staffer to handle these functions.

F. CLERK - Leslie Ann Morelli

1. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vacancy – Clerk Morelli said while she agrees with Interim Treasurer Lovejoy that there may be more efficient ways of handling payroll and accounts payable, she reminded the Board that the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position is one that is supposed to and used to assist with many more functions than just payroll and accounts payable. As Village Clerk, she inherited much of the workload of the Deputy Clerk that retired in 2007, has far too much workload on the back burner, and regularly works excess hours. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and the true needs of the Village Office need to be carefully considered.

2. Village Election Results – Clerk Morelli shared that she received certified results from Monroe County Board of Elections as to the June 15th election and dissolution referendum.

County Board of Canvassers

The County Board of Canvassers having canvassed the whole number of votes cast at the Village of Brockport Election held in this state on the 15th day of June, 2010, do hereby certify that the following votes were received:

Brockport Village	Brockport Village Trustee – 3 Year Term Carol L. Hannan	728 Votes
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Preservation (Write-In)	Christopher R. Martin Daniel P. Kuhn	495 Votes 271 Votes
Scattering		18 Votes
Blank and Void		120 Votes
Whole number of votes		1,632 Votes

Carol L. Hannan, by the greater number of votes, is hereby elected to the office of Brockport Village Trustee – 3 Year Term in and for the Village of Brockport.

Proposition One		
Shall the Village of Brockport Be Dissolved?		
Yes		662 Votes
No		959 Votes
Blank and Void		11 Votes
Whole number of votes		1,632 Votes

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G. VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Michael Leone, Esq. of Harris, Chesworth, O’Brien, Leone (excused)

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

A. Mayor M. Connie Castañeda

1. Appoint to Welcome Center Greeter Program –

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to appoint the following as Welcome Center Greeters: Sarah Brinklow.

2. CSEA Contract –

→ Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement between the Village of Brockport and CSEA for June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2015.

3. Dissolution – Mayor Castañeda shared that she has forwarded letters of thanks to Center for Governmental Research, League of Women Voters, and NYCOM for their assistance in educating the public on dissolution and to Monroe County Board of Elections for the voting machine demonstration and the Election Day assistance.

4. Statement – Mayor Castañeda read the following prepared statement:

Now that the election is over, the Village needs to move forward. We all need to recognize that the officials on the board, including me, have been elected by the people of this Village using the same democratic process that was used to determine the outcome not to dissolve. Our Board has been given the opportunity to show our residents and taxpayers that we can turn our current financial situation around. The only way to do that is with a clear plan. Our Board needs to create the environment within our Village for that to happen. These are some of the things that we will be doing within the next couple of months...

1. We will establish the goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 fiscal year
2. We will define the roles and authority of Village officials, department heads and other personnel so that they are clearly understood by all; everyone involved will be held accountable
3. We will establish appropriate guidelines for conducting Village business - i.e. the use of email (for what purpose and who should be included, better use of other communication practices)
4. We will establish a board meeting agenda that keeps issues moving and decisions being made in a timely but knowledgeable way
5. We will conduct our business openly by holding open discussions and sharing information with our residents at our board meetings and on our website
6. We will continue to listen to the concerns of our residents
7. We will become more aware and familiar with the finances of our Village
8. We will monitor those finances and adjust our services to meet the financial position the Village encounters

We will make the Village of Brockport financially sound, provide services to our residents in a cost effective manner. Our budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year has begun...we will improve our accounting practices and monitor closely our budget. As requests come to the Board, we will ensure they are included in our budget, if not we will determine what we will give up to fund the necessary expense. We will become fiscally responsible as a Board.

B. Trustee Kent R. Blair

1. Thank Deputy Mayor Martin – Trustee Blair thanked Deputy Mayor Martin for his service since October and said he hopes he will continue to be involved where appropriate.
2. Red spray paint on State Street – Trustee Blair expressed concern of red spray paint on State Street in front of Village Hall shortly before the Village Elections.

Chief Varrenti said he was notified by a Village Hall staff member of red spray paint markings on State Street. They were not done by the Village or by Monroe County Board of Elections.

The Police Department started an investigation and is confident that whoever made such markings will be identified. He said he is unsure a crime was committed as he does not believe there was real damage. However, appropriate steps were taken prior to Village Election Day and an investigation is underway.

3. Response to recent article – Trustee Blair referred to comments made by Dan Kuhn in a June 20th Suburban News article as to the “politics of fear”. He said such comments concern him. Trustee Blair said 3 of the 5 Village Board members attached themselves to a group of people trying to save the Village. However, they took a back seat. It was for the residents to decide.

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4. Unauthorized work on Village property at Fire Department Headquarters at 38 Market Street – Trustee Blair said it was brought to his attention that unauthorized work is being done on Village property in the front of Fire Department headquarters at 38 Market Street. Apparently this is for a monument approved by the Fire Council. DPW has put labor and equipment on the project.

Board questions included the following:

- On whose authority did work on Village property commence?
- Who was notified of such?
- Details of the scope of the project and necessity at this time.
- Details of the costs of the project (Fire Department and DPW).
- Breakdown of Fire Department private funds versus Village funds.

Board points included the following:

- The property is owned by the Village.
- Village Board was provided no information, nor was any approval sought or granted.
- The Village’s non-essential spending freeze remains in effect.
- The Village’s purchasing policy requires \$2,000 and over needs Village Board approval.
- DPW has other work to be done and some that has been put off due to money and staffing.
- The Village is in a new era and is being watched by all.
- Accountability, consistency, and communication are vital.

→ Trustee Legg moved, Trustee Blair seconded, Deputy Mayor Martin abstained, carried 4/0/1 to place a stop work order on the project and require a response from the person(s) responsible.

C. Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger

1. Moving Forward – Trustee Hunsinger said he had not planned on attending this evening’s meeting, as he is working at a swim camp in Pennsylvania right now. However, he got the ok to make the drive home to be here. He looks forward to the Village moving forward and continuing to make improvements. He looks forward to working with Chief Varrenti on picking up where they left off on investigating the feasibility of a Village Court. Chief Varrenti said he’s ready. He looks forward to working with Code Enforcement Officer Zarnstorff on possibly implementing a points and penalties system for rental properties. CEO Zarnstorff said a draft of a Village Code chapter on it is already written. Trustee Hunsinger said there is no need for public displays of affection on the Board. All 5 do not have to like each other, but they do have to work together.
2. Dissolution – Trustee Hunsinger said since he had called NYCOM’s Wade Beltramo to invite him to make a presentation on dissolution, he called him to thank him as well.

Deputy Mayor Martin commented that he went to W. Beltramo’s presentation in January and had asked him in person if he would do such presentation in Brockport, and was told no.

Trustee Hunsinger commended both sides of the dissolution issue for doing what they had to do. There were some muddied waters here and there, but the best thing to come of it are

everyone's watchful eyes. He said he hopes everyone works together on goals and communication. He said a phone call from the Mayor or a fellow Board member can be very worthwhile. He said the gloves are off. It is time to move forward.

D. Trustee Hal S. Legg

1. Statement – Trustee Legg read the following prepared statement:

I begin this evening with a few words about Deputy Mayor Chris Martin. Chris took office at an extremely difficult time in our village's history and gave, as have all members of the village board, time and effort than most folks realize. His efforts were felt most, I believe, in the village's labor negotiations with both the Stetson Club and CSEA and in personnel matters, which invariably require thoughtfulness. I have enjoyed working alongside Chris, and I'm thankful for his timely contributions to the winning effort to preserve the village I know he loves.

Second this evening, I have an update on some litigation for which village taxpayers are funding a defense. Way back in October of 2008, the village, by a 4-1 vote, adopted housing code updates intended to enhance the municipality's ability to ensure tenant safety by providing for periodic inspection of rental properties. In 2009, the Brockport Sweden Property Owners Association, in a 49-page court petition, sued the village, claiming that the housing code changes were unconstitutional. On July 21 of last year, New York State Supreme Court Justice Matthew A. Rosenbaum upheld the village's housing codes, rejecting the association's argument that Brockport's law violated their Fourth Amendment rights. The property owners' attorney stated shortly thereafter that his clients would appeal. Now, going on a

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year since Justice Rosenbaum's ruling in favor of the village, he has petitioned the court for an extension to give his clients even more time to file their appeal.

Next, the Village of Brockport Farmers' Market opened for the season this past weekend. I'm looking forward to another successful season of fresh produce and neighborly hobnobbing in the Water Street parking lot down by the canal and visitors center.

Finally, let me share that I am grateful to voters for declaring—and not by a small margin—that our community shall move on from the question of dissolution. I know I speak for my colleagues on the board of trustees when I say that we appreciate the chance to continue advancing your village. All of us realize that better management will be the key to renewal; that the path to our success follows collaboration, not division; and that the stakes remain high.

It is heartening to know that the majority of residents view this place as more than a cost structure, that we cannot quantify our quality of life as if our families were businesses, as if our bottom line as parents and neighbors were spelled out in dollars and sense. You know, as do I, that we profit from this village in ways that are intangible yet invaluable, and that money isn't everything.

Thank you for rejecting the idea that Brockport's history, its heritage, and its uniqueness are mere entries on a bank ledger.

Thank you for rejecting the idea that our children's safety and our neighborhoods' security rely on services that are too inconvenient to provide.

And thank you for rejecting the idea that pessimism, hopelessness and surrender are the only responses to adversity.

The defeat of last week's referendum did not end Brockport's challenges. Indeed, our recent and ongoing budget work, labor negotiations, and policy revisions mark the beginning of change here. Now it's up to your elected officials to build a better future for Brockport through our actions; and so begins a time of great opportunity in our canal village. However, for this brief moment tonight, I celebrate and reflect.

There's no doubt that these last few months have been stressful, perhaps especially for village employees. Most have for years done right by Brockport, and they've continued to work hard despite the looming uncertainty. Please join me in saying thanks for hanging in there to our department heads, office staff, our police, firefighters, and our DPW.

Next, I'd like to acknowledge the even keel of the current village board on this journey that began late last spring with an independent audit of Brockport's books.

After learning that our reserves had been spent into deficit to the tune of more than a quarter million dollars, and that the general fund would have to cover that enormous, unforeseen cost, we bit the bullet and appropriated the funds to address that problem.

Upon hearing a forecast that the village's operating budget would face a shortfall of several hundred thousand dollars in 2009-2010, we instituted a spending moratorium and found additional revenue.

Your village didn't end up borrowing a penny to cover its costs for the last fiscal year.

In response to the dire condition of the village's water fund, which had lost more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2008-2009, we adjusted rates, not because we wanted to, but because it was necessary to keep the fund out of the red.

Confronted with the reality that the last several village budgets hadn't even been balanced, and that the processes for developing those spending plans had been varied and inadequate, we hunkered down, took an honest look at the numbers, and raised taxes, not by the 18% that some had so loudly proclaimed as inevitable, but by a more modest amount.

Once the implications of labor costs in the village were clear, we ratified union contracts that call for no pay increases for two years and lowered the cost of providing health insurance across the organization.

Connie Castañeda, Chris Martin, Scott Hunsinger, Kent Blair and I have faced, for months, intense criticism as we rose to these and other challenges that were not of our making. We've come to understand that that's the job, and we have walked the walk without becoming distracted by the passions of the issues.

We're still standing. And now, because of you, so is our historic village.

May God bless you. May God bless the ones you love. And may God bless Brockport.

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E. Deputy Mayor Christopher R. Martin

1. Brockport Merchants Association Street Closures Request -

→ Deputy Mayor Martin moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to approve the street closures request of the Brockport Merchants Association in regards to the annual Sidewalk Sale: Thursday, July 8, 2010 6:30pm to 8:30pm Main Street from State/Erie Streets to Market Street for the High School Band Concert and Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 9am to 4pm Market Street from Main Street up to the Fire Hall for Family Fun Day.

2. Tax Exempt Percentage – Deputy Mayor Martin responded to the gentleman who during public comment expressed surprise at the number of tax exempt properties and percentage. Deputy Mayor Martin said this figure has increased very insignificantly over the years. The Village of Brockport has always had a high percentage of tax exempt properties. He encouraged the gentleman to become more informed. This information is always part of the budget preparation and hearings.

3. Statement – Deputy Mayor Martin read the following prepared statement:

As I prepared for my last meeting as a Board Member and as your Deputy Mayor, I could not help but reflect on the last eight months and what they have meant to me. I wanted to share how this responsibility has impacted my life; at times turning it into one helluva roller coaster ride.

When the Mayor offered me the position as Trustee and asked me to serve as her Deputy Mayor, I was honored to think that out of over 8000 residents, I was her first choice, so I have been told. She came to me with problems, and we discussed solutions. With very few exceptions; I always felt that her heart and most of her calculations were in the best interest of all of you; the residents and taxpayers. My only regret was that when we agreed on matters in open session, when we appeared at public gatherings, it was viewed negatively by some of you. Shame on you that saw it that way. When the Mayor and I were present at the Middle School, at the Vets Club and then at the Navy Club over the Memorial Day weekend paying our respects to the fallen heroes, to those that served to protect our freedoms, as well as those that continue to serve, no one should have been thinking for one minute about us as individuals. You should have been thinking it is nice to see the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are here ... I wonder where the rest of the Board is.

I took an oath, I accepted a responsibility, and I feel very strongly about my role as a public official. I listened to people, I heard their concerns, and I tried to explain what we were doing when I could. I earnestly tried to be a responsive official. When I attended meetings both here and across the county, when criticism arose about Brockport as it sometimes does, I defended this community. I have pride in our village and in all of you with what we are able to accomplish with as small a community as we are. We have a nationally acclaimed Monument and Memorial to the fallen heroes of 9/11. I may have had something to do with that, although there was no mention of it during the campaign, and I am very glad about that. I would not have wanted to see how the fine upstanding citizens at the Bloviator would have painted a dark shadow on that ... and that just would not have been acceptable in my view, in any way, shape or form.

In my chosen career with the theatres that started right here at the Strand, I traveled extensively while working for Loews and SONY Theatres to Boston, to Cleveland, to New York City and across New York State, no matter where I was hanging my hat on any given day, our Village; my home, was always a topic of conversation, so it should be no surprise to any of you that I embraced an opportunity to help make her better... when she is obviously struggling.

That trend continues in my current role as Accreditation Manager and Dispatcher at your 9-1-1 Center. I attended training in Atlanta, GA and in Tulsa OK. I was chosen to travel to our nation's Capitol to accept national recognition as the 9-1-1 Center of the year in 2007. No matter where I go, there is a little piece of Brockport's history shared with the people I encounter wherever I am. This will not stop when this job does next month. I will always be proud of our Village and my home of over fifty years.

In my vocation as a Firefighter and EMT I have at some point encountered each and every one of you at some point in time. You don't provide that kind of community service to the level that I did for thirty five years without doing so. I have either treated you in an ambulance, transported a loved one to the hospital for you, taught you or one of your offspring about fire safety, trained you how to be ambulance volunteer or ridden side by side with you helping others in our community.

In my opinion and that of others, I served the Board with distinction. Apparently not a distinction that some of you appreciated. When I joined Hal, Kent and Scott at the Mayors request, we were facing a deficit predicted to be close to a million dollars at years end. We were given numbers that would generate an eighteen percent tax increase, and we were faced with a global economy that would offer no relief as we prepared the next budget. The State reduced its financial support to us twice during the same period and we were forced to come to the table and work the numbers in your best interest. We did just that, and unlike the State that requires us to present a budget on time, they are still struggling to
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come up with one we can live with some two months late. We did not have to borrow any funds from a lender to finish the year. We have started making payments on the Sewer project. We projected funds to contingency to commence rebuilding the reserves that have been seriously depleted over time, and we created a reasonable budget that should take you through the current fiscal year without a deficit or need to borrow. I consider that an enormous task, one I wasn't sure early on that we could or would accomplish. You should all be very proud of the work that we did for you. We don't have six million dollars in reserve and neither does the Town of Sweden. They never did, despite claims during the campaign. If either of us did, you should all be outraged that a reserve of that size was built on the backs of the taxpayers.

We spent hours at meetings looking for ways to reduce expenses without impacting the services we have all come to enjoy, expect, and appreciate of our village. I hope the Board is able to continue that theme. It sounds as though some of them see the answer in creating departments where none exist such as in a Village Court. You might want to revisit the cost vs. revenue analysis with the Town as this is not by any stretch a favorable cash flow situation. It is also a function that is being eliminated in other municipalities as a duplication of service. A fact that cannot be denied by any proponent here. They just want it.

I understand the Board hopes to revisit the Sewer Fee. Another initiative that I fought. We had it once and we repealed it. It wasn't popular with tax payers then and it won't be this year, next year or ever. It did not provide the anticipated revenues as the two largest (soon to be former water customers) were exempt from paying for a service they did not use and it was a flop. All it did was anger customers to the point that members of the current Board were integral in getting rid of it.

I would suggest looking for ways to bring businesses and factories back to the Village. We have vacant structures that could be and have in the past generated more income to the Village than they currently do. Continue to look at all our services; not with an eye to get rid of them, but with an eye to better manage them and maintain them for generations to come.

I close with offering best wishes to my successor; Carol. I made it a point to be the first to congratulate her on election night as we shared the results out front, although you will find no mention of that in any of the blogs. I hope that she is welcomed to the Board and I know that it will be an experience for her that she will never forget. I would also like to caution her as to whom she angers while sitting up here. Some of your opposition can be angry, they can be verbally abusive, some may even abuse the power of their office when they are not pleased with you; threatening you with criminal charges where none exist, attempting to coerce, harass, intimidate and offend you. Stand by your convictions and continue the work of the Village that we fought to keep. She is worth it.

And for the 495 people that checked my name on the ballot, I would like to thank you very much for your support. It is appreciated more than you know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

⇒ At 9:22pm, Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the

Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss personnel matters involving Village Hall, Police Department, DPW, and a pending litigation matter.

→ At 10:15pm, Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, Trustee Legg in favor, Trustees Blair and Hunsinger opposed, carried 3/2 to appoint Interim Treasurer Mary Beth Lovejoy as Village Treasurer effective July 1st at 3 days (24 hours) per week at \$50 per hour, no benefits or paid time off.

→ Trustee Hunsinger moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, Trustees Legg and Blair in favor, Mayor Castañeda abstained, carried 4/0/1 to promote part time Police Officer Richard Cranston to full time effective immediately noting that he is reachable on the Civil Service certification of eligibles list.

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded, Trustee Legg in favor, Trustees Hunsinger and Blair opposed, carried 3/2 to move forward with switching all employees and retirees under age 65 from their current health plans to the Village's new health plan: Excellus Healthy Blue High Deductible Health Plan with fully funded deductible via Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) effective August 1st.

Trustees Hunsinger and Blair commented that they do not believe it is in the best interest of certain retirees.

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 to transfer \$30,000 from A1420.4000 to A1990.4000 (legal line to contingency line).

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ADJOURNMENT:

→ Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Legg seconded, unanimously carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20pm.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk