

**Special 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, December 20, 2010 at Noon.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor M. Connie Castañeda, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Henry, Treasurer Mary Beth Lovejoy

**ABSENT:** Trustee/Deputy Mayor Daniel P. Kuhn

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joan Hamlin

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE:** Mayor Castañeda called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / REVIEW:**

▪ Ambulance Service – Mayor Castañeda referred to recent correspondence from Clarkson and Sweden Supervisors received December 9<sup>th</sup> indicating that they plan to contract with Monroe Ambulance for ambulance services effective January 1, 2011. This special meeting is a follow up to the special meeting held December 13<sup>th</sup>. Village Attorney Leone could not attend, but is available by conference call should he be needed once the Board enters executive session.

Mayor Castañeda asked Treasurer Lovejoy to review the financial implications. Treasurer Lovejoy said she reviewed Trustee Blair's proposals. Treasurer Lovejoy reviewed her memo of December 15<sup>th</sup> as to the financial impact for ambulance services. She said she has simply provided the financial data and is not weighing in on or confirming the legality of any proposals for solution to the matter.

**MEMO**

**TO:** Village Board  
**FROM:** Mary Beth Lovejoy, Treasurer  
**DATE:** December 15, 2010  
**RE:** Financial Impact for Ambulance Services

I have reviewed our Village Budgeted Revenues and Appropriations as well as what we have received/incurred thru November 30, 2010. I have tried to put the information in as simple format as possible for ease of understanding.

**Budget:**

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| Revenues   | \$450,000 |
| Appropriations (including employer FICA contribution)        | \$317,739 |
| Difference to be used to offset other Village appropriations | \$132,261 |

**Realized thru November 30, 2010:**

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| Revenues   | \$230,820 |
| Appropriations (including employer FICA contribution)*       | \$160,913 |
| Difference to be used to offset other Village appropriations | \$ 69,907 |

\*included \$15,000 wkrs comp payment that will be paid regardless of continued service or not

Note: there may be additional invoices outstanding that the Village office is not aware of

**Impact of losing entire service as of November 30, 2010(selected November as that is the latest hard data I have)**

If Ambulance service was to discontinue as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board will need to make decisions regarding cutting \$62,354 (\$132,261- \$69,907) from the remaining appropriation codes as we will not have enough revenues to cover the appropriations if they were to be spent.

**Impact of losing 80% of revenues (share for Town of Sweden and Clarkson)**

**Assumptions:**

1. Revenues and expenditures continue at current pace- we are six months into the year at November 30<sup>th</sup> and have received/incurred approximately 50% of our revenue and appropriations.

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| Revenues 20% for remaining of year  | \$ 46,164 |
| Appropriations (including employer FICA contribution) 20% for remaining of year | \$ 41,416 |
| Difference to be used to offset other Village appropriations                    | \$ 4,748  |

If Ambulance service was to continue for just the Village using the assumptions above, the Village Board will need to make decisions regarding cutting \$65,159 (\$69,907 - \$4,748) from the remaining appropriation codes as we will not have enough revenues to cover the appropriations if they were to be spent.

**Impact of the proposal to pro-rate the surplus to each municipality**

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| Revenues   | \$450,000 |
| Appropriations (including employer FICA contribution)        | \$317,739 |
| Difference to be used to offset other Village appropriations | \$132,261 |
| 80% to the towns   | \$105,808 |
| 20% to the village   | \$ 26,453 |

The Village Board will need to make decisions regarding cutting \$105,808 from the remaining appropriation codes as we will not have enough revenues to cover the appropriations if they were to be spent.

I am more than happy to meet with the Board to discuss these calculations.

Treasurer Lovejoy suggested questioning the legality of sharing Village revenues with the Towns. Further, she commented that having sat at fire contract negotiations she would be surprised if the Towns agreed to a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 sharing of surplus ambulance revenues in any form if the Village's share of calls is only 20%. Deputy Chief Henry said if you add the SUNY calls in, then the calls do fall 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. He said he doubts the Towns would walk away from equal shares of the revenues.

Deputy Chief Henry said the revenues are based off the PCR's (patient care reports) as to what specific care each individual patient received and the mileage for that call.

Treasurer Lovejoy expressed concern of the timeframe since January 1<sup>st</sup> is less than 2 weeks away. She confirmed there will be a substantial impact on the Village budget and that the Village will have to cut expenditures somewhere. Her immediate concern is how to get from January to June 2011 without these revenues. Then the next concern is the June 2011 to May 2012 budget.

Treasurer Lovejoy said Village Attorney Leone seems to be under the impression the Village would no longer have a role in ambulance. This is contrary to Trustee Blair's proposals. Mayor Castañeda concurred that Village Attorney might be getting confused as he represents East Rochester and they are in the process of segregating the ambulance from the fire department.

Trustee Blair asked Treasurer Lovejoy what she would do. Treasurer Lovejoy said cut \$57,000 from the budget immediately.

Trustee Blair questioned cutting paid ambulance personnel and going completely volunteer. Mayor Castañeda reminded all that the ambulance used to be entirely volunteer. Then several years ago when it went with Third Party Billing instead of funding through taxpayer dollars, they went with paid personnel for the daytime (6am to 6pm). It became a service of the Village. The users pay for the service – typically through their health insurance or Medicare.

Deputy Chief Henry said they had difficulty staffing the daytime with volunteers. If it returns to all volunteer, they will likely have that same difficulty.

Trustee Blair said he believes the Village needs to find a way to save the ambulance. He said the Towns have really set the Village up.

Trustee Hannan said they are rat bastards.

Trustee Hunsinger asked Clerk Morelli to be sure that gets quoted in the minutes.

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• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

→ At 12:25pm, Mayor Castañeda moved, Trustee Hunsinger seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into an executive session to discuss a negotiations and potential litigation matter.

→ At 12:58pm, Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Blair seconded, carried 4/0 that the Board of Trustees re-enter the regular meeting.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

→ At 12:58pm, Trustee Hunsinger moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 4/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

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Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk