

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held in the Village Hall Conference Room 49 State Street Brockport, New York, May 5, 2014 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews, Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee John D. La Pierre, Clerk Leslie Ann Morelli

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Gouveia, Linda Sanford, Lynne Gardner, Sri Ram Bakshi, David Brannigan, Pam Ketchum, Beth O'Donnell, Linda Lenhard, Laurie Winslow, Carol Dolan, Joan Hamlin, Karen Maynard, Timothy Carlson, Fred Webster

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

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

BROCKPORT HISTORICAL MOMENT: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Andrews shared the following:

Yesterday an interpretive panel was dedicated at the corner of Main Street and Market Street regarding early last century businesses. He thought it would be interesting to share from an 1830 publication that the Village consisted of a population of 798, 313 adults and 485 students, with a good percentage employed in the Village, only 8 people over the age of 60 and 72% under the age of 30. Businesses consisted of: 6 attorneys, 3 auctioneers, 2 barbers, 1 bathhouse, 2 boat builders, 5 blacksmiths, 1 brick maker, 3 booksellers, 2 butchers, 3 cabinet makers, 17 carpenters, 2 carriage makers, 1 Chandler, 1 cooper, 4 druggists, 1 furniture dealer, 3 forwarding merchants, 1 foundry, 6 grocers, 3 harness makers, 2 hatters, 6 inn keepers, 1 insurance agent, 3 jewelers, 2 laundries, 1 livery stable, 2 masons, 19 merchants, 2 millers, 3 milliners, 3 painters, 1 perfumery, 5 physicians, 2 produce dealers, 2 saddlers, 9 shoemakers, 1 stone worker, 2 tailors, 3 tanners, 4 threshing machine builders, 2 tanners, 1 wagon maker, 2 warehouseman

PUBLIC HEARING: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sri Ram Bakshi of Evergreen Road and Library Trustee – read the following prepared statement:

It is an undeniable fact that the public institutions are going through financial crises. Three municipalities, Brockport, Clarkson, and Sweden are experiencing similar financial catastrophes. As a result the Library funding is enormously affected. Firstly, whatever increases the Library got did not match the increase in the cost. For 2014, there is a "zero" increase in the budget. It is very unfortunate and ironic.

We are stuck in a situation which is unique in its concept but problematic in its process. You might have heard the title of an Italian play, *A Servant of Two Masters*. But here we have to deal with three masters. There is no coordination between these three masters and they blame each other. As a result the reasonable requests of the Library have been ignored. Under such circumstances, it is very difficult to run the Library like ours, and the future seems to be very bleak.

If we are dealing with one municipality, probably it could have been easier. We could have staged walk-ins and walk-outs, or occupied the premises, and whatever other revolutionary activities we can conjure. But to deal with three municipalities is an insurmountable fight like the myth of Sisyphus. Sisyphus was avaricious and deceitful to aggravate the wrath of Zeus. We don't understand what we did to deserve your wrath. We are sincerely fulfilling the responsibilities bestowed on us. And we deserve your support.

Having financial stability helps us in concentrating on the programs and activities. We need to maintain the level of activities stipulated by the Board of Regents. If we compromise on our activities for lack of funds, our charter will be revoked. To avoid this hatchet falling on our necks, especially director's, we have decided to form a library district. It opens up avenues for the public's direct participation in approving the budget and electing the Trustees. We are not alone to arrive at this decision in pursuit of wealth. Libraries all over the country are pursuing this act. The Education Department, the Board of Regents, and the Assembly Sub-committee on Libraries and Technology are strongly advocating libraries to form districts. So please do not assume that we are following some undesirable path like a vexatious child. Our decision to form a library district is based on sound reasons and legally accepted principles. We are joining the new wave of library movement.

relationship whatever form it takes. You can give us assignments and we will be knocking on your doors for help. We all are working for the same goal: to serve the residents. We assure you that we will continue to fulfill the obligations laid upon us with the same spirit, eagerness, and zeal, set by you as an example.

I request the Trustees to keep yourself in our books. We are doing the right thing. We are not harming anybody. So bless us. Thank you.

- David Brannigan of Evergreen Road and Library Trustee - said he concurs with Sri Ram's statement. He said he and his family have been patrons of the Seymour Library since 1973. He referred to recent articles in the local paper about the Hamlin Library and those that have pride in it. He urged the Village Board to support the formation of a library district.

- Linda Sanford of Fourth Section Road and Library Trustee – read the following prepared statement:

I am a resident of the Town of Sweden. I presently serve on the Seymour Library Board of Trustees and am a Friend of Seymour Library.

I want to share with you what being a library patron has meant to me. Libraries are very important to my family. The love of libraries has been passed down through the generations. My mother and grandmother introduced me to our local library when I was a toddler. We selected books together which were enjoyed at nap and bedtime. We had weekly library trips. It became a cozy, welcoming, safe, comfortable place to enjoy and explore.

Going to school and learning to read ignited a passion within me to learn about many subjects – horses, dogs, archeology, religions, actually, the list is endless. As mom always said, "If you want to know about a subject, go to the library." As an adult and mother myself, I carried on our family tradition with my children, and they, too, love libraries and appreciate what wonderful places they are.

Today a visit to the library has so much more to offer than it did even a few years ago: computers, laptops, DVDs, CDs, fax machines, copiers, tax forms, public meeting rooms, and, of course, books. Programs are offered for patrons of all ages and a friendly staff is available to assist you.

The patrons of the Seymour Library are the "library". They, too, have a true love and appreciation of our wonderful facility and want it to always be available. A special legislative library district is a way to guarantee that Seymour Library continues to be a source of information and education in our community.

Thank you.

- Carl Gouveia, Library Director – read the following prepared statement:

Today, you will vote on whether to allow the taxpayers, the citizens of Brockport to decide Seymour Library's future. As I stated in last meeting's presentation, this will democratize the library's budget and the library's governing body – who are currently appointed to their position. And, as I stated in that presentation, this move will strengthen the library and ensure that it will be here for another 78 years.

Currently, we rely on the three municipalities for our funding. The three municipalities must agree on any increases. Over the years, we have only seen slight increases in the towns and village contribution to our budget and now, with the tax cap in place, the likelihood of ensuring a reasonable increase is less. This year we saw no increase to the towns and village contribution to the library. Even though the library has seen an almost 10.5% increase to minimum wage and an increase in state retirement benefit contributions, and we are seeing an increase cost in our goods and services. In 2013, we had an \$86,000 deficit. In 2014, we are projecting a \$102,000 deficit. Yes, to cover these deficits, we plan on spending down some of the money we have in our endowment, but, in time, the money in the Brown Trust, our portion of the Shafer Trust, and other trusts will run out and where will we get the money to cover the deficit then.

Now, I have heard that the library will have to "make do with less," as if the Library Board of Trustees haven't been good stewards of taxpayers' money. When in fact, they have been good stewards – maybe a little too good so the problem has become that for years the Seymour Library has been making do with less and now there is not much that we could cut. We have already cut Sunday hours. We are already close to the minimum hours of operation mandated by the state. We are operating, in my opinion, with a skeleton crew; we only have four full-time employees and 4.5 full-time equivalent part-time employees. On events and Saturdays, there are only two adult employees working the

library. While, in 2013, we saw, 118,064 people walked through our doors, 164,058 items were circulated,

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11,307 people attended programs, and 24,875 people used our public computers. We pay our full-time Librarians less per hour than I made as a part-time librarian at Gates, by two dollars – that is one reason why we have seen our librarian positions become a revolving door. Seventeen of our thirty-eight computers (almost half) use the recently unsupported Windows XP operating system – even after I purchased 5 computers that were generously donated to the library by BISCO.

Districting will not only strengthen the library and make it more viable, but it will do the same for the Village of Brockport. It will pull our budgetary needs out of your budget. We will cease to be another burden on the Village's back.

I feel very strongly about this move, not because of job security, but because libraries are something that I am personally passionate about because I would not be as educated as I am if it weren't for my public library. My father moved to America from Europe about three years before I was born. My mother and sister followed my father over about a year later. My family had fled the instability of a country that only a year earlier had gone through a bloodless revolution known as the Carnation Revolution. My parents only had a fourth grade education. They could not speak nor read English – my father first worked in a slaughterhouse in the city and my mother worked in a factory. But they came here to give their children the opportunity they didn't have; a chance at an excellent education. When my parents bought their house in Gates, I was blessed that it was within walking distance of the library. I spent countless hours there. Reading and, importantly, being read to. The summer reading program was the highlight of my summers. Due to my library, I flourished. If Gates didn't have a library or it wasn't properly funded, I probably would be working at the bakery my father retired from last year.

But, this isn't about me; this isn't about you. It is about the library and the community. It is about the library remaining viable for years to come. It is about the Village of Brockport remaining viable for years to come. It is about giving the citizens of Brockport a chance to voice their opinion at the ballot box. Voting yes on this resolution isn't an endorsement of creating a library district. It is an endorsement of letting the community decide. Don't stand in their way.

- Elizabeth O'Donnell of Union Street - read the following prepared statement:

I am addressing you today to clarify my email that I had sent to Pro-Brockport. Let me say upfront that I am not against landlords or students. My concern is that in the last year one home owned property was bought by the owner of Jimmy Z's and turned into a rental and now I am suspecting Mr. Fred Webster will be turning the one next door into a rental. I have been a resident at 36 Union Street for almost nine years. My husband, my daughter and I have witnessed a lot through the years. Things that would make anyone flee. I do the right thing every year and talk to the landlord across the street and introduce myself to the students and set my expectations, but every year I am disappointed. Imagine people playing beer pong in the front yard in the afternoon and having a party and hearing violent banging outside as a student is trying to force himself inside by running at the door. I called 911 and they asked me to take a look all the while fearing this man could have a weapon. He was arrested. The next morning these students woke up to having a tire slashed. Then they proceeded to have a huge party the following weekend. Meanwhile, at another house, people are singing and playing the harmonica at 11:30 at night. Then this past Saturday, the house across the street from us had two busloads of people in their house unbeknownst to me until they started pouring out of the house, leaving plastic cups strewn throughout the lawn. I emailed Michelle Reed at the College and notified Code Enforcement. These are just some examples that happened in two weeks. My concern is that landlords do not take an active role in their properties. I feel bad because I do have a relationship with this particular landlord and my faith is going out the window. How would you feel if you had to live like this or having someone vomit on your walkway. My concern is how this is affecting my property value and I pay high property taxes and for what – so the police can keep responding to my 911 calls. I would like to see us as a community not in a heated battle all the time. It isn't us against you or you against us, but there is a problem. Aren't we supposed to be proud of our village? I think maybe some landlords are just too greedy and thanking God they do not have to live in that neighborhood – but I do – for now. Why isn't everyone working together? How much more should I put up with? This is affecting my quality of life and my pursuit of happiness. If landlords do not want to work with the village or residents then what is their agenda? Finally, I apologize to any landlord that cares and is responsible and doing the right thing. To quote a friend of mine who lived in a neighborhood for years "Some of the landlords have a maverick disregard for the community. I am concerned for my family, my neighbors, and the students that live in these rentals."

- Elizabeth O'Donnell of Union Street - read the following prepared statement of her neighbor, Don Yanchunis, who could not attend:

My name is Don Yanchunis. I have been living at 32 Union Street for the past 15 years. My recent concern and that of the neighbors is the number of student housing that has been added to our street. It has come to my attention that there will soon be another student house added to our street. It is a

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nice house that has a history as well as mine of being one of the first houses built on our street. The house next door to the west is a student house and here are some of the things that I have had to put up with the current school year. Parties just about every weekend up to 4am, cigarette butts in my driveway and on my vehicles. Last week I found a burn mark on my bed cover of my truck. Also last week I found a broken beer bottle in front of my other truck and beer all over the front of it. I woke up Monday to find my side fence was driven into breaking the bottom of it. Two weeks ago my girlfriend's car was hit with a football and the windshield was cracked. Every weekend I pick up beer cans that get thrown into my yard or some other type of trash. My car and fence have been vomited on. I can give you a big list of the past years, but I will mention one thing that always bothered me. One day I came out my back door and saw these young men shooting a BB gun at some cans set up in my back yard, in line of the Morgan Manning carriage house. Like I said there are many things I would like to mention, but there's too much. I have a real big concern for the safety of my neighbors as well as my family. Thank you for your time in hearing my concerns.

- Karen Maynard, owner of Hairport at 60 Main Street – said she has been to a couple of Village Board meetings over the last couple of years with concerns of having to alternate parking in municipal lots. She said tonight she is here to complain about the back alley behind the buildings on that block on the west side of Main Street. She said the alley is absolutely filthy. She's tired of the dog and college student feces, urine, vomit, trash, and drug doing remains. She does what she can to keep the area clean for her and her tenants. She shouts out for quiet and is told to mind her own business and given no respect. She is tired of cleaning it up and is not pleased with police responses who have told her they can't do anything unless caught in the act. She's told to call 911, which she feels should only be for emergencies, and it's near impossible to get in the door of the Police Department as it's typically locked. She said there was a gate at the end of the alley by King Street until a portion of the church building came down. They put up a fence, and she has greased the top of it. The students wipe off the grease and smear it on the stairways. She said she is a landlord that cares about the tenants. On another note, she commented on her colleagues at Hairtique on Clinton Street and their concerns of the condition and goings on at the 23/25 Clinton Street rental property next to them. In summary, she said she is tired of it and is bringing it to the Village to do something about it.

- Jeff Carlson of 52 Main Street – said he is a graduate student and tenant. He, too, is concerned about the condition and activity of the alley Karen Maynard spoke of. He said that he, like many tenants; have to use the alley as they have no other way in or out. Everyone deserves to live in a clean and safe environment. He said, yes, college students can be frustrating. He cited examples of dog droppings and a student vomiting on the stairs Easter morning. He proposed a solution – that the Village install 3 security/surveillance cameras with signage to let people know their actions are being monitored. The tapes could be played back by Police for when proof is needed as to violations or law breaking. Alcohol makes people more stupid. He said most people are less likely to do stupid things if they know they are being monitored. It may act as a deterrent as well as serve as recourse. He shared an example of hearing a woman scream recently, sounding like she was in grave peril. It turned out to be a student goofing around with friends. He said anything within reason that will make everyone's quality of life better is worth a try.

- Carol Dolan of Union Street - said she supports the earlier comments of Beth O'Donnell. She said Union Street used to be a nice street of well-kept homes. People were proud of the neighborhood. Now it's gone downhill due to student housing. Lawns and landscaping are not maintained. Debris is thrown everywhere. There is a vacant house whose landscaping hasn't been raked in many years. Why doesn't the Village go after the landlords whose properties are trash and filth? She said some landlords are ok and clean up or make their tenants clean up. But the parties go on, the noise, the bad language, the debris. She said it is heartbreaking to not like your street anymore. She urged the Village to enforce the codes and go after property owners to maintain their properties and control their tenants. She said she is not a happy camper.

- Pam Ketchum of Park Avenue - said the Village has heard from her numerous times and that she did not ask any of the people who spoke under public comment tonight to do so. She said she has been trying to stem the uncontrolled growth of rentals for years. She is a proponent of annual rental inspections, but the Village does not seem capable of doing so at this time. She believes it can be financed through fees for certificates of occupancy, rental registrations, and such. She believes the Village should make it difficult to own rental properties – at least as difficult as it is to own a business like a restaurant that requires various inspections. The fees should be commensurate with the work that the Code Enforcement Department and Police Department have to do regarding rentals. As to the suggestion of surveillance cameras in the alley(s) behind properties in the Main Street commercial district – she thinks that is an excellent idea.

OATH OF OFFICE: none
CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: none
GUESTS: none
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CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 04/21/14 meeting be approved as amended.

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the minutes of the 04/28/14 work session be approved as written.

- **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

→ Trustee Hannan moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, Trustee Andrews abstained as he didn't have a chance to review them, carried 4/0/1 that the bills be paid upon audit.

A/P Clearing Account

	<u>Abstract Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FUND (A): <u>General</u>	4/30/14	\$400.00
	5/5/14	\$72,415.46
FUND (F): <u>Water</u>	5/5/14	\$1,244.39
FUND (G): <u>Sewer</u>	5/5/14	\$1,254.03
FUND (H): <u>Capital</u>	-	-
FUND (T): <u>Trust & Agency</u>	5/5/14	\$494.20
		\$400 & \$75,408.08 grand total

CLERK REPORT: Clerk – Leslie Ann Morelli

- Any Sidewalk Café Permit applications -

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the application of Java Junction at 56 Main Street for a 2014 sidewalk café permit – limited to 2 tables and 8 chairs (plus umbrellas and trash receptacle) daily from 6am to 11pm.

- United Way – Clerk Morelli thanked Chief Varrenti & Superintendent Donahue for signing the letter with her that went to Village employees encouraging participation in the United Way campaign. The results were 8 employees making pledges totaling \$1,772.

- Local Laws Filing – Clerk Morelli shared that she had to work with NYS Department of State to rectify a filing issue. She is pleased to report that Local Laws #3 of 2013, #4 of 2013 and #1 of 2014 have been successfully filed and are in full force and effect. The following is notice of such.

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
 LOCAL LAW FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following Local Laws were adopted by the Village Board, filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York and proof of filing has been received. Said local laws are in full force and effect in the Village of Brockport.

- Local Law # 3 of 2013 – to amend Village Code Chapter 58 Zoning – 58-8(A)(1) Application – adopted by Village Board 12/2/13, filed 12/20/13, filing date 2/20/14, proof of filing received 5/5/14.
- Local Law #4 of 2013 – to amend Village Code Chapter 34 Parking & absorb Chapter 19B Fire Lanes into it – adopted by Village Board 12/16/13, filed 12/20/13, filing date 2/20/14, proof of filing received 5/5/14.
- Local Law #1 of 2014 – to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c – adopted by Village Board 3/17/14, filed 4/11/14, filing date 4/18/14, proof of filing received 5/5/14.

(Note: the override was not needed.)

Full text is available for review at the Village Clerk's Office and on the Village website: www.brockportny.org.

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

- Drops/Adds – Welcome Center Greeters -

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to appoint James Hosford as a Welcome Center Greeter.

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- DPW Seasonal (Summer) Laborers – Search Committee hiring recommendation -

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, to re-hire Joshua Carlson and Paul Wozniak as Seasonal (summer) Laborers for the DPW at a rate of \$9 per hour with no benefits, pending successful completion of required pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Discussion:

Trustee Hannan suggested this be tabled until after executive session.

Mayor Blackman said the approved budget and vacancy notice already includes the hiring of 4 seasonal laborers. The matter for executive session is about salary inequities among certain non-union clerical staff.

Trustee Hannan said the decision on salary inequities may impact the approved budget or other hiring.

Mayor Blackman said the proposed remedy on salary inequities is already in the approved budget. Some Trustees wanted another opportunity to review this before wage notices go out. This has no impact on summer laborers or part time BI/CEO.

Trustee Hannan said she would still prefer to table this until after executive session.

Tabled.

- Authorize advertising vacancy re Part Time Code Enforcement - Trustee Ciciotti reported having consulted with BI/CEO Miller, Clerk Morelli and the Village’s Civil Service liaison who recommend utilizing the recently obtained title classification of Building Inspector Part Time non-competitive. While hiring off a competitive list is not required, the candidates must meet minimum qualifications.

→ Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, to approve the following vacancy notice:

<p style="text-align: center;">PART TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT</p> <p>The Village of Brockport seeks qualified individual to assist the new full time Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer in a variety of functions. This is a non-competitive Civil Service position. Part time. Approximately 20 hours/week. Up to \$20/hour depending on experience. No benefits. New York State Retirement System.</p> <p>Download job specifications with detailed minimum qualifications from www.brockportny.org. <u>Must possess current New York State Basic Code Enforcement Training Certificate indicating completion of the New York State Basic Code Enforcement Training Program.</u></p> <p><u>If you qualify</u>, download employment application from www.brockportny.org. Send cover letter and résumé with completed employment application <u>by e-mail</u> to: lmorelli@brockportny.org or by mail to: Village of Brockport Attention: Village Clerk, 49 State Street Brockport, NY 14420.</p> <p>Application deadline: Noon, Friday, May 30, 2014</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Leslie Ann Morelli Village Clerk Village of Brockport</p>

Discussion:

Trustee Hannan commented that it can be complicated to work with Civil Service rules and it is important to establish the right titles and classifications. She said there is only so much the one full time BI/CEO can do. Hiring a part time BI/CEO will enable the department to deal with some of the things mentioned earlier in public comment.

Trustee La Pierre said he thought a title would be sought that does not require certification. Trustee Ciciotti said that wasn’t really an option. BI/CEO Miller had noted many places in the Village

Code where it could put the Village in a liability position without certain qualifications.

Clerk Morelli said that basic certification is really a benefit to the Village.

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Trustee Hannan said having a part time BI/CEO dedicated to being in the field dealing with quality of life and property maintenance issues is a must.

Beth O'Donnell who spoke under public comment shared that she tried to contact the BI/CEO and had to leave a message. She hasn't yet received a response. Having a second person can only help.

Call to question:

Mayor Blackman	voting	yes
Trustee Andrews	voting	yes
Trustee Ciciotti	voting	yes
Trustee Hannan	voting	yes
Trustee La Pierre	voting	yes

Carried 5/0

- o Establishment of Housing Council – Trustee Ciciotti referred to Trustee Hannan's Ad Hoc

Housing Committee that was in existence for about a year. Trustee Hannan said its members consisted of reps from the Village, the College, a Landlord, and a Realtor. They photographed existing housing stock in the Village to document deterioration or improvement. They tried to interest Habitat for Humanity in rehabbing certain houses in the Village that would interest families to buy them. Habitat for Humanity had issues as to ownership and getting control of properties. They weren't even interested in a condemned house virtually free. Vacant and abandoned houses have a negative effect on neighborhoods and property values. Trustee Hannan said she wasn't looking for it, but when an opportunity presented itself, she purchased a house – referred to as the Revitalize Brockport project house – at 65 Fayette Street. That stalled the committee as she and volunteers rehabbed the house and sold it to a family happy to be here. Other houses need to be revitalized to make a difference. A new group that would be the next step from the Ad Hoc Housing Committee is needed. Trustee Hannan said Trustee Ciciotti is talking about a housing authority. Board commented it can't be considered an authority. Trustee Ciciotti said more of a Housing Council or Housing Task Force. One that provides a vision for long term solutions for the community. She said it would be a committee of members of various stakeholders that would develop a mission statement.

Mayor Blackman suggested the Board consider approving it in concept and then Trustee Ciciotti bring back to the Board more detail in writing for consideration.

→ Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to approve the concept of a Housing Council/Task Force with written details to be proposed by Trustee Ciciotti.

Trustee La Pierre suggested Trustee Ciciotti request a copy of other such councils of area municipalities.

OLD or NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider Home Rule Message re Seymour Library proposed district –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seymour Library is beginning the process of creating a Special Legislative District Public Library, and

WHEREAS, passage of a Bill in the New York State Legislature is required to authorize a local referendum to create the library district,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport requests New York State Senator George Maziarz to sponsor, and New York State Assemblyman Stephen Hawley to co-sponsor, legislation authorizing a local vote to create a Special Legislative District Public Library.

Discussion:

Trustee Hannan said she has given this a lot of thought and has never felt that the Seymour Library was a burden to Village government. She remembers going to the Library as a child when it was in this building and has gone to the Library in its current location. It is unfortunate that the funding has been

stagnant. However, in today's day and age, a brick and mortar library versus a click of a computer mouse on the internet, libraries have changed. While she and others may get the majority of their information online, they still support their local libraries. However, she opposes creating a special legislative district public library. If it's formed, funding may not be any easier as they will still need to adhere to the 2% tax cap. Trustee Hannan said in recent years the proposed library budgets and requests for increases in funding have been far in excess of the tax cap that municipalities have to

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adhere to. Trustee Hannan expressed dismay over recent years significant personnel problems not resolved, but repeated. The ability to deal with critical issues is the problem, not municipal funding. She said it seems State agencies do not agree on the best model as some say consolidate and bring entities under a larger umbrella and others say split apart and work on your own. She said she cannot support the proposal as she does not think it will solve the essential problems which are no fault of the current Library Director, Library Board or Village Board. The presentation at the last meeting referenced a past Village Board member's thoughts. That person is not currently on the Village Board and is not likely to be elected to such in the future.

Trustee Andrews said he considers himself a good friend of the Library and has donated materials and money, participated in programs, arranged displays and programs, and the like. He said he has been dismayed by several serious instances of poor past management, personnel turmoil and chaos and resulting legal fees and settlements. The Library Board denied municipal board members access to information that would help give proper oversight and supervision. The Boards have the responsibility to make sure the taxpayers' monies are well managed. They need the responsibility and authority or neither. It is apparent that the present situation is untenable.

Mayor Blackman said there has been a certain amount of gamesmanship involved in the annual proposed library budget. It is assumed that more is asked for than truly needed, knowing they won't get it all. Ideally, the proposal would be presented to the 3 municipalities and all 4 parties would come together on it. She said she attempted such this year, her first as Mayor, and was not successful. The municipal boards likely feel stung by previous poor management at the Library. She said she is confident the Library is in good hands now with the current Director and Library Board. She said she participated in a recent focus group and became more aware of the programs and offerings of the Library. She is in favor of letting the public decide about the creation of a Library District – voting on the Library budget and for Library Board members.

Trustee Andrews said from his understanding the endorsement of the 3 municipal boards is requested but not required. He suggests the Village Board simply not take action on the resolution.

Mayor Blackman said the resolution has been requested and they are deserving of a vote on it.

Trustee La Pierre said while he is in favor of letting the public decide about the creation of a Library District, he cautions that it is not necessarily a solution to financial issues as they will need to abide by the tax cap. Cutting wherever possible will still be needed, but the community should have a voice.

Trustee Ciciotti said she was not a proponent of the Brockport Fire Department forming the Brockport Fire District, thereby becoming a separate taxing entity. Neither is she in favor of the Seymour Library forming a District.

Call to question:

Mayor Blackman	voting	yes
Trustee Andrews	voting	abstain
Trustee Ciciotti	voting	no
Trustee Hannan	voting	no
Trustee La Pierre	voting	yes

Failed 2/2/1

- Call for 5/19 public hearing on Local Law of 2014 – proposed amendments to Village Code Chapter 36 Minimum Housing & Buildings Code – Mayor Blackman commented on having heard the feedback from the 4/7 public hearing, having discussed it further at the 4/28 work session with BI/CEO Miller, CRC Chair Appleby, and Village Attorney. The change to the proposed amendments to this chapter is to stay at every 3 year instead of every year inspections. This change to the original proposal is significant enough to warrant a new public hearing.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to schedule a public hearing as follows:

Notice of Public Hearing

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport will hold a **public hearing beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 19, 2014**, in the A.D. Oliver Middle School L.G.I. at 40 Allen Street, Brockport, NY 14420 to consider proposed Local Law of 2014 as follows:

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- Amendments to Village Code Chapter 36 - Minimum Housing & Buildings Code

Text of proposed local laws will be posted to the Village website at www.brockportny.org by end of day May 9th and may be examined at Village Hall during regular business hours after that date.

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

- Authorize grant application to Rochester Area Community Foundation to help fund the creation of a mural on the wooden fence at Sagawa Park – a project of Walk! Bike! Brockport!

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, carried 5/0 to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, to authorize the Village's grantwriters, J. O'Connell & Associates, to prepare an application for a grant through the Rochester Area Community Foundation to help fund the creation of a mural on the wooden fence at Sagawa Park, a collaborative project of the Village of Brockport, project of Walk! Bike! Brockport!, Pro Brockport, Brockport Community Museum and Brockport Central School District.

Trustee Andrews said panels would be attached to the wooden fence with artwork in a crazy quilt pattern showcasing "Portraits from our Past". A concert is being organized for 5/31 as a fundraiser as the artwork by muralists and interpretive panel with text is estimated to cost \$10,000.

- Accept & authorize Mayor to execute Monroe Avenue storm sewer replacement engineering proposal –

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to accept and authorize the Mayor to execute the Monroe Avenue storm sewer replacement engineering proposal of Chatfield Engineers in the amount of \$9,422.

DPW Spt. Donahue had relayed to Trustee La Pierre use of \$4,400 from this year's engineering line with the balance from the CDBG grant monies.

- Authorize Mayor to execute 6/1/14-5/31/15 J. O'Connell & Associates Grants Consultants agreement –

→ Trustee Andrews moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to execute the 6/1/14-5/31/15 J. O'Connell & Associates Grants Consultants agreement in the amount of \$34,000 with \$8,500 payable quarterly.

Trustee Andrews commented that O'Connell Associates has been a tremendous help in the Village obtaining grant monies including the \$200,000 Main Street grant.

Mayor Blackman concurred and said the Village has received almost \$400,000 in grant monies since their hiring.

- Authorize Mayor to execute 6/1/14-5/31/15 Employee Health Systems EAP agreement –

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to execute the 6/1/14-5/31/15 Employee Health Systems agreement in the amount of \$924 (\$658 Village and \$266 Library).

- Authorize Mayor to execute 6/1/14-5/31/15 Pro Squared Facility Services agreement –

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to execute the 6/1/14-5/31/15 Pro Squared Facility Services agreement for weekly cleaning of Village Hall and Police Department year round and Welcome Center seasonally in the amount of \$6,996 with \$583 payable monthly.

- Authorize Mayor to execute 6/1/14-5/31/15 Executive Carpet Cleaning agreement –

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Mayor Blackman seconded, carried 5/0 to authorize the Mayor to execute the 6/1/14-5/31/15 Executive Carpet Cleaning agreement for carpet cleaning of Village Hall twice per year at \$450 per occasion, Police Department twice per year at \$450 per occasion, DPW twice per year at \$100 per occasion, Welcome Center once per year at \$130 per occasion.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORTS:

- Mayor Margaret B. Blackman

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life – Mayor Blackman shared that she was

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contacted by Robin Catlin of Spencerport – who shared that “On 5/10 we will be participating in a regional awareness day referred to as “Paint the Town Purple”. Purple is a color that represents all cancers, and is the color of Relay. On that day, we visit local businesses in as many communities as we can, promoting our event, asking for participation, and asking for windows to be decorated and posters/fliers to be hung and distributed to raise awareness for our event. While we are doing this, we also tie purple ribbons around many of the trees that line the Main Streets of these villages. This year is

the first year we have been supported by a push from ACS to designate a day for doing this in towns and villages across the Finger Lakes Region, and as a result, we are hoping to have enough volunteers to make it out to many of the towns we serve to tie ribbons on the trees. We haven’t had the opportunity

to do more than visit the local businesses in the past, so we’re excited to have the help and the materials to add the ribbons to other towns/villages beyond just Spencerport this year.

Mayor Blackman shared that registration information regarding Relay for Life is available at Village Hall.

→ Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, carried 5/0 to allow the tying of purple ribbons around the trees in the Downtown Historic Commercial District as part of the American Cancer Society’s

“Paint the Town Purple” promotion.

- Strong West - Mayor Blackman shared that she attended the 4/22 public meeting regarding Strong West. She said they have been very good with communication and outreach. Ambulatory surgery is next and the emergency room is expected by July.

- Arbor Day - Mayor Blackman shared that 4/25 Arbor Day included planting 9 trees on Adams Street – Hawthorns and Sycamores. Participants included the Tree board, DPW, 4th & 5th graders, college students and facilities crew.

- College - Mayor Blackman shared that she attended various events at the College 4/25 including a donor recognition luncheon, dedication of college archives and tour of the new liberal arts building. She commented that it has a 200 person capacity auditorium that might work as the Village Court, but is not likely.

- Canal Clean Sweep - Mayor Blackman shared that she coordinated the Village’s participation in the annual Canal Clean Sweep held 4/26 in which she, Trustee La Pierre, Linda Ketchum, Bernie LoBracco, Kent Blair, Bill Andrews Jr. and two of his sons covered the section from Park Avenue to the Smith Street Bridge – both sides.

- Grants - Mayor Blackman reported on 3 new grant awards: Tree grants \$6,900 tree management and \$10,820 South Avenue extension tree planting, and Emily Knapp Museum “Get Ready” grant of expert consultation. The tree related grants were the only ones awarded in Monroe County.

- Low Bridge High Water - Mayor Blackman reported that the 4/28 – 5/4 series of events were successful. The weather of the inaugural LBHW in 2013 could not be repeated, and the official opening site of the Erie Canal changes from year to year – this year at the eastern end. However, even being deprived of picture perfect weather, state officials, tugboat, and fancy bunting on the Park Avenue bridge, the festival was a huge success. Attendance at every event was high. New events included a cycling the Erie Canal talk, Pizza Olympics where 46 people judged pizzas. Repeat events included the Barge Charge and the Taste of Brockport with 87 tickets sold compared to 59 last year. The Taste of Brockport proceeds will add \$1,740 to the Village’s celebrations line. Thanks to sponsors: Brockport Merchants Association, Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, Lift Bridge Books, NY Folklore Society, Pro Brockport, Stetson Club, Walk Bike Brockport, Wegmans, Western Monroe Historical Society. Thanks to participating restaurants: 58 Main, Ashleys at A Different Path, Barbers, Coleen’s, Fazools, Java Junction, Jimmy Z.’s, Red Bird Café. Thanks to Pizza Olympics participants Main Street Pizzeria, Mark’s Pizzeria, Perri’s Pizza. Thanks to Spencerport and Brockport Fire Departments, Brockport Ambulance, Monroe County

Sheriff's Marine Division, Village of Spencerport, Canal Corp liftbridge operators. Thanks to 70 BCSD 40th graders who participated in the poster contest. Finally, none of this would have been possible without the hardworking, collaborative committee that has pulled this off for the last two years: Bill Andrews, Deb Adams, John Bernfield, Sri Ram Bakshi, Allan Berry, Jacquie Davis, Richard and Joan Fenton, Alicia Fink, Pam Ketchum, Archie Kutz, Norm Frisch (flyers/posters). It's festivals like this that bring locals and visitors to our downtown businesses, that raise a community's spirits and that make Brockport a destination.

- Trustee/Deputy Mayor William G. Andrews
 - Low Bridge High Water – Trustee Andrews reported having participated in several ways and commended Mayor Blackman for chairing the committee.
 - Main Street Grant Committee – Trustee Andrews reported chairing regular **MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HELD May 5, 2014 continued.....page 11** meetings and following up with property owners to get their applications in order.
 - Mural for Sagawa Park – Trustee Andrews reported being part of a group working toward a mural for the back fence at Sagawa Park.
 - Strong West – Trustee Andrews reported having attended the recent community meeting and Strong West investing over \$5 million in improvements to the former Lakeside Memorial Hospital facility.
 - Historic - Trustee Andrews reported that the Historic Preservation Board would be holding a public hearing at their 5/15 meeting regarding the SHPO proposal to get the Barge Canal listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and working with the consultants via the CLG grant re Park Avenue/State Street, etc nominations. He attended the Landmark Society conference – statewide this year – with 160 in attendance compared to the 120 in attendance when held in Brockport last year. HPB members have to participate in trainings and this was helpful. Trustee Andrews reported on Brockport Community Museum having dedicated an interpretive panel about Main Street businesses of the past at the corner of Main and Market Streets. On 5/10, a marker will be dedicated at the former home of Civil War hero Milo Starks on Lake Road in Sweden. The dedication will include a re-enactment group and ceremony and Pastor Joanne Cannon of the Baptist Church then a ceremony at his gravesite at Lakeview Cemetery. Later on 5/10, he will participate in the Civil War ceremony at the High Street Cemetery.
 - Welcome Center - Trustee Andrews reported that the Welcome Center is open. NYSCC changed their minds several times as to the opening date. He and Doug Wolcott set up the Welcome Center greeters schedule.
 - GBDC - Trustee Andrews reported that the GBDC has organized the Summer Serenades concert series for Thursday evenings late June through end of August along the Canal by the Welcome Center. They are also organizing other performances for Sunday afternoons in collaboration with the NY Folklore Society with funding through the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.
 - Capen Hose Company - Trustee Andrews commented that there might be a possibility of locating Village Court there. More to come.
 - Adopt A Trail - Trustee Andrews reported participating in Canal Clean Sweep with the Town of Sweden Adopt a Trail Committee.
- Trustee Valerie A. Ciciotti – no report
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- Trustee Carol L. Hannan – no report
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- Trustee John D. La Pierre
 - Main Street Grant Committee – Trustee La Pierre reported participating in regular meetings.
 - DPW – Trustee La Pierre shared that he continues to work with DPW Spt. Donahue to understand DPW equipment needs.

- PD – Trustee La Pierre shared that he is participating on the search committee interviewing to fill the 2 police officer vacancies.
- Strong West – Trustee La Pierre shared that he attended the Strong West community forum and commented that the Brockport area is fortunate to have them here. He referenced Lake Placid whose hospital is closing and lack of nearby emergency department.
- Low Bridge High Water - Trustee La Pierre shared having participated in some of the LBHW activities and finding them enjoyable.

OTHER:

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Hannan seconded, to approve out of cap services of the Village Attorney not to exceed \$1,000 as it relates to the Village having received subpoenas as to the Parslow versus Giancursio, etc. case.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

→ At 8:40pm, Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Ciciotti seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport enter into executive session to discuss certain clerical staff salary inequities.

→ At 9:30pm, Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport re-enter the regular meeting.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee La Pierre seconded, to resolve certain clerical salary inequities as was originally proposed and included in the 6/1/14-5/31/15 budget.

Call to question:

Mayor Blackman	voting	yes
Trustee Andrews	voting	yes
Trustee Ciciotti	voting	no
Trustee Hannan	voting	yes
Trustee La Pierre	voting	yes

Carried 4/1

→ Trustee La Pierre moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, to re-hire Joshua Carlson and Paul Wozniak as Seasonal (summer) Laborers for the DPW at a rate of \$9 per hour with no benefits, pending successful completion of required pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

Call to question:

Mayor Blackman	voting	yes
Trustee Andrews	voting	yes
Trustee Ciciotti	voting	no
Trustee Hannan	voting	no
Trustee La Pierre	voting	yes

Carried 3/2

ADJOURNMENT:

→ At 9:32pm, Trustee Ciciotti moved, Trustee Andrews seconded, carried 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk