

VILLAGE BOARD - MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 1, 2021 7:00pm

Location: Zoom teleconferencing, per New York State Executive Order 202.1 the open meeting law has been suspended. The meeting will be available via Zoom, Facebook Live, recorded and posted to the village website.

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PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mayor Margaret Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor John LaPierre, Trustee Katherine Kristansen, Trustee Annette Crane, Trustee Shawn Halquist, Manager/Clerk Erica Linden, Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Chief Mark Cuzzupoli, Superintendent Harry Donahue, Attorney Dan Mastrella, Sue Alexander and Erin Reid (Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corp), Bernie LoBracco, Barbara Krizen, Susan Smith, Bill Andrews, Jackie Smith, Heidi Macpherson, Mike Andriatch, Leslie Zink, Mike Myers, Susan Smith, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin

EXCUSED: Treasurer Dan Hendricks

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies & our healthcare workers still on the frontline with COVID-19

CERTIFICATES & PROCLAMATIONS: Presentation of the CommUNITY Builder Award to Dr. Heidi Macpherson

The Greater Brockport CommUNITY Award was established by the village board in 2019 at the recommendation of Dr. William G. Andrews, who also provided funding for the \$500 award and a commemorative plaque. A nomination review committee comprised of appointees from the Village of Brockport and the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin, and Sweden forwarded their recommendation, upon reviewing community nominations, to the Village of Brockport Board of Trustees. Mayor Blackman read their recommendation into the record, as follows:

The selection committee is wholeheartedly in favor of endorsing Dr. Heidi Macpherson for the inaugural Greater Brockport CommUNITY Award. Allan Berry nominated Dr. Macpherson and noted that not only has she participated in numerous local activities, she recognizes our close association and engages with the greater Rochester community as well.

Interim Brockport Central School District Superintendent, James Fallon, supported this nomination because Dr. Macpherson has always advocated for the Brockport School District by finding creative ways to collaborate with the college. In particular, she has opened up the college admission process during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A strong advocate for Dr. Macpherson's nomination was Mike Andriatch, Vice President for Advancement at Brockport College. He has witnessed this college president become an entrenched member of our community since her arrival in July 2015. In Mr. Andriatch's lengthy letter, we came to learn of Heidi's past and recent achievements such as:

- *Ensuring that Community Engagement is one of the four college strategic plan goals*
- *Co-chairing the Town-Gown Committee along with Mayor Blackman*
- *Actively volunteering with the Western Monroe Historical Society*
- *Encouraging a stronger role for the college in the Holiday Parade*
- *Participating in reading programs at the Seymour Library and Brockport Central*
- *Creating the highly successful Brockport Community Breakfast, which annually hosts local business and community leaders*
- *Sitting on four boards of large community organizations (YWCA, United Way, Willow Domestic Violence Center, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce)*
- *President of Rochester Area Colleges President's Network*
- *Winner of 2020 ATHENA International Award*
- *Winner of 2018 Teddi Award from Camp Good Days and Special Times*

The list continues as Mr. Andriatch also mentions that a colleague shared that Heidi is a "facilitator of creative thought" and that Mayor Margay Blackman spoke about Heidi's genuine friendliness and engagement with the community that is evident in many little actions as well.

Fifty-year Town of Sweden residents Richard and Joan Fenton penned a support letter listing many of the same community-minded actions. They have interacted with the past five college presidents, and they feel Dr. Macpherson has been the one who was most committed to bringing the college and community together. They believe Heidi has displayed "significant new ways to strengthen the bonds of community" while still doing all the things a college president must do on campus.

Congratulations go to Dr. Heidi Macpherson and thank you to Dr. William Andrews for creating and funding this CommUNITY award.

Linda Ketchum, chair, Village of Brockport

Michael Myers, Town of Sweden
Jennifer Goodrich Voelkl, Town of Hamlin
Leslie Zink, Town of Clarkson

Mayor Blackman added her congratulations to Dr. Macpherson. Dr. Macpherson commented that when she received the email from Village Manager Linden, she shocked, humbled, and honored to be considered for this award. She thanked Bill Andrews for funding this award and everyone that contributed to the packet of information that is humbling to read. She is so grateful to live and work in this wonderful community. There are so many people that are deserving of this award, and she is grateful to be considered amongst them. Bill Andrews congratulated Dr. Macpherson, stating that she well deserved the award, and he was pleased that she was the first person to receive it.

GUESTS: Brockport Ambulance Volunteer Corp (BAVC) – Sue Alexander and Erin Reid submitted a BAVC report to the village board and commented that though they have had a lot of hurdles to overcome this past year, but they have a vision to continue to serve the Village of Brockport.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- Minutes 12/21/21 & 1/25/21

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, to approve the 12/21/20 and 1/25/21 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

• Bills	Abstract 1/22/2021	
○	A (General Fund)	\$56,354.94
○	F (Water Fund)	\$48,823.84
○	G (Sewer Fund)	\$76.61
	TOTAL	\$105,255.39

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve the Bills. Motion carried 5-0.

SEYMOUR LIBRARY REPORT: Village appointed Library Board member reporting – President Bernie LoBracco

- The Tri-Municipal Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and the attorneys are drafting the lease agreement.
- A \$3,000 donation was made to the Foundation for LED lighting. Installation possible in March or April 2021.
- Friends of the Seymour Library are planning a pop-up book sale in mid-May and a traditional book sale in October.
- A Valentines fundraiser is currently underway with surprise gift bags for \$5.
- Monroe County Library Systems held a meeting with Sen. Ort to garner funding for the library system. Director Caccavale, Bernie LoBracco, and Pat Galinski attended the meeting.

CLERK/MANAGER REPORT: Clerk/Manager – Erica L. Linden

- Draft Pandemic Plan Report (PPR) – The village hall staff has been working on the PPR, with primary thanks to Clerk Krizen for her efforts to pull this together. This is a new requirement the Governor Cuomo established in June 2020 and must be passed and in place as a village policy by April 1, 2021.
- SUNY Intern – Samantha Lansing will begin working for village hall the week of Feb 8th. She will be logging in the village board meetings on zoom. She is a master's degree candidate in Public Administration, with interest in public health and emergency planning.
- Stetson Club negotiations have been initiated, as their contract expires in May 2021.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building / Planning / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO Chad H. Fabry

- Inspections of rental properties is ongoing.
- Working on getting new computer program up and running with iWorQ Systems. Quite a bit of data has been moved to the new program. It will be at least 45 days until they are ready to go live.

Police – Chief Mark T. Cuzzupoli

- STOP DWI Program and STOP DWI Foundation Crackdown Program Resolution

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Crane seconded, to authorize the Mayor to enter the Village of Brockport into inter-municipal agreements with the County of Monroe for receipt and use of NYS funding for the 2021 STOP DWI Program in the amount of \$7,243.37 and for the 2020-21 STOP DWI Foundation Crackdown Grant Program in the amount of \$4,111.00.

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works – Harry G. Donahue

- Badger Meter software upgrade

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor LaPierre seconded, to authorize the purchase of Badger Meter Software upgrade and meter reading equipment upgrade at the cost of \$21,771.09 and annual cost of \$3,060.00 for mobile hosting fees.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Sidewalk Project – SEQR Resolution CBDG Grant Application for Glendale Road 2022

→ Trustee Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to authorize the Mayor to sign paperwork related to the Monroe County Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the Glendale Road Sidewalk Project and to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Village Board's determination that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Easement for Sanitary Sewer at the end of Evelyn Drive

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Halquist seconded, to approve the easement agreement with the property at 15 Evelyn Drive to enable the property at 51 Quarry St to connect to the village sanitary sewer.

Motion carried 5-0.

Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.

OLD or NEW BUSINESS:

- NY Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) – Trustee Crane reported
 - The state is intercepting sales tax revenue that usually goes to the counties and using to aid hospitals and nursing homes that are struggling during the pandemic. The general consensus from attendees is that local government should not be funding them, and another source of funding should be used.
 - The Governor's budget has the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding is to be sourced from sales tax revenue and the amount will depend on the Federal Stimulus Package.
 - Funding for infrastructure programs CHIPS, PAVE-NY, and Bridge NY were not cut, nor increased. For water and sewer infrastructure, there is state money available for emergency repairs but not for maintenance.
 - NYCOM has no position on the potential legalization of cannabis for adult recreational use. NYCOM would prefer that local municipalities have the ability to opt out. In the proposed legislation, only large cities and counties can opt out. Cannabis sales tax revenue is planned to go to the counties and filter down to the village.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Village Gardener – Kathy Kepler, Sara's Garden Center – Trustee Kristansen reported that the invoices for 2020 gardening season have been waived by Steve and Kathy Kepler, in the amount of about \$6,000. This is a very generous donation from Steve and Kathy Kepler, owners of Sara's Garden Center. Trustee Kristansen plans to meet with Village Gardener Kepler in the coming weeks to begin planning for the 2021 season.
- Update on Police Advisory Board/ Ex. Order 203 – Mayor Blackman reported the Police Reform and Reinvention Committee has concluded their regular meetings. A sub-committee of 5 members is currently drafting the final report which will contain some recommended minor changes. Once the final report is approved by the committee, it will be published to the village website in anticipation of a public hearing that is tentatively scheduled for March 1st. The final report and any changes to local law must be submitted to the Governor's Office by April 1st.
- NY Power Authority (NYPA) Brockport Loop Project – Mayor Blackman reported that she attended a meeting with NYPA, Canal Corp, and the design group for the pedestrian bridge at Commissary Park. The Governor issued a press release that was picked up the Orleans Hub, will be published in the Westside News and the link is posted on the village website. Those involved in the project are confident this project will result in economic development. Full funding for this project is being provided by NYPA and the Wilson Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor LaPierre seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 pm.
Motion carried 5-0.