

August 13, 1996

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Brink in the Community Hall at 7:08 pm on August 13, 1996.

### **Present**

Mayor Brink, Trustees Basher, McVaugh, Vantine, Glaser and DPW/DPU Graham. Absent was Village Administrator Kogut. Four members of the public were present also.

### **Call to Order**

1. Approval of Agenda. Mayor Brink asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the agenda be approved as submitted.

### **Citizen Participation**

Tonya Workman introduced herself to the Board as a reporter from the Hamilton Tribune.

### **Appointments**

The Mayor made the following appointments to the College -Community Relations Committee, Susan Henry, John Cohen and Barbara Schindler.

Motion was made by trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that these appointments be made.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting of July 9, 1996. With correction on page 4, #4 change to participated.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1996 be approved as corrected.

2. Special Meeting of July 24, 1996. Motion was made By Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and Carried that the minutes of the special meeting of July 24, 1996 be approved as submitted.

### **Reports**

1. Treasurers report July 1996. Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the treasurer's report be approved as submitted.

2. Dumpster summary, July 1996, Reviewed.

3. Village Administrator. The Mayor reported that in the 95/96 fiscal year the village came out approximately \$8,000.00 behind. The Mayor explained that the amount of sales taxes and mortgage taxes which were collected was lower than what was anticipated at the start of the fiscal year.

The Mayor asked Director Graham to review the findings with the Board on the purchase of a loader for the DPW. Director Graham stated that the cost of utility tractor from the State Bid process, with cab and four wheel drive, would be \$31,867.00 and that buying a rubber tired loader from the state bid would be \$58,000.00. Director Graham stated that a skid steer loader would serve the village purposes and that the attachments which could be added would make the machine more versatile to the village. Director Graham stated that he had no exact cost for the skid steer but anticipated not exceeding the \$30,000.00 limit. The Mayor stated that Administrator suggested that the village finance the machine by borrowing on a two year note. The Mayor stated that the financing shall have to come out of the reserve fund because it was not in this year's budget. Trustee Basher asked whether or not we could use the reserve this year and budget the second half next year. The Mayor said she would discuss that option with the Administrator. The Board also instructed Director Graham to go out to bid on a skid steer.

4. Police Report for July 1996. Trustee Glaser stated that a workshop was being offered by the County Stop DWI and that it was going to be offered to not just the bar owners but to Colgate, Colgate students and to any business that sells alcohol. Topics to be discussed would be laws pertaining to the sale of alcohol and the Village procedures for open container laws.

Trustee Glaser brought to the board's attention Mr. Joseph Koen's letter requesting the last five to ten years of Trustee minutes. Trustee Glaser stated that Administrator Kogut had written Mr. Koen and confirmed that the minutes were obtainable at a cost per sheet.

5. Fire Department report July 1996. Fire Chief Reuter presented the board with specification drawings for an aerial ladder truck. The Chief stated that the process had taken approximately three years and the fire department personnel were to be commended. Chief Reuter asked the board to investigate ways of financing the aerial platform.

Chief Reuter also passed out flyers that are being developed for the Hamilton Fire Department. These flyers give an overview of what a person can expect if they become a firefighter. These will be located in the Village Office and other public places.

6. Code Enforcement Officer Report July 1996. Trustee Vantine reported that a fee schedule had been worked out by the Code Enforcement Officer. For an onsite evaluation and the collection of samples the village would charge \$30.00 per hour. All lab fees would be billed to the property owner. Generation of a final report and all office administration would be billed at \$15.00 per hour rate. Trustee Vantine also explained that once a report is final it would be forwarded to the New York State Department of Labor for any action necessary. She also explained that the village would not be in the asbestos removal business and that it would be the property owners responsibility to arrange removal.

Trustee Vantine reported that the Code Enforcement Officer was investigating a problem with the installation of a trailer at Colgate. The problem is that the trailer does not have any rest rooms which is mandatory under state code. Code Enforcement Officer Sternburg is working with the state to resolve this problem.

Trustee Vantine also reported that the CEO was working with Colgate on lighting for the playing fields on college street.

The CEO is continuing to work with the owners of the Smith Block in resolving the rights-of-way

for village utilities.

7. Director of Utilities & Public Works Report July 1996. Director Graham reported that Mrs. Judith Fischer was interested in what type of work the village had for the ten incoming Colgate freshmen. The board offered to the students the planting of trees at the Eaton Street Field and the painting of the Village Park benches and light post.

The Tree Removal Policy was presented to the board for review and discussion at their next meeting.

Director Graham Notified the board that Mr. Walt Gorton had expressed interest in working part time for the village.

A Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Village of Hamilton and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was reviewed by the board.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

The Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried that the Mayor be allowed to sign the agreement.

The Director briefly discussed Egos Avenue and the poor quality of pavement. His recommendation was to RFP this winter for total reconstruction of the street instead of quick fix now.

Director Graham next discussed the removal and replacement of the under ground fuel storage tanks. The board agreed to go out to bid for this project.

Next the Director and board discussed the pavement management system and the proposal from Konski Engineers.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, Seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to finance half of the program this year and finance the second half next year.

The Director next discussed the Hamilton Street truck traffic. Mr. Basher, Mr. Graham, several residents of Hamilton Street and Madison County representatives Mr. Slivinski and Mr. Niles met to discuss the truck traffic problem. Mr. Graham recommended to the Trustees at this time that the village close truck traffic on lower Hamilton Street and reroute truck traffic to East Kendrick. The Mayor stated that prior to making any official change that notification be given to the East Kendrick Street residents.

#### **Approval of Claims**

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried that the claims for July 1996 be approved as submitted.

## **Communications/Information/Discussion**

1. The Mayor notified the board that the crack sealing of the airport runway was complete. Director Graham stated that the amount of crack sealant used went over the estimate because of the faults in the sub-pavement.

The Mayor made notice to the board that a contract is being drawn up, by the Village Attorney, for the FBO at the airport. The anticipated date of takeover is September 15, 1996.

The annexation process is starting. A public hearing is required for annexation. The official papers would be delivered to the surrounding local governments on August 30, 1996, published in the paper from 9th September to the 16th of September and the public hearing will be held on October 15, 1996.

The tentative meeting date for the final report for the airport has been tentatively set for either September 19 or 25, 1996.

The Mayor then read letter a from the City of Sherrill thanking the line crew for a job well done on the Sherrill emergency.

The Mayor next discussed the Community Action Teams posters with the Trustees.

## **Old Business**

1. Change in dumpster fees. Director Graham presented the Trustees with the actual cost of taking one packer truck a day to the landfill. After lengthy discussion the Trustees felt they would table any decision until the next regular meeting.

Report on solid waste collection alternatives. Director Graham presented options to collection of trash, recyclables, green waste and waste products. The Trustees tabled any decision until the next regular meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to eliminate the collection of any construction and/or demolition debris as of August 23, 1996.

## **New Business**

No new business

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees the Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut  
Village Administrator

