

December 10, 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 p.m. on December 10, 1996.

### **Present**

Mayor Brink, Trustees McVaugh, Basher, Vantine and Glaser, Director Graham and Administrator Kogut.

### **Call to Order**

1. Approval of Agenda. Mayor Brink asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- G.3 Cable T.V.
- H.5 Little League

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the agenda be approved as amended.

### **Appointments**

1. Volunteer Firefighters. Fountain Fire Company #1 has voted into membership Edward Bliss '98 and Jason Murray.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the above be appointed as members of the Hamilton Fire Department.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Public Hearing - November 12, 1996. Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the minutes of the Public Hearing of November 12, 1996 be approved.

2. Regular Meeting - November 12, 1996. On page 7, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change *Engeers* to *Engineers* in the second line. On page 8, under Old Business, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, delete *The Village would plant the trees* in the last sentence. Also on page 8, under Old Business, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change *where this is no MUC involvement* to *where there is no MUC involvement* in the third line. On page 6, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, add *due to water damage* after *because of electrical problems* and delete *from the water leak*.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 1996 be approved as corrected.

### **Reports**

1. Treasurer's Report. Discussed and accepted.

2. Dumpster Summary. Discussed.

3. Village Administrator. Administrator Kogut stated that he had conversations with the FOB and Village Attorney about Mr. Gary Scott, who has been a mechanic at the airport for some time. Mayor Brink sent Mr. Scott a letter letting him know that if he would like to continue doing maintenance work at the airport, he would need to enter into a formal agreement with the Village.

Administrator Kogut remarked that the local American Legion would like to submit the name of a candidate from either the police department, fire department or emergency squad for the Law and Order award. The candidate would be recognized at a county law and order dinner, and will receive a certificate acknowledging the award. When they come up with some names, they will probably be presented to the Board for an official recommendation.

Administrator Kogut stated that two of the four fire protection contracts have been signed by the towns and returned to us. He needs a motion from the Board authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by trustee Basher and carried to authorize Mayor Brink to sign the fire contracts from the Town of Hamilton and the Town of Lebanon.

4. Police Report. Discussed.

5. Fire Report. Trustee Glaser remarked that the Aerial Truck Committee met with Assemblyman Bill Magee on November 18, 1996 to discuss possible fund raising ideas. Assemblyman Magee is looking into a loan program which provides a 2% loan on \$100,000.

Trustee Glaser stated that a report went to Colgate this week for discussion at their Board meeting. He would like to see if they can match what the Village will fund.

Trustee Glaser remarked that the fire department did get the foundation grant for \$12,000 for the air packs from the Mid-York Foundation.

Trustee Basher stated that there was a house fire on Brookview Drive, and fire departments from Madison and Morrisville helped fight the fire and Earlville and Hubbardsville departments were on standby. David Holcomb was the command post officer and he knew right away that we would need all of our manpower, so he called Earlville and Hubbardsville to help out.

6. Code Enforcement Officer. Administrator Kogut remarked that Father John Madden had opened up a used clothing store on Lebanon Street without the Codes Officer knowing about it, and there are problems with accessibility to the building, bathrooms and no sign permit. The Codes Officer went over to the location and put a stop to everything. He was told that they were going to open anyway, and he spent most of the day talking to people to try to get the opening pushed back. The Codes Officer contacted the stated codes inspector and he came down and issued a variance for the handicap accessibility to the bathroom, with the condition that the construction will go ahead on the handicap ramp at the rear of the building to the parking lot. The Codes Officer issued a 30 day temporary certificate of occupancy as of last Saturday.

7. Director of Utilities & Public Works. Director Graham stated that the new well is being established and is pumping approximately 340-400 gallons per minute with an elevation of six feet into

the ground, and there is still seventy or so feet of water in the pipe.

Director Graham remarked that the sewer main is done with the exception of the finish work, and \$9,000 has been held out until next spring when the contractor comes back to finish up.

Director Graham stated that Konski Engineers has finished the street survey and the result should be ready by the end of January or the first of February.

Director Graham remarked that there was some PCB contamination at the substation and it has been removed and sent out for destruction.

Director Graham stated that the trees lighting ceremony went pretty well.

Director Graham remarked that the DPW will be doing the maintenance on the airport equipment as part of the contract. They have taken care of some brake problems and some safety work will need to be done on back up alarms.

### **Approval of Claims**

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried that the claims for November 1996 be approved as follows:

General	\$ 196,350.42
Airport	8,454.08
Community Development	2,000.00
Sewer Project	40,907.00
Joint Activity	5.22
Trust & Agency	<u>2,324.50</u>
Total	<u>\$ 250,041.22</u>

### **Communications/Information/Discussion**

1. Integrated Community Network Coalition. Trustee Glaser stated that this is a project that was started two years ago. It has a membership of 280 people from Chenango, Madison and some other counties around the area, as well as some people in the Albany area. Trustee Glaser gave some background on the purpose of the coalition.

2. Airport Economic Development Committee. Mayor Brink remarked that the committee was not happy with the written work on the economic feasibility study. They did not feel that it went along with what was verbally given. The committee has been working with Rebecca Livengood to look at some of the positives. The committee has had two meetings, one was organizational and the other one they met with Russ Lura and Benjamin Manton.

3. Cable Television. Mayor Brink went over some literature she received from Time Warner Cable regarding cost changes.

### **Old Business**

1. Dumpster Fees. Mayor Brink suggested that no action be taken now because Director Graham is investigating private haulers to see how their prices compared. Director Graham stated that we requested bids to the effect of June 1, 1997. There will be a pre-bid meeting on December 16 at 2:00 p.m. Director Graham will get a copy of the bid quotes to the trustees to look at.

2. Extension of Terms of Trustees. Mayor Brink stated that she would put an article in the papers that there was no response at the public hearing, and the Board will invite anyone to respond in writing if they wish to. After further discussion, no action was taken.

3. Fuel Storage Tank Removal. Mayor Brink remarked that there was a question as to what to do for the tank at the Village Office. One proposal would be to have an above ground tank with plantings around it. The other proposal was to put two smaller tanks in the basement. The MUC decided that since the building already has some electric heat, rather than having an oil fired boiler there will be an electric fired boiler. Instead of costing \$12,000 to replace the oil tank, it will be \$5,500 for the electric boiler.

Director Graham stated that he went to the last Planning Board meeting and told them about the removal of the tanks at the power house and the DPW garage, and the installation of a new one in the parking lot at the DPW garage. Director Graham asked the Planning Board for any recommendations, and the only thing they mentioned would be plantings and venting, and talking to the neighbors.

4. Annexation Resolution. Following discussion motion was made by Trustee Glaser and seconded by Trustee McVaugh to adopt the petition for annexation. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Brink	Aye
Trustee Basher	Aye
Trustee Glaser	Aye
Trustee McVaugh	Aye
Trustee Vantine	Aye

5. Mid-York Little League. Trustee McVaugh stated that she spoke to Ed Ray and the minor and major leagues for Morrisville and Stockbridge, which is up to the age of 11 or 12, will probably stay with the program. At this point they are only looking for the Village to take over sponsorship of the junior and senior league which is age 13-15. This league is played in the summer. Mayor Brink remarked that some research will be done on this and she will ask Mr. Ray for the necessary insurance information.

### **New Business**

1. Capital Note Resolution - Tank Removal. Administrator Kogut remarked that he has been working with the attorneys and one thing they are worried about is clean up after the removal of the tanks. There may be an additional \$15,000 - \$20,000 for the clean up. The attorney told Administrator Kogut to get an agreement from the Board of Trustees to go ahead and prepare a capital note resolution, and we can front the cost on these between now and next month. At that point if we have an idea of what the cost might be, we would prepare a formal resolution and have it so that they can provide the full funding.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried to approve a capital note for the tank removal project.

2. HCS Athletes & C.U. Athletes. Mayor Brink asked for a resolution acknowledging the athletes from Hamilton Central School and Colgate University for exceptional performance in their fall sports program.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to draft a resolution acknowledging the athletes of Hamilton Central School.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried to draft a resolution acknowledging the athletes of Colgate University.

**Adjournment**

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut  
Village Administrator