

February 11, 1997

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Brink in the Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 1997.

Present

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

Call to Order

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

- G.4 Truck Traffic Correspondence
- G.5 Cable TV Complaint
- I.2 Budget Calendar

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

Citizen Participation

1. Little League. Paul Rose stated that at the Recreation Commission meeting last night, Adolph Colletti requested the commission take responsibility for the sponsorship of the Little League. Mr. Colletti explained what the organization's plans were, and the costs and restrictions put on them by the National Organization that they would like to get out of. The Little League's proposal is to drop out of the National Little League which would save them \$1,500 in insurance, increase the participation of the Hamilton Central School district children and give them the opportunity to play against Sherburne, Morrisville and Stockbridge. In order for the Little League Organization to do this they need sponsorship. The Recreation Commission is in favor of having the Little League Organization under its sponsorship.

Trustee Glaser asked if the activity would take place at the school. Mr. Rose told Mr. Glaser that the summer program would be played on the Eaton Street fields, and the Junior/Senior league would be played at the school.

Ed Ray stated that the Little League Organization is concerned with the fact that the National Little League has set a limit as far as their participation goes for baseball. They have well conditioned playing fields and the kids use them from the first week in May until the third week in June and then they are done, because the National Little League will only allow them to play National Little League teams. The Sherburne organization has given us the opportunity to extend our playing time because of their program

2. Fred Kieb. Mr. Kieb remarked that after being in operation for a little over 3 months, he noticed a few problems that he would like to correct. One problem is the entrance road to the maintenance hangar. Another thing is he would like to install some signs, fencing and parking spaces. He discussed the specific plans for these items with the Board.

Appointments

1. Volunteer Firefighters. Fountain Fire Company #1 has voted into membership Landon L. Stewart and Jeffrey A. Carroll.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Public Hearing - January 14, 1997. On page 3, first paragraph, change *happy to do a census* to read *happy to participate in a census*. On page 1, under Truck Traffic Route Patterns, paragraph two, change *was one or two* to read *were one or two* in the third line. On page 1, under Truck Traffic Route Patterns, last paragraph change *was minimal* to read *were minimal*. On page 2, paragraph seven, change *to through the snow* to read *to throw the snow* in the third line. On page 2, paragraph seven, change *site line* to read *sight line* in the eighth line.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 14, 1997, be accepted as corrected.

2. Regular Meeting - January 14, 1997. On page 2, Item 3 under Reports, change *pooring* to *pouring* in the third line. On page 3, third paragraph, delete *and making the bathroom handicap accessible in the second line*.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 1997, be accepted as corrected.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report. Discussed and accepted.
2. Dumpster Summary. Discussed.
3. Village Administrator. Administrator Kogut advised the Board that he would like to begin searching for consultants to assist with airport work. F.A.A. funds are available and we need to begin working on the list of projects in the Master Plan.
4. Police Department. Discussed.
5. Fire Department. Discussed.
6. Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Vantine stated that the Codes Officer has most of the fire inspections completed within the village, and he will start Colgate University late February.

Trustee Vantine remarked that the Codes Officer attended a code's workshop in Lake Placid on February 3-5. The workshop covered residential framing, disaster plan, public assembly fire inspections

and legal dealings with code violators.

Trustee Vantine stated that the Codes Officer received the easement for the area behind the Smith Block today. Attorney Walton will draw up statements for the various property owners to sign to enable the village to have access to utilities behind the block.

Trustee Vantine remarked that someone is going to be opening a sandwich shop where the tobacco shop used to be. They will be going to the Design Review Board next week.

Trustee Vantine stated that the Codes Officer has been working with two community service workers on Saturday mornings. They each have about six more hours left to complete their thirty hours.

Trustee Vantine remarked that the Codes Officer was going to meet yesterday with Colgate University about their summer building plans.

Approval of Claims

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the claims for January 1997 be approved as follows:

General	\$ 35,170.61
Airport	276.91
Sewer Project	80.00
Water Project	164,748.43
Joint Activity	10.88
Trust & Agency	<u>3,539.21</u>
Total	<u>\$ 203,826.04</u>

Communications/Information/Discussion

1. CMH Request for Support. Mayor Brink stated that she received a letter from David Felton of Community Memorial Hospital, regarding the forming of the Hamilton-Bassett-Crouse Health Network. The network will streamline some of the activities. Mr. Felton would like a letter of support from the village. Mayor Brink will send a letter to Mr. Felton tomorrow.
2. Village Green Plans. Mayor Brink asked Administrator Kogut to give an update on the project. Administrator Kogut remarked that as of today, we received a cost estimate based on the plans that are available now. The cost would be about \$24,000. The Rotary Club, Masons and Odd Fellows are interested in contributing to the bandstand construction. The final engineered drawings should be available this Thursday. The state is now going to put pavers in on the east side of Broad Street, where they were originally going to put concrete, at no cost to us. The only thing they are requiring from us is that someday we put pavers throughout the rest of the park. According to the schedule from the state the project will start after the commencement at Colgate University, and should be completed before July 4th.
3. Airport Annexation Status. Administrator Kogut remarked that this is moving ahead, and he is not sure whether or not we will be going to court. Mayor Brink stated that she will be

meeting with the Town of Madison Board on Thursday evening, to talk with them about considering changing their vote.

4. Truck Traffic Correspondence. Mayor Brink stated that she received a letter from Georgia Frank on Hamilton Street after the public hearing, requesting a regular police presence to enforce the speed limits at the top of Hamilton Street. Mayor Brink sent a letter back to Ms. Frank informing her that the police patrols have been increased in that area, and we requested that the tolerance for stopping vehicles be tightened. Mayor Brink also let Ms. Frank know that the signs that were requested have been ordered and will be installed in the spring. Mayor Brink stated in her letter that the village has no jurisdiction at Spring Street and Ms. Frank would have to contact the Madison County Highway department. The four-way stop at University Avenue, E. Kendrick Avenue and Hamilton Street is still under discussion.

Mayor Brink remarked that she sent Mr. Joe Slivinski a letter with a copy of the news article that was in the paper. She also informed him that the village would be enforcing the speed limits along there more stringently.

5. Cable Television Compliant. Mayor Brink stated that she received a letter from the State Department of Public Service, regarding a letter they received from a resident in the Hamilton cable television area about the increases in the rates. They sent information on how to file a formal complaint against a rate increase. Mayor Brink will fill out the paperwork and send it out.

Old Business

1. Dumpster Fees. Mayor Brink asked the Board if they wanted to wait another month to see how the new pickup schedule is working. Trustee Basher stated that he felt the Board should wait several months to make sure things settle into a good pattern.

After further discussion, motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, and seconded by Trustee Glaser to raise the dumpster fees to \$25.00 per dumpster for every dumpster pick up. There will also be an additional charge if there is garbage outside the dumpster. The vote was as follows: Ayes - 3, Abstention - 1.

2. Extension of Terms of Trustees. Mayor Brink remarked that the term of office for the Trustees would be changed to a four-year term beginning with the general election in 1997. There are two positions up for re-election and those would be for four-year terms expiring in 2001, and in 1998 the election would be for five-year terms expiring in 2003. Thereafter, the terms would be four-year on an alternating basis. The term of the Mayor would remain as a two-year term, and the Justice of the Peace would be elected to a five-year term in 1998, and thereafter be a four-year term.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser to enact on the extension of terms for the Trustees, Mayor and Justice of the Peace. There was no second to the motion.

3. Little League Sponsorship. Mayor Brink stated that the Board needs to make a decision on whether or not to sponsor the Little League organization for all ages.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the Village extend sponsorship to the former Little League Baseball program.

4. Firefighting Vehicle. Trustee Glaser remarked that we sent a proposal to Colgate University,

and they sent a letter back requesting information concerning budgets, our planning process for capital bonds, our current capital status for bonds, what would our bonding capacity be, and what will we use for long range planning.

Administrator Kogut stated that he spoke with Betsy Eismier and she wanted to make sure she understood everything, because she would be meeting with President Grabois within the next couple of days. Administrator Kogut told her that the bid specifications were going to be going out and were scheduled to be returned by March 7.

5. Wellhead Protection Regulations. Mayor Brink asked for a motion to approve the Wellhead Protection amendments to Village Law #1-1997.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried to approve the Wellhead Protection amendments to Village Law #1-1997.

New Business

1. July 4th Organization. Mayor Brink remarked that the Rotary Club has administered the activities for the July 4th celebration for the last five years, and they do not wish to be involved any longer. She contacted Burt Marshall of the Odd Fellows and he told her that they talked about it and decided they did not want to do it, but she could send them a request anyway. Mayor Brink went ahead and sent them a letter giving them until February 20 to respond. If the Odd Fellows are not interested, she thought maybe a committee of volunteers from the village could be put together. Mayor Brink stated that she received a phone call from Mr. Reg Wilson regarding his concern that there was not going to be a parade this year. Mr. Wilson told her that he would be willing to work on it if we were going to do anything. He thought that maybe A.M.A. would be willing to sponsor the celebration. Mayor Brink told him she sent a letter to the Odd Fellows, and she felt that she should wait for their response first. She also let Mr. Wilson know that she was happy to hear that there was someone who was willing to work on it.

2. Budget Calendar. Mayor Brink let the Board know that in March there will be several extra meetings to put the budget together.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine and seconded by Trustee Glaser to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh and seconded by Trustee Basher to go back to regular session.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut
Village Administrator