

February 14, 1995

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Baker in the Community Hall at 7:15 pm on February 14, 1995.

Present

Mayor Baker, Trustees Bergen, Brink, Glaser and Getchonis, Village Engineer Rathbone and Village Clerk Kogut.

Call to Order

Mayor Baker asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting with the following additions and changes.

1. Add to Communications/Information, letter from Paragon Cable.
2. Add to Communications/Information, Speed Bumps at Colgate University.
3. Add Executive Session after New Business.

Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to approve the agenda as revised for the meeting.

Appointments

A. Volunteer Firefighter. Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Bergen and carried to appoint Paul J. Lisowski - a Colgate freshman, Francis X. Belitz of Benedict Trailer Park, and William F. Belitz of Benedict Trailer Park, as volunteer firefighters.

The following officers were elected for the Fountain Fire Company for 1995:

President:	John A. Basher
1st V. President:	Hubert J. Bethlehem
2nd V. President	Paul C. Lindoerfer
Secretary:	Barton B. Williams
Treasurer:	M. Bruce Prindle
Personnel:	Deborah Slentz

Approval of Minutes

A. Public Hearing - January 10, 1995. Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Bergen and carried to accept the minutes of the January 10, 1995 public hearing.

B. Regular Meeting - January 10, 1995. Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to accept the minutes of the January 10, 1995 meeting.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - January 1995. Reviewed.
Bicentennial Financial Report - January 1995. Reviewed.

B. Dumpster Summary - January 1995. Reviewed.

C. Engineer Rathbone. Engineer Rathbone remarked he has spoken with the consulting engineers on the street rehab project regarding the preparation of plans and specifications. The preparation of the plans and specifications will probably begin in about 4-5 weeks.

Engineer Rathbone stated he received a letter from Suzanne Farrington who submitted a bicentennial project to clear brush along the railroad right-of-way from the feedmill area to the baseball field. She has asked the baseball team to join in. The clearing would take place in the Spring. Mayor Baker stated he felt that we needed to know first what rights we had to be doing anything along the right-of-way.

Engineer Rathbone remarked that he gave the Board copies of the report from the Underwriters inspection that was done on October 14, 1994. There will be another inspection on Tuesday, February 21, 1995 at 10:00 am with a different inspector. Mayor Baker stated that we needed to make the response in a timely manner on every item indicating what planned action we plan to take.

Engineer Rathbone stated that he sent a memorandum to the Board regarding a possible addendum to the snow plan having to do with an inspection of the new dorm buildings to insure that we will not exceed a snow load. The Fire Chief, Codes Enforcement Officer and Engineer Rathbone will inspect these and Engineer Rathbone will have individuals clear the snow off the roof.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to add the addendum to the snow plan having to do with the new dorm buildings at Colgate.

Engineer Rathbone remarked that Bob "Red" Fradenburg passed away last week.

D. Village Clerk Kogut. Clerk Kogut remarked that he had a series of budget transfers for the Boards consideration and approval.

From: A9950.0 Transfer to Capital Fund	\$6,530
To: A1620.4 Buildings	\$6,530
Building repair work: Court, Library	

From: A1990.4 Contingency Account	\$4,500
To: A1930.4 Claims & Judgement	\$4,500
Provide funding for Marshall claim	

From: A1990.4 Contingency Account	\$ 200
To: A3310.4 Traffic Control	\$ 200
Provide additional funding for signs	

From: A1990.4 Contingency Account	\$ 100
To: A3510.4 Animal Control	\$ 100
Provide additional funding for animal boarding	

From: A8020.4 Planning - Contractual \$ 200
To: A8020.1 Planning - Personal Service \$ 200
Provide additional funding for secretarial service

From: A9010.8 Retirement - ERS \$1,780
To: A9015.8 Retirement - F&P \$1,780
Move funding to compensate for incorrect estimates in cost

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to approve the budget transfers submitted by Village Clerk Kogut.

Clerk Kogut stated that he received a phone call from Attorney Walton indicating that we now own the motel on Eaton Street.

E. Police Report for January 1995. Reviewed.

F. Fire Department Report for January 1995. Reviewed.

G. Committee on Village Advancement. Trustee Bergen remarked that the committee had their first meeting on January 31, 1995, and everyone was able to attend except for David Craine. David Craine was elected Chairman for the committee. Trustee Brink and David Craine will be working on the Business Investment Exemption, Susan Gustafson and Dave McKay will work on the Residential Improvement Exemption, and Trustee Bergen will continue to gather information on these exemptions. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 1995 and Priscilla Suits, the Town of Hamilton Assessor, will be at the meeting also to acquaint the committee with the fundamentals of assessment.

Approval of Claims

A. Claims for January 1995. Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried that the claims for January 1995 be approved as follows:

Village	\$ 36,195.16
Capital (Sewer)	98,066.88
BiCentennial	<u>8,785.28</u>
Total	\$ 143,047.32

Communications/Information

A. Justice Court - Quarterly Summary. Mayor Baker stated that he received through the Office of the State Comptroller a quarterly statement for the quarter ending December 31, 1994 showing a check to the village for \$11,618.

Mayor Baker also received a 1994 Annual Report from Judge Fisher, and asked Trustee Getchonis to comment on it. Trustee Getchonis remarked that the DWI arrests were down from past years and Judge Fisher contributes this to the various programs. However, the shop lifting arrests have increased.

Mayor Baker remarked that he thought the revenue incurred for the village of \$47,265 was very positive.

B. Building Permit Fee Schedule. Mayor Baker stated that CEO Sternburg took fee schedules from Bethlehem, Whitesboro, and Cazenovia. CEO Sternburg remarked that we have no standardization for renovations and construction, so we are at the mercy of the contractor in regards to how much the project will cost. He went over the different fee schedules with the Board. Mayor Baker asked CEO Sternburg to prepare a couple of alternative fee schedules for the Board to look at, so that something could be in place before the new fiscal year.

C. Village Debt Graph. Mayor Baker remarked that last month Clerk Kogut provided the Board with a statistical representation of the villages consolidated long term debt, and also the general fund debt. He then developed a graphic representation of this, and made some comments on it to the Board.

D. Vantine Property Status. Mayor Baker stated that he signed the necessary papers and we now own the motel. One of our goals at this time will be to solicit some bids for the destruction and demolition of the building, and then act on the bids.

E. Bicentennial - Opening Event. Mayor Baker remarked that the opening event of the Bicentennial Celebration was wonderful at the Sheldon Opera House. There was a play performed that was written by Hugh Humphreys, an audio-visual presentation of the history of the village, a song titled "My Hamilton" was sung led by Murray Decock, and there was a presentation to Howard Williams.

F. Bill Magee - Member Item. Mayor Baker stated that he spoke with someone from Bill Magee's Office regarding the Member Items, and he was told that what happens is that we would spend the money and then get reimbursed. Mayor Baker told them that we would like to know if we will get reimbursed, and a few days later he received a phone call saying that the Member Items would not be funded.

G. UDC Study Grant. Mayor Baker remarked that when he called Bill Magee's office regarding the grant, he was told to make sure that any contract we had between the Central New York Regional Planning Bureau and the UDC was in place. Mayor Baker called Benji Manton and they have had our contract for 10-12 days. We should be hearing soon on whether or not we will be receiving the grant.

H. 1995-96 Budget. Mayor Baker stated that the budget materials have been distributed to the various departments and need to be back to Clerk Kogut by March 1, 1995. The Board decided to meet on Wednesdays to go over the different budgets.

I. Meeting with Skaneateles Savings Bank. Mayor Baker remarked that Clerk Kogut, Don Huller and he met in late January with representatives at the Skaneateles Savings Bank. The purpose was to determine whether or not they were going to petition for annexation, and they are interested in doing so. We should be receiving the petition any day.

J. Discussions with Bill McNeiece re: Trask Property. Mayor Baker stated that Mr. McNeiece and John Cossitt purchased the Trask property out on Madison Street. The plot of 56 acres is divided with 50% in the Village of Hamilton and 50% in the Town of Madison. They are interested down the road in annexing the property in the Town of Madison into the village. Mr. McNeiece and Mr. Cossitt have had discussions with the President of Colgate University and some of the trustees. Their goal is to erect some upscale condominium type housing over a period of years.

K. McDonalds Franchise Holder Meeting. Mayor Baker remarked that the new McDonalds

franchise is owned by Michael McLaughlin, who is the son of the former owners of McLaughlins Department Store in Hamilton. He also owns the McDonalds in Lafayette. Mr. McLaughlin met with Mayor Baker and Clerk Kogut, and is interested in possibly moving to Hamilton.

L. COPS Grant. Mayor Baker stated that we have received unofficial word that the COPS funding is available, but we will not be taking any action until official notice has been received.

M. Paragon Cable letter. Mayor Baker remarked that he received a letter from Paragon Cable stating that Time Warner, which owns 50% interest in Paragon has reached an agreement to acquire the remaining 50% partnership in Paragon.

N. Traffic Speed Bumps - Colgate University. Mayor Baker stated he received a phone call from President Neil Grabois letting him know that the university maintains an ongoing concern about speeding on the campus. They have purchased a number of portable speed bumps which they will be deploying at various places on the campus.

O. MUC Commissioners Meeting.. Mayor Baker remarked that he received a phone call from Ed Hotaling who was concerned about the recent editorial in the Chenango Valley News as possibly sending a different message to uninformed individuals, then what he believed the result of our meeting to be. Mayor Baker wanted to let it be known publicly that the Board is very comfortable with the MUC in terms of the discussions they have had with them, and feel that we are headed in the right direction of working together.

Old Business

A. Dumpster Fee Revision Resolution. Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Brink and seconded by Trustee Glaser to adopt a dumpster fee charge in which each dumpster is charged for. The motion was defeated 3-2.

After further discussion, motion was made by Trustee Bergen and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to adopt a dumpster fee charge in which there is one free dumpster per week, plus \$17.00 for subsequent dumpsters. The motion was passed 3-2. The new fee will begin with pickups the w/o March 6, 1995.

B. Design Review Board Legislation. Mayor Baker gave the Board a copy of the legislation and stated that the Board needed to act upon this as soon as possible. He would like to have a 30-40 minute session, before the March meeting and then have a public hearing at the March meeting and adopt it.

C. Zoning Changes. Trustee Glaser stated that Bob McVaugh is trying to do the maps on the computer at Colgate and it is a slow process. Also Chairman Michael Zahn was gone most of the month of January. The Planning Board will try to finish this up as soon as possible.

New Business

A. Hamilton PBA Labor Contract. Clerk Kogut remarked that the contract expires May 31, 1995, and he wanted to know if the Board was going to hire Larry Tully to negotiate the contract again. Mayor Baker asked Clerk Kogut to represent the Board in negotiations.

B. Martin Luther King Day Resolution. Trustee Bergen stated that in view of the fact that the

federal government, the state, Madison County, the Town of Hamilton and the Hamilton Public Library recognize this day as a holiday for their employees, probably the Board should think about making it a holiday for the village employees. Trustee Bergen remarked that Clerk Kogut indicated that people think the village is closed on this day so the Village Office does not have a lot of customers come in to transact business. Mayor Baker stated that he did not like to give it away since we do not have a policy to. He would like to keep it as is.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen and seconded by Trustee Glaser to adopt a resolution recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday for the village employees. The vote was defeated 1-4.

C. Postal Drop Box Proposal. Trustee Bergen remarked that Joanne Sullivan was very enthused about any prospect of an improved postal drop in front of the Post Office. She would like a letter from Mayor Baker indicating the Boards interest in a more efficient set up, if the Board is interested in her pursuing some options. Mayor Baker will write a letter indicating the Boards feelings on this.

D. Recommendations to Grant "Wetlands Waiver". Mayor Baker stated that we received a letter from the architects for Dr. Michael Spellicy's new building on Utica Street requesting the necessary waiver for construction on property containing designated wetlands.

Motion was made by Trustee Brink and seconded by Trustee Glaser to recommend that the state DEC and the federal EPA grant a waiver for Dr. Michael Spellicy's new office building on Utica Street. The vote was as follows: Ayes - 4, Abstention - 1.

E. Citizens Telecom Building - Expected Sale. Trustee Bergen remarked that the Citizens Telecom Building will be coming on the market late February or early March. He has been through the building twice and feels it is a magnificent potential building for a community/recreation facility. Trustee Bergen spoke with Paul Rose, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, and he is going to bring it up before them. He has also spoken with Dick Lenhart about the building. Pete Backus has talked with his Physical Education staff about it, and last night Trustee Bergen ran it by the Board of Education. There seems to be a big interest in a Community Recreation Center. Following a general discussion a consensus of the Board was reached. It was agreed not to proceed on any action regarding this property at this time.

Executive Session

Motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion was made to return to the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut

Village Clerk-Treasurer