

June 10, 1997

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Brink in the Community Hall at 7:05 p.m. on June 10, 1997.

Present

Mayor Brink, Trustees McVaugh, Vantine, Glaser and Basher, 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 Wylie Street

G.4 July 4th Parade

G.5 Eaton Street Field

G.6 Airport Information

I.3 Bonfires within the Village limits

E.8 Merchant's Association Report

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

Citizen Participation

1. Hamilton Street Resident. Mr. Phil Mulry gave a little background on the problems of truck traffic on Hamilton Street. He stated that the residents wanted to come back to the Board for several reasons. One of the most important reasons was that over the last 5-10 years a fairly large number of children now reside on Hamilton Street. Mr. Mulry remarked that he walks to work everyday and the speed limit is not obeyed by anyone. He is extremely concerned with trucks coming down Hamilton Street into the Village doing 50 mph and carrying a full load. Mr. Mulry stated that the residents on Hamilton Street had a meeting last week to discuss a number of issues. The issues discussed were the weight and speed of the trucks to the conditions of the road.

Mr. Mulry remarked that the residents were at the meeting tonight because they wanted to ask the Board what was happening on their end. The residents felt that the best case scenario was to move truck traffic to East Kendrick. Their ideal wish would be to post the road with a little weight limit to restrict the truck traffic entirely. Mr. Mulry stated that one of the things that brought this all to mind was that there was a newspaper article about refinishing a couple of streets in Hamilton, one of them being Hamilton Street. The article also mentioned Hamilton Street as the major truck route into the Village.

Mayor Brink stated that the Board has not neglected the situation as indicated. In the pavement management system that we have Director Graham had identified Pine Street as being in a little worse shape, but the Board felt that because of the traffic we should look at Hamilton Street instead.

Historically Hamilton Street is and has been, the truck route to the southeast corner of Madison County. Prior to 1983 there were no restrictions at all, and in 1983 a law was passed to try to keep the trucks off of most of the Village streets. Because that is the access route to that part of the county, at that time it was designated that.

Mayor Brink remarked that the Board asked the Police Chief to monitor the speed on Hamilton Street, and about 2 months ago about 70% of the traffic tickets that were given out in the Village were done on Hamilton Street. She asked the Chief yesterday to go out and monitor the trucks, and during the time they were there, the trucks were doing the speed limit.

Trustee McVaugh asked the residents what they thought about a four-way stop at the intersection on Hamilton Street. Mr. Mulry thought that if it were to be posted with a weight limit it might have the same effect.

Trustee Glaser stated that one of the things that concerns him with not having a stop sign is trucks coming down the hill and turning onto E. Kendrick Avenue in front of other traffic.

Mayor Glaser remarked that the Board is working on the problem, and they are sensitive to what the various issues are. There is no one better solution, but the Board hopes to improve the situation with the resurfacing of Hamilton Street.

Appointments

1. Fountain Fire Department. Trustee Glaser asked to have Wallace Chase appointed as a volunteer firefighter for the Fountain Fire Department.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to appoint Wallace Chase as a volunteer for the Fountain Fire Department.

Approval of Minutes

1. Public Hearing - May 13, 1997. Tabled until the July meeting.
2. Regular Meeting - May 13, 1997. Tabled until the July meeting.
3. Special Meeting - May 20, 1997. Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 20, 1997.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report. Discussed and accepted.
2. Village Administrator. Administrator Kogut discussed the University Avenue Block Party Picnic on July 4th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., and the Airport Annexation.

The Village Administrator asked for approval of the list of proposed budget transfers. Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the list of budget transfers be

approved (list attached).

3. Police Department Report. Discussed.
4. Fire Department Report. Trustee Glaser discussed the fund raising for the new ladder truck.
5. Code Enforcement Officer. Codes Officer Sternburg stated that the revenues were down a little, which has a lot to do with Colgate University's lack of construction. Another factor is there were not as many buildings to do fire inspections for this year. He asked the Board if they had any questions regarding his report. Trustee Glaser asked if there has been any drop in group residence permits with the new dorms. Codes Officer Sternburg told him there had been a drop, but he was not sure if it was because of the new dorms. In order for a property owner in a residential zone to maintain their special permit for a group residence they are required to pay a \$75.00 fee. There are a few owners right now who had no students this past year, and the Planning Board is going to be making an advisory opinion to the Village Board to possibly change the fee to \$25.00 to maintain the permit.
6. Director of Utilities & Public Works. Director Graham remarked that the construction on Route 12B should start the middle of July. We went out to bid for the E. Kendrick Avenue sewer main replacement. The bids came in at \$75,000.00, \$65,000.00 and \$50,000.00. The Municipal Utilities Commission approved the project not to exceed \$51,000.00. Director Graham is waiting for approval to shut down Route 12B for 2 days.

Director Graham stated that Susan Henry of 9 Madison Street, has been formally informed of what she needs to do in order to get a variance. All the information has been forwarded to her.

Trustee Vantine remarked that she understood that Ms. Henry has not really tried to sell the house to anyone other than Colgate Inn, and she wondered how she would prove hardship. Director Graham stated that in his opinion she would not be able to, because she does not meet the procedures that the Zoning Board of Appeals has to look at in order to render a decision.

7. Merchants' Association Report. Trustee Vantine stated that the Merchants' Association started meeting regularly again every two weeks. The merchants bought the hangers for the hanging plants on the store fronts, and they put out collection pots at various stores for the flowers. The merchants are hoping to develop some marketing techniques. They will also be keeping on the cleanliness of the sidewalks and store fronts. The organization does not have a president yet and is run on a consensus. The merchants were instrumental in getting the flags up for the July 4th celebration. They are looking into planning events for the big weekends at Colgate University.

Approval of Claims

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the claims for May 1997 be approved as follows:

General	\$ 30,173.59
Community Development	762.50
Capital Project Streets	2,835.00
Capital Sewer	1,204.49
Joint Activity	3.57

Trust & Agency	<u>4,356.21</u>
Total	<u>\$ 39,335.36</u>

Communications/Information/Discussion

1. Historian Report. Mayor Brink remarked that we will be covering the expenses of the Village Historian in the Historical Association budget.

2. Wylie Street. Mayor Brink stated that repeatedly the question comes up as to when the Village will be getting a traffic light at the intersection of Wylie Street and Utica Street. The D.O.T. has done several studies and said we do not need one. There was an accident this last week, however, the Chief stated that a stop light would not have made a difference. One way to help the situation at this point would be to change the parking, so that there is no parking beside the church on Utica Street. Chief Tilbe recommended no parking from the corner to the entrance to the church parking lot. Mayor Brink will do a letter to the D.O.T. asking them to make that area a no parking zone, if the Board agrees.

Mayor Brink remarked that there is a problem with a business on Wylie Street that is parking its vehicles on the street during the day. We have had complaints from the neighbors, and Mayor Brink will be writing a letter to the owner to see what happens.

3. July 4th Parade. Mayor Brink stated that Reg Wilson dropped off the press release he submitted to the papers. The theme for the parade this year is "Distinctly American".
4. Eaton Street Field. Mayor Brink remarked that last Saturday there was a re-dedication of the Eaton Street field.
5. Airport Information. Mayor Brink stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual meeting at the airport on June 27, and they will be discussing economic development in the area. There will also be a re-dedication on August 30, 1997.

Old Business

1. Peddling & Soliciting Local Law. Mayor Brink asked the Board if they had any comments on the law. The Board had none. She then asked for a motion to adopt the law.

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to adopt Local Law #2-1997 - Peddling & Soliciting.

2. Snowmobile & ATV Local Law. Mayor Brink asked the Board if they had any comments on the law. Trustee Vantine wanted to know how the Village would designate the certain areas that are prohibited by the law. Administrator Kogut stated they would be designated by Board resolution and then have them posted. Mayor Brink then asked for a motion to adopt the law.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried to adopt Local Law #3-1997 - Snowmobile & ATV.

3. Colgate Annexation Public Hearing. Administrator Kogut remarked that he talked to Bob Kuiper, and Mr. Kuiper told him to schedule a hearing and the Town of Hamilton trustees would be there. The hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Court House.

New Business

1. Health Insurance. Administrator Kogut stated that the new insurance carrier for the employees is in place. The cost is within what was budgeted. There was a snag with the Union regarding two facets of the coverage. The old policy had two items in it that the new one does not. One was free prescriptions, which the new policy has a \$5 and \$10 co-pay depending on whether you have a generic brand or a brand name drug prescribed. The second issue is a \$35 co-pay at the emergency room that would be waived if the individual is admitted to the hospital. The Unions have asked if the Village would self-insure these two items, meaning that if they had to pay these things they would submit the invoice to the Village for reimbursement.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to reimburse the \$5.00 co-pay to current employees until the end of the contract, and employees must use mail in order prescriptions if available.

2. Retirement Incentive. Mayor Brink remarked that the law has to do with the fact that the state has offered early retirement to employees. The Village has passed it in previous years and if employees opt to use it, then it would increase the current cost and decrease the cost in the future. There are four employees who would be eligible, but the Village does not have to accept everyone who applies. A public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting on July 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

3. Bonfires within Village Limits. Trustee Basher stated that he and Fire Chief Reuter would like to have the wording changed in the local law under Section 79-1A(2) to include certain size specifications. Trustee Basher would also like to see the Board enact on something regarding open fires in front of frat houses, before the fall semester starts at Colgate. A public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting on July 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut
Village Administrator