

March 11, 2003

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Getchonis at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Hall.

Present

Mayor Getchonis, Trustees McVaugh, Basher, Olivieri, and Reilly, Clerk-Treasurer Winn, Director of Public Works and Utilities Graham, Karen Uhlig, Lyle Warren, Dottie Betts, EveAnn Schwartz from PCD, Ann Pitcher, Chris Rossi, DiAnn Brown, Gerald Douglass and several people from the community, Kelly Pinney, Krista Starner, and Rupert Brady from MVP and Codes Enforcement Officer Mark Sternburg.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the special meeting from February 4, 2003 by Trustee Reilly and seconded by Trustee Basher and carried.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from February 11, 2003 by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Olivieri and carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee McVaugh and seconded by Trustee Reilly and carried with the following additions.

Resolution for Mark Sternburg
Executive session-personnel
Main Street grant.

Public Comment

Dottie Betts asked if there is any progress on the Ames plaza. Mayor Getchonis stated that he now knows who owns the building and he will keep in contact with him.

Board News, Reports, and Etc.

1. Mayor Getchonis. Mayor Getchonis stated that some of the former Mayors would like to have a meeting with Rebecca Chopp regarding the PILOT payment made to the village and the challenges the university presents to the Village.

Mayor Getchonis also stated that he attended the Empire Zone meeting. Mayor Getchonis also stated that Ames would be included in the Empire Zone.

Mayor Getchonis stated that Dave Rogers has written 96 tickets in two months.

2. Trustee Basher. Trustee Basher stated that at the MUC meeting there was discussion of security at the West Hill Water tower where the Cingular antenna will be located.

Trustee Basher stated that HMT Electrical engineering presented a proposal for upgrading the Village electrical system.

Trustee Basher also stated that the MUC will meet March 18, 2003 at the powerhouse.

3. Trustee Olivieri. Trustee Olivieri stated that the Recreation commission has met twice in the last week to work on a budget for this year.

Trustee Olivieri also stated that Director Graham, Trustee Olivieri, Frank White from Colgate,

Paul Rhyde and the Adult League will be meeting to discuss scheduling and fees for the Eaton Street fields.

Trustee Olivieri stated that the Library Board has submitted a budget and that PLS engineering has looked at the roof and have stated that the roof can be repaired instead of being replaced.

Trustee Olivieri also stated that the Historical Commission has an exhibit set up in Oneida and is entitled "A Visit to Hamilton."

4. Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried to allow Codes Enforcement Officer Mark Sternburg to join the Codes Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response.

5. Trustee McVaugh. Trustee McVaugh stated the Airport/Airpark Commission met and that Jock Hengst would like assist with obtaining a tax-exempt status for the Airport.

Trustee McVaugh also stated that problems are continuing with Kieb Air Service.

Trustee McVaugh stated that the PCD met last night and they have hired two new people on a temporary basis. Linda will be working for 26 weeks and Clara Nourse a Colgate Student will be working 10 hours a week.

Trustee McVaugh stated that July 26th will be the Summer Music Festival.

Trustee McVaugh also stated that a Gate Card might be implemented for students use downtown.

Trustee McVaugh stated that the Mid-York Foundation denied the Fire Department request for the remote light controls.

6. Trustee Reilly. Trustee Reilly stated that the Farmers Market letter is ready to go out to vendors.

Trustee Reilly also stated that Mid-York Foundation did not fund the Fire Department clickers.

Trustee Reilly stated that a FEMA grant is being written for turn out gear and a diesel exhaust system.

Trustee Reilly stated that there are possible plans for an addition at the Firehouse.

Reports

1. Village Clerk/Treasurer Report. Clerk-Treasurer Winn stated that she had attended an MEUA accounting workshop in Syracuse.

Clerk-Treasurer Winn stated that she has received all of the budgets except for the Recreation Commission.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Reilly and carried to approve the Polling place resolution at the Village Hall on June 17, 2003.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Olivieri and carried for the proposed fee increases.

Motion was made by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried to raise the Parking fines to \$20.00 and \$25.00 for the use of the ball fields.

Clerk-Treasurer Winn stated that she received a letter from Warren Ashmeads office about a release of debt on the Estate of Linda White. Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Reilly and carried.

2. DPW/MUC. Director Graham presented the Board with a statement of safety policy.

Director Graham also stated that an employee has to be 100% fit to work.

Director Graham stated that there would be MSDS training tomorrow.

Approval of Claims

Motion was made to approve the claims for the month of February was made by Trustee Olivieri, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried.

New Business

1. Anti War Resolution. Anne Pitcher presented the Board with a Resolution and a petition signed by Village residents against the war in Iraq. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh and seconded by Trustee Reilly to accept the Resolution as presented. Abstained were Trustees Olivieri, Basher and Mayor Getchonis.

2. Craine and Maribito Health Insurance proposal. Rupert Brady presented the Board with quotes for new Health Insurance.

3. Colgate Reunion request Saturday May 31, 2003. Colgate is requesting permission for the Annual Alumni Parade and would like two police cars to stop traffic. Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Olivieri and carried for the request.

4. Colgate Spring Fest on April 12, 2003. Colgate is requesting the use of the Village Green for a community Spring fest event from 1-4 P.M. Motion was made by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Olivieri and carried for the request.

Old Business

1. Farmers Market. Trustee Reilly stated that the Farmers Market letter ready to be sent to vendors.

2. PCD-Streetscape. EveAnn Schwartz presented the Board with the design of the kiosk. Motion was made to accept the design of the kiosk with black light pole by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Olivieri and carried.

3. Main Street Grant Resolution. Motion was made to accept the engineering fee by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Reilly and carried to go into an executive session.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to exit the executive session.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees, motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Reilly and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

DiAnn Brown

Secretary