

October 8, 1996

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Brink in the Community Hall at 7:00 pm on October 8, 1996.

Present

Mayor Brink, Trustees McVaugh, Basher, Vantine and Glaser and Village 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 Television

Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

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

Appointments

1. Volunteer Firefighters. Fountain Fire Company #1 has voted into membership Jennifer Radliff, Robert C. Shutt and Christopher Towt.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that the above Colgate students all are appointed as members of the Hamilton Fire Department.

2. Historian. The resignation of David Dineen was accepted. Mayor Brink asked for a motion to appoint Marian Blanchard to the position of Village Historian.

Motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that Marian Blanchard be appointed Village Historian.

3. Airport Development Advisory Committee. Mayor Brink requested a motion to appoint the following to that committee:

Larry Baker, Chairman
James Leach
Gail Schumacher
Jock Hengst
Doug Rusch

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried that those individuals be appointed to the Airport Development Advisory Committee.

Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting - September 10, 1996. Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Vantine and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 1995 be approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, snow removal at 10 Eaton Street. The snow will be hauled away from the area by the owner, not put back into the street. Also, it should be noted that the board approved widening the sidewalk and planting area to a 5' sidewalk and 3' planting area.

Page 4, taxes. Should refer to income producing property the FBO has responsibility for, not in control of. In the next paragraph, reference should be to a public meeting for the airport final report.

Page 6, ...a children at play sign, be installed.

Page 7, ...and for formulation of content.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report. Discussed and accepted.
2. Dumpster Summary. Deferred until discussion about solid waste matters.
3. Village Administrator. Administrator expressed thanks to Sean Graham for tending to meetings and other matters in his absence. He also gave a brief report on the NYCOM training school and the Annual Meeting of the MEUA, both in September.

The annual return of unpaid real estate taxes to Madison County was submitted for action. After a brief explanation, motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the unpaid real estate taxes be returned to Madison County for enforcement as follows:

Taxes	\$ 35,621.95
Penalties	<u>2,493.56</u>
Total	\$ <u>38,115.51</u>

4. Police Report. Discussed.
5. Fire Report. Discussed.
6. Code Enforcement Officer. Trustee Vantine stated that the Codes Officer has been working with the sidewalk and lighting concerns at the Colgate Inn. Attorney Walton contacted Fred Werner to let him know that he had ten days to give us access to the water tower. Mr. Werner did not respond within the ten days, so the Madison County Health Department has been contacted because it is access to a public water supply. Mr. Walton will be starting court procedures and a court order will be written to allow us to cut the lock.

There is no change in the right-of-way behind the business block and Susan Shapiro's building. Ms. Shapiro's lawyer has been contacted again and we have not had any response. There are two variance applications that will be going in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals this month. One is for a group residence application for 51 Lebanon Street, and the other is for an area variance for 80 Eaton Street.

The downtown fire inspections have been started and two have been completed. There are ongoing concerns with grease in the sewer lines. Letters have been sent to the fraternities and sororities.

Approval of Claims

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

General	\$ 28,375.08
Airport	26,412.60
Sewer Project	19.00
Water Project	14,237.42
Joint Activity	260.52
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 72,001.85</u>

Communications/Information/Discussion

1. Airport Progress Report. Mayor Baker remarked that the FBO contract is in the final stages, and they will start next Monday. She would like the trustees to make any corrections they may have to the public meeting minutes and get them back to her as soon as possible. The public meeting for the annexation process will be Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Brink has asked Burt Snyder to chair the meeting, but he has not gotten back to her yet.

2. Report on meeting with Dr. Grabois. Mayor Brink stated that Trustee Glaser and she had a meeting with Dr. Neil Grabois last Friday to touch base on a number of things. The main thing that she wanted to talk about was the new fire truck. Dr. Grabois indicated that Colgate realizes this is a major piece of equipment and more than the village can afford. They would like to look over the specifications, and they will be looking into the possibility of any grants that we might be eligible for. They would like the specifications by December.

3. Cable Television. Trustee Glaser remarked that he did not attend the meeting, but he did talk on the phone with someone who told him there would be some other meetings scheduled.

Old Business

1. Solid Waste Committee. Trustee McVaugh remarked that the committee consisted of Trustee Basher, Norman von Wettberg, Gary Mlasgar, Director Graham and she. Their duty is to try to figure out a way to continue or improve the services, while making it cost less money. Trustee McVaugh went over the schedule with the Board. The committee also came up with a brochure that could be handed out to contractors or residents that apply for building permits, regarding construction and demolition debris removal.

Trustee McVaugh also talked to the Board regarding dumpster pick-up. She stated that it costs approximately \$50.00 to pick up one dumpster and take it to the landfill. The committee would like to see that each property gets one free dump per week, and every subsequent dump would cost \$50.00. If there is only a half of a dumpster, then the property owner would be charged \$25.00. Mr. Norman von Wettberg remarked that if there is a lot of garbage lying around loose by a dumpster, then the property owner will be charged for that also. Trustee McVaugh stated that the owner would be charged for a dumpster load.

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, seconded by Trustee Basher and carried that the Village will pick up construction and demolition debris as outlined in the hand-out, beginning November 13, 1996.

Mayor Brink asked for a motion regarding the increase in fees for dumpster pick ups.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser that the first pick up for dumpsters will be \$25.00, and all additional pick ups will be \$50.00 per week. There was no second to the motion.

After further discussion, motion was made by Trustee Vantine, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to increase the dumpster pick up fee to \$50.00 per dumpster with one free dumpster per month. Also half dumpsters will be charged \$25.00, and trash on the ground that requires the crew to pick up will be charged \$50.00.

2. Extension of Terms for Trustees. Mayor Brink remarked that the law would extend the term of the trustees from a two-year term to a four-year term. It would also leave the mayor as a two-year term, and the village justice would remain a four-year term. Mayor Brink stated that the Village Board can pass the resolution and it would be passed with a permissive referendum.

Mayor Brink stated that a public hearing will be held on this at the December board meeting.

3. Fuel Storage Tank Removal. Administrator Kogut remarked that the bids will be opened on October 11, 1996 at 11:00 am.

4. Hamilton Street/Kendrick Avenue Truck Traffic. Mayor Brink stated that in 1982 every access was shut off to truck traffic, and then a year later truck traffic was allowed on Rt. 12B, Hamilton Street and the exit from Rt. 12B connecting with Hamilton Street which passes in front of the First Baptist Church.

Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Basher and seconded by Trustee McVaugh to change the truck route from Hamilton Street to E. Kendrick Avenue. No vote was taken, because a few of the Board members would like to have a count of how many vehicles on average travel north and south on Hamilton Street.

New Business

1. Capital Note Resolution. Administrator Kogut remarked that according to the attorney, we can go ahead and provide a capital note for the purchase of the skid steer and the Pavement Management System in the amount of \$40,000.00 for two years. We would pay back half of it next year and the other half two years from then. The skid steer is around \$25,000.00 and the Pavement Management System is \$18,000.00.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to approve a capital note resolution in the amount of \$40,000.00 at an interest rate of 4.25%.

2. Board Resolution - Surplus Old Loader-tractor. Mayor Brink stated that the tractor needs to be declared surplus so it can be disposed of.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee McVaugh and carried to declare the old loader-tractor as surplus and authorized the Village Administrator to dispose of it.

3. Colgate Inn Request. Mayor Brink remarked that the Colgate Inn would like to change their sidewalk to brick pavement blocks with lighting. The Village law specifies what the sidewalk has to be, and this is a change in the specifications. The Board can vote a deviation from the standard and stipulate that we need to have specifications that meet the approval of the Director of Utilities and Public Works and the Code Enforcement Officer. Administrator Kogut stated that Attorney Walton thought the Board might want to change the law and add a statement to the affect that the Village Board does have the discretion to waive the requirements of the law.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to allow the deviation from the sidewalk standard for the Colgate Inn with the stipulation that we need to have specifications that meet the approval of the Director of Utilities and Public Works, and the Code Enforcement Officer and that the Village assumes no responsibility for the lighting to be installed.

Administrator Kogut remarked that he would also like to make the point that the Colgate Inn be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk and not the Village.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee McVaugh, and seconded by Trustee Basher to go into executive session at 10:45 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, and seconded by Trustee McVaugh to go back to regular session at 10:50 pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Basher, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to hire Richard Holcomb as a Motor Equipment Officer with a salary of \$9.42 per hour, effective as soon as he can report for work.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Kogut
Village Administrator