

Elm Trees

The Engineer reported that Mr. Hobson would like to talk to the Village Board on the care of Elm trees in the Village.

It was decided to invite Mr. Hobson to the January Village Board Meeting.

The Elm tree removal policy adopted by the Board was discussed. The Engineer reported that several residents do not wish to participate in the Elm tree removal program under the conditions of the policy adopted by the Board.

Park Project

Mr. Meggett's Letter to Mr. Morey in connection with the progress on the Park Project was read.

Acceptance as Bicentennial Community

Mayor Palmiter reported the New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Committee has accepted the Village of Hamilton as a Bicentennial Community.

Water Works Inspection

The Engineer, summarized the report on the annual water works inspection by the State Health Department. The State Health Department has also notified us that they will discontinue testing of water samples and require us to do our own testing.

Senior Citizens Housing

Mayor Palmiter reported that a committee is investigating the possibility of Senior Citizens Housing which could be constructed on the former High School Football Field at the rear of Madison Street. A Committee may now file a preliminary application for a Senior Citizens Housing Project.

Sidewalk Planting

Mayor Palmiter reported that the Townscape Committee is interested in sidewalk planting.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by J. K. Thurner, seconded by R. F. Morton that the bills on the following abstracts of audited vouchers be paid: Village #10 - \$181.14; Village #11 - \$3,009.85; Trust & Agency #6 - \$4,079.03.

On motion, meeting adjourned.


S. A. Burgess
Clerk

January 13, 1976

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday evening, January 13, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor R. B. Palmiter, trustees M.S. Randall, J. K. Thurner, R. F. Morton and R. V. Patrick, Engineer J. Rathbone and Clerk S. A. Burgess.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, on motion by J. K. Thurner, seconded by R. V. Patrick and passed.

Review of Assessment Roll

The 1976 Assessment Roll was reviewed. Assessor Paul Young pointed out changes recommended by the Assessors.

Motion was made by M. S. Randall, seconded by J. K. Thurner and passed that the Blue Bird assessments be changed as follows:

6 Utica St.	- 18,000 to 25,000
12 Utica st.	- 16,500 to 22,500

The 1974 assessments for these properties were \$27,500 and \$25,000 respectively, prior to the fire in December 1975.

Fire Department

Dean Shaul, Fire Chief, was present during this portion of the meeting. He presented a lengthy proposal to the Board entitled "Bicentennial Project 1976" to construct a new fire station. The Board agreed to review this proposal.

The Fire Chief also distributed the fire statistics for the year 1975.

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Dr. Linere and Mr. Hobson were present during this portion of the meeting, and presented a series of slides describing dutch elm disease with methods of treatment available to allow healthy trees to resist the elm disease.

Mr. Hobson suggested that a sanitation program be initiated in addition to the spraying program and recommended that spraying be commenced earlier in the spring.

Unpaid Taxes

The Treasurer presented the list of Unpaid Taxes to the Board.

It was moved by R. F. Morton, seconded by R. V. Patrick and passed that all unpaid taxes be turned over to the Village Attorney for collection through Civil Action.

Grievance Day

It was moved by J. K. Thurner, seconded by M. S. Randall and passed that Grievance Day be held on February 17, 1976 between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 P.M. in the Village Office.

Inspection of Election

It was moved by J. K. Thurner, seconded by R. F. Morton and passed that the following inspectors of Election be appointed in connection with the March 1976 Village Election.

Bertha Elford, Chairman
Cathy Glos
Rita Albrecht
Winifred Walsh

Custodian of Election Machine

It was moved by J. K. Thurner, seconded by R. V. Patrick and passed that Richard Haley and Paul Young be appointed as Custodians of the Election Machine in connection with this year's Village Election.

Elm Tree Removal

The Engineer explained that some residents do not wish to participate in the tree removal program and Davey Tree Co., the successful bidder on this contract, is unhappy with the deletion of many trees from the list. One group of trees which would be deleted at a total of \$1,480, according to the bid, was calculated by Davey in his bidding at approximately \$350.00.

It was moved by M. S. Randall, seconded by J. K. Thurner and unanimously passed that the Engineer renegotiate the contract with Davey Tree Co. by a reconstruction of the formula.

Oneida Savings Bank

A letter was received from the Planning Board recommending that the Village Board allow the Oneida Savings Bank to proceed with the demolition of the Broad Street School with some provisions.