

Trustee Greissman stated that he would like to have a firehouse proposition submitted to a public referendum. Trustee Greissman noted that he has not heard of a terrific amount of opposition. Trustee Ray noted that many people want a new firehouse but not at the Utica Street site. Trustee Greissman replied that the firemen do not think that this site is the best one but the firemen feel committed since they purchased this site with funds raised from their building fund drive. Trustee Greissman added that a change in site would cause considerable delay in the project.

Mayor McCarthy stated that the proposition has to be written to indicate that the project cost will not exceed \$450,000.00 and a construction fund should be established. Attorney Hodge stated that a public referendum is just a note of confidence. If the Board adopts a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$450,000.00, the resolution is subject to a permissive referendum. Attorney Hodge added that a vote of confidence is not binding. Attorney Hodge noted that the Fire Department may be responsible to return the money raised if the proposition were defeated. Trustee Lloyd suggested the possibility of housing a vehicle in the Texaco bay if the Fire Department is desperate for space.

Attorney Hodge stated that the Village's borrowing capacity and tax base were overlooked in their discussion. Attorney Hodge read a letter he had written to the bonding attorneys in New York. Attorney Hodge requested that a letter be written to Colgate University informing them of our present bonding problem.

The following resolution was presented by R. Greissman and seconded by S. Sastri:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees authorize the Village Clerk to schedule a public hearing at 7:30 P.M. at the Hamilton Central School cafeteria on December 11, 1980 to discuss the proposed construction of a firehouse, at the Utica Street site, at a cost not to exceed \$450,000, contingent upon the availability of a twenty year, five percent Farmers Home Administration loan and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees designate December 12, 1980 as Special Information Election Day from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M. to solicit voter opinion on the following proposition:

Will you approve of the proposed construction of a firehouse, at the Utica Street site, at a maximum cost not to exceed \$450,000, contingent upon the availability of a twenty year five percent (5.0%) Farmers Home Administration loan, which is to be repaid by real property taxes to be levied upon the owners of property in the Village at an approximate increase in real property tax assessment of 2.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Section 1. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously--November 19, 1980.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

James P. Morgan  
Clerk-Treasurer

November 26, 1980

A special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held at 4:00 P.M. at the Village Office on November 26, 1980. Present were Mayor J. McCarthy, Trustees R. Greissman, S. Sastri, D. Ray and J. Lloyd, Village Attorney L. Hodge and Clerk J. Morgan.

#### Proposed Firehouse Construction

Mayor McCarthy reported that concerned citizens have approached him and expressed concerns in regards to site locations, source of funds, amount of principal and interest payments, court location and the possibility of purchasing the existing Cossitt Property.

Attorney L. Hodge stated that a special informational election had no legal force. It is simply an expression of opinion. Attorney Hodge noted that a notice should be printed in the newspaper, similar to the regular election notice. Attorney Hodge suggested that a paper ballot be prepared and include the following questions:

1) Do you favor bonding the Village of Hamilton in the amount not to exceed \$450,000, to be paid through real property tax revenues?