

October 6, 1981

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on October 6, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor J. P. McCarthy, Trustees S. Sastri, J. Lloyd, D. Ray, and A. Fisher, Engineer J. Rathbone, Fire Chief J. Basher, Attorney L. Hodge and Clerk J. Morgan. Also present were news reporters Diane Galusha and Scott Phoenix.

Minutes

It was moved by S. Sastri, and seconded by J. Lloyd to approve the minutes of the August 11, 1981 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by J. Lloyd and seconded by D. Ray to approve the minutes of the September 8, 1981 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Library Addition

Mayor McCarthy reported that the Library addition project is progressing smoothly. The furniture is forthcoming.

Engineer Rathbone stated that he will have the barricades removed from the driveway.

Colgate University Homecoming

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by J. Lloyd to approve the request of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation to hold a homecoming parade on October 17th at 12:00 noon. The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton Central Homecoming

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by D. Ray to approve the request of the Hamilton Central School Booster Club to hold a parade, pep rally and bonfire at the school during the evening of October 15, 1981 contingent upon the approval of the District Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton Booklet

Mayor McCarthy stated that he has learned that the Planning Board is also involved in updating of the Hamilton Booklet.

Hamilton Ecumenical Youth Group

Mayor McCarthy reported that he received a call in regards to the Hamilton Ecumenical Youth Group which would like to perform a service to the Village by cleaning the Village after Halloween. It was moved by J. Lloyd and seconded by S. Sastri to endorse the efforts of the Hamilton Ecumenical Youth Group. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Service Liability

Mayor McCarthy stated that the Village may be liable if a person is hurt while performing a community service sentence. Mayor McCarthy recommended that these people sign a statement saying that they are volunteering their services at the convenience of the village. Attorney Hodge stated that he has never been in favor of community service sentences because of the liability factor due to hidden dangers. It was agreed to table this matter until a report is received from Attorney Hodge.

Public Hearing - Village Traffic Violations

It was noted that a public hearing on Local Law No. 4 entitled "Amendments To Ordinance Village of Hamilton Article III Provision Relating to Traffic Regulations" will be held on October 13, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Office.

Tree Survey

Engineer Rathbone reported that three trees must be taken down. Two of the trees are located at Triangle Park, the other tree is at the Village Office. Engineer Rathbone stated that Miles Riggall has proposed to take down all three trees for \$350.00 provided the Village does the clean up work.

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by J. Lloyd to authorize Miles Riggall to take down three trees for \$350.00. The DPW will do the clean up work and the wood shall be sold for \$15.00 a pickup truck load. The motion carried unanimously.

New Tree Program

Engineer Rathbone stated that he will prepare some press releases which will describe the new tree program which is stated to begin in the spring.

Village Office Building

Mayor McCarthy stated that he has not received any quotes for repairs to the exterior of the Village Office Building.

Village Office Sidewalk Repairs

Engineer Rathbone reported that he has received two quotations for repairs to the Village Office sidewalks. Park City Builders submitted a quote for \$2.85 per square foot and Joerger Builders have submitted a quote for \$2.23 per square foot.

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by D. Ray to accept the quotation of Joerger Builders at \$2.23 per square foot provided that the work be done during the time period as prescribed by the Village Engineer, weather permitting. The motion carried unanimously.

Village Office Interior Repairs

Engineer Rathbone stated that he has plans for repairs to the interior of the Village Office but the repairs have been delayed until the financial position improves.

Recreation Report

Trustee Ray stated that the Recreation Commission met on October 5, 1981 to discuss the 1982 Recreation Budget. The Recreation Commission has proposed to remove competitive swimming, synchronized swimming, band concerts, and golf instruction from the recreation program budget. The Recreation Commission recommends that the 1982 Recreation Budget of \$13,600 be adopted. Trustee Ray also noted that Recreation Director Gary Rider has asked for a one year leave of absence.

Trustee Ray also recommended that the Town of Madison be requested to participate financially in the recreation program. It was moved by J. Lloyd and seconded by D. Ray that the Town of Madison and the Town of Lebanon be requested to participate financially in the recreation program. The motion carried unanimously.

1982 Recreation Program

The following resolution was moved by S. Sastri and seconded by A. Fisher:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees authorize the Mayor, James P McCarthy, to submit an application to the New York State Division for Youth for approval of the Youth Recreation Program at a budget of \$13,600.00.

Section 1. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted Unanimously - October 6, 1981.

Sanitation Report

Engineer Rathbone stated that the Town of Hamilton crews and Village Employee Berle Lenning did a real nice job in widening the Payne

Street culvert. Engineer Rathbone noted that the cheapest guard rail would be the cable type. Engineer Rathbone added that since the widening costs were not as high as previously estimated, he would prefer to install the box beam guard rail but the State Department of Transportation would not permit it due to length restrictions.

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by J. Lloyd that the Village request that the State Department of Transportation allow the Village to deviate from the D.O.T.'s length standards due to the location of the Payne Street bridge in a lower speed area. The motion carried unanimously.

Street Patching Update

Trustee Fisher remarked that the Village crews did a good job patching the village streets.

Fire Code Status

Trustee Lloyd stated that he spoke with a group of firemen and will try to reconvene again in the beginning of November.

Police Report

Trustee S. Sastri reported that the Police Chief and he hope to have some information together for next months meeting in regards to excessive noise.

Trustee Sastri also noted that he has received complaints from people on Madison and Lebanon Streets in regards to the speed of tractor trailers. Trustee Fisher suggested that the State Police set up their weight scales on these streets.

Trustee Sastri noted that the dog warden wishes to be replaced. Attorney Hodge recommended that a resignation be received before any further action.

Fire Department Report

Trustee Lloyd reported that all the pumping equipment has been found to be in satisfactory condition during a recent test. Trustee Lloyd stated that the leak in the booster tank has not been repaired yet. Jim Pounds will look at the problem as soon as possible. Trustee Lloyd added that there are problems at the fire hall with the furnace which will have to be checked out. Trustee Lloyd also noted that there is a serious deterioration of the firehouse door and frame.

Bicycle Violations

Engineer Rathbone stated that something must be done about the repeated traffic law violations of bicycle riders. Engineer Rathbone noted that he spoke with Chief Tilbe and Commissioner Sastri and was told that summons cannot be issued to adult offenders and not to kids. Trustee Ray suggested that a bike safety program be reinstated or a warning notice be sent.

Trustee Sastri stated that he will pursue the issue.

College Community Council

Mayor McCarthy reported that the next meeting of the College Community Council will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Colgate Inn on October 12, 1981. Mayor McCarthy noted that the meeting is open to the public.

Trustee Ray stated that he has received complaints in regards to the looks of fraternity row. Trustee Ray cited the parking of beer trucks all weekend in front of the fraternity houses as an example.

Energy Conservation Program

Engineer Rathbone reported that he has sent for quotes on water heater time switches which will be available to the public. Engineer Rathbone noted that the League of Women Voters is willing to help and has offered a staff of volunteers to help monitor the high peak demand periods.

Engineer Rathbone stated that he has rewritten the electric rates to give the people an incentive to conserve energy.

Special Request - Hustad

Mayor McCarthy reported that he received a request from the Hustad's asking that no parking signs be installed in front of the Methodist Church. Trustee Ray stated that there should be a free area in front of all the churches to insure pedestrian safety.

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by S. Sastri to install no parking signs in front of each church and to paint those curbs in conformance with the New York State Department of Transportation Specifications. The no parking ban shall only be in effect on Sunday's. The motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Decorations

Trustee Ray stated that the Village owes it to the citizens to purchase Christmas decorations. Engineer Rathbone stated that he will try to contact the officers in the area civic clubs to see if they can help.

Conference Policy

It was agreed that the Trustees and the Municipal Utilities Commission must approve any conference attendance.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by J. Lloyd and seconded by D. Ray to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	\$ 6,661.36
Trust & Agency	11,229.86

Parking Sign - Library

The Trustees directed the Village Engineer to have a no parking sign installed in front of the Library for the purpose of reserving a spot for the Librarian.

Executive Session

It was moved by S. Sastri and seconded by A. Fisher to enter into executive session.

It was moved by J. Lloyd and seconded by D. Ray to leave executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Meeting Attendance

It was moved by A. Fisher and seconded by S. Sastri that the Police Chief should be available for all board meetings.

Furnace Repairs - Fire Hall

Engineer Rathbone stated that he will get another quote for repairs to the furnace.

Public Works School

The Trustees did not authorize the attendance of Village Engineer Rathbone to the Public Works School to be held October 27-30th.

Traffic Control Seminar

The Trustees agreed to authorize the Village Engineer to attend a traffic control seminar in Utica