

Comment - Gary Ford - Everyone should park facing south. Make the street a one way street on Saturday and have somebody do the policing, traffic regulator, and crossing guard.

Comment - Betty Paul - The vendors should be thanked for the service they provide. The market should be visible to the traffic that flows through the village. The condition of the grass is overemphasized. The weekly band concerts were held and there was no concern of the grass. Do you intend to have a committee. There are many things to be discussed.

A committee could consist of a board member, a buyer and vendor.

Response - Mayor Vantine - I am hoping a committee won't be required.

Comment - John Zumwald - How about a sign along the highway to notify the public.

Response - John Rathbone - No.

Comment - Mayor Vantine - There is a problem with that type of sign in our sign ordinance. Besides the Board is not here to promote the market.

Comment - Donald Ray - Hamilton is unique and this is a nice plus for the village. It will be difficult to regulate the market to everyone's satisfaction with so many ideas and personalities. The Trustees have to take some type of action.

Mayor Vantine stated that Trustee Ray is responsible to oversee the market. The Mayor stated that he would like to have a couple of people identified as representatives of the market so that they can be notified if necessary.

Meeting adjourned.

James P. Morgan
Village Clerk

December 13, 1983

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on December 13, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor E. Vantine, Trustees S. Sastri, C. Getchonis and D. Ray, Engineer J. Rathbone, MUC President E. Hotaling II, and Clerk J. Morgan. Also present were T. Maroun, Attorney for Ames Department Stores, Fire Chief J. Basher, Robert Kuiper and Dan Finn.

Treasurers' Report

It was moved by S. Sastri and seconded by C. Getchonis to accept the Treasurers' report for the month of October and November as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Appropriation Transfer

It was moved by S. Sastri and seconded by C. Getchonis to authorize the following appropriation transfers. The motion carried unanimously.

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
A7110.4 Parks - Contractual	\$ 350.00	
A7110.1 Parks - Pers. Services	300.00	
A9550.9 Transfer to Capital Fund		
Garbage Packer	24,612.00	
A7110.2 Parks - Equipment		\$ 350.00
A7270.1 Band Concerts		300.00
Capital Note - Garbage Packer		24,612.00

Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Getchonis and seconded by Trustee Sastri to approve the minutes of the November 8th and 29th meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Map Amendment - College and Lebanon St.

Mayor Vantine stated that the planned district application is a two step process. First the zoning amendment must be approved. Secondly, the project plans including landscaping must be approved separately. Mayor Vantine read Local Law No. 5 of 1983.

Trustee Getchonis stated that he is concerned that a vote of 3 to 1 in favor of the change will not be enough to override the County Planning Board's decision. Trustee Ray stated that this important issue should involve the whole board. Trustee Sastri stated that the applicants should not have to wait for thirty days.

The Trustees agreed to table the discussion.

Farmers Market

The Mayor and Trustees reviewed a questionnaire relative to the Farmers Market.

The Mayor and Trustees felt that there should be a Farmers Market on Saturday mornings and it should be located around the park. The Mayor and Trustees also stated that they prefer to have the market vendors set up their display in the street but close to the park curb, on one side of the street only. It was also noted that the street should also be barricaded for safety reasons.

The Mayor and Trustees discussed if a numbering system should be implemented. It was suggested that a lottery system be used to allocate parking spaces. Trustee Sastri stated that he doesn't want to see the street numbered or signs installed. The mayor suggested that if we have a numbering system that we draw from a hat.

The Mayor and Trustees agreed that a fee should be charged on a weekly basis. The Mayor and Trustees discussed whether parking space should be reserved.

The Board agreed that the park should not be used for vending other than on Saturday.

The Mayor asked Trustee Ray to form a market committee to address these issues and to report back to the board.

Dog Pound Status

Mayor Vantine stated that he talked with Town of Lebanon Supervisor Robert Hughes and was told that the Town Board unanimously voted that the Village of Hamilton not be permitted to have a dog pound in the Town Of Lebanon. The Mayor stated that this issue could be pursued or dropped.

Mr. Kuiper stated that the Town of Hamilton has monies appropriated for dog control and hopes that this issue may be solved together.

Fire Truck Repair

Fire Chief J. Basher stated that the Fire Trucks are starting to show a few rust spots and recommended that they be repaired. Chief Basher introduced Mr. Dan Finn who specializes in fire truck body repair. Chief Basher stated that the proposed work will increase the longevity of the pumper and the ladder truck.

Mayor Vantine stated that the funds in the fire reserve account may be used. Trustee Ray stated that he is concerned with the size of the increase in the fire budget.

Chief Basher stated that the firemen have worked to keep the equipment in good shape for life safety. Chief Basher noted that this is the only time that the fire department has come for authorization for repairs in excess of the budget appropriation.

It was moved by D. Ray and seconded by S. Sastri to appropriate \$3,500 of the Fire Vehicle Reserve Fund for the repair of the pumper and ladder trucks, if permissible under the original resolution establishing this fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

Water System Improvements

MUC President E. Hotaling stated that the MUC held a special meeting this afternoon and the Commissioners have a moral obligation to improve the quality and quantity of our water supply.

A preliminary report from Stearns and Wheeler outlines the different alternatives and the estimated cost of the doing the improvements. Mr. Hotaling stated that the MUC requests that they be authorized to spend up to \$150,000, which will have to be financed, for the repairs to the West Hill Water Tower and to continue with the preliminary well investigation survey. Mr. Hotaling stated that Stearns & Wheeler has been invited to attend the next MUC meeting. If the water in the test wells fails to meet the standards, there is not much choice but to modify the intake at Woodman Pond and to cover the filter beds which will cost a lot of money.

Trustee Ray asked why the filter beds have to be covered. MUC President Hotaling replied that the specifications, which are reviewed by the NYSDOH, will require that the filter beds be protected from the environment.

Trustee Ray asked what the increase in water capacity would be if the intake was lowered. Engineer Rathbone estimated that it would triple the supply. The Mayor stated that these options have been considered plus adding another 100' filter bed.

Trustee Sastri stated that the average cost of a well is in excess of \$125,000.

MUC President E. Hotaling stated that the groundwater investigation plan is well thought-out plan and recommended that the MUC continue along with the groundwater investigation.

It was moved by Trustee Getchonis and seconded by Trustee Sastri that the Village Board of Trustees approve the request of the Municipal Utilities Commission for authorization to borrow \$150,000 for the continuation of pursuing groundwater wells and the repairs to the West Hill Water Tower.

The motion carried unanimously.

Holiday Schedule

The Clerk stated that since Christmas and New Year's Day falls on a Sunday, the employees will be given the following Monday off.

Ames Development Project

Mayor Vantine stated that the County Planning Department approved the application for a zoning map amendment. Mayor Vantine stated that a hearing was held with a number of boards relative to the Ames project.

Mayor Vantine stated that a lead agency has to be named for SEQRA purposes. Mr. Thomas Maroun, Attorney for Ames Department Stores, stated that someone has to make an initial determination of the action. Mr. Maroun stated that he feels that this should be an unlisted action.

Mr. Maroun stated that after a determination is made of the type of action, the lead agency should co-ordinate the project review. Mr. Maroun presented a flow chart of the SEQRA process.

Mr. Maroun stated that physically the site drainage will be altered but not very much. Engineer Rathbone stated that drainage alternatives are getting dangerously close to a Type I action.

It was moved by C. Getchonis and seconded by S. Sastri that the Village Board of Trustees declare the Board of Trustees as the lead agency and declare this project as an unlisted action,

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The motion carried unanimously.

Senior Citizen's Week

It was moved by Trustee Ray and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to declare the week of March 18th to the 23rd as Senior Citizen's week. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire House Project Update

Trustee Ray reported that there is a temporary plastic covering over the front of the building while the contractor attempts to finish the masonry work. Trustee Ray stated that the cement floor will probably be poured in three sections.

Landfill Tipping Fee

Mayor Vantine stated that he called the County and was not able to gather additional information since the person he was trying to contact was out of town. Engineer Rathbone stated that Madison County Highway Superintendent Joseph Slivinski told him that he does not foresee any action being taken until late January or February.

Fire house Utilization

Trustee Sastri reported that he does not have any additional findings to report. Mayor Vantine stated that he received a call from a person who is interested in opening a restaurant.

Village Land - Utica Street

Mayor Vantine stated that the vacant village land opposite the fire station on Utica Street is an important parcel for the development of the triangle area and the Metropolitan Development Association is still pursuing the development of this area. The Mayor recommends that no action be taken until we hear from the MDA.

Zoning Amendment - WestSide of Utica Street

It was recommended that since the zoning on the east side of Utica Street will probably be changed to a Planned General District, the zoning on the west side of Utica Street should also be changed to a Planned General District in order to give the Village Trustees more control in monitoring development in that area.

It was moved by D. Ray and seconded by S. Sastri that pursuant to Section 14 of the Village Zoning Law, the Village Board of Trustees hereby petition the Planning Board that the zoning designation on the west side of Utica Street be amended to a Planned General District from a Business (B-2) District. The motion carried 3-0.

Equalization Rate

The Clerk stated that the Village's equalization rate is 53.17% per the notification of the State Board of Equalization and Assessment.

Return Unpaid Taxes to County Treasurer

It was moved by Trustee Sastri and seconded by Trustee Getchonis that the unpaid village taxes as of February 1, 1984 be turned over to the Madison County Treasurer's Office for collection. The motion carried unanimously.

Police - Increase Parking Fines

It was moved by Trustee Ray and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to increase the parking and traffic violation fines from \$3.00 to \$5.00 effective February 5, 1984. The motion carried unanimously.

Permanent Appointment - J. Faulks

It was moved by Trustee Sastri and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to permanently appoint James Faulks as a Police Officer and to increase the annual salary to \$12,000 effective with his successful completion of the Police Training School. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Hiring - Department Commissioner

Mayor Vantine stated that he feels that the power to fill a vacant employee position should be given to the Trustee (Commissioner) in charge of that department so the entire Board of Trustees doesn't have to get involved with every personnel change. The Mayor noted that he would like to see the Commissioner in charge of the department, in consultation with the department head, be responsible for hiring of personnel to fill vacant positions. The Trustees agreed to table discussion of this issue until the employees union contract is negotiated.

L. Butts - Vacation Pay

Police Commissioner C. Getchonis stated that one of the Police Officer, L. Butts would like to be paid for his vacation time in lieu of taking time off. It was noted that a similar arrangement was made last year.

The Trustees agreed that Sgt. L. Butts be entitled to be paid for his vacation in lieu of taking the vacation time off.

Temporary DPW Employees

Engineer Rathbone stated that two temporary DPW Employees, Robert Browning and Mark Penny, have been hired on a temporary basis to relieve the manpower shortage and both men appear to be working very well.

Grant Application Authorization

Engineer Rathbone stated that he has been authorized to prepare two grant applications. One application is in the amount of \$200,000 and is associated with the Jobs Bill. The other application is in the amount of \$500,000 for a Community Development Action Grant. The Mayor noted that this may be an exercise in futility but it is worthwhile to at least file the application.

Speed Limits - Colgate University

Mayor Vantine stated that Colgate University is requesting the approval of the Village Board of Trustees to install speed limit signs on the campus roads. The proposed speed limits of 15 MPH and 25 MPH will vary throughout the campus.

Mayor Vantine stated that he has been advised that enforcement of these proposed speed limits would not be seriously pursued until January 1984.

Trustee Sastri submitted a list of proposed concerns regarding this issue. Trustee Sastri questioned whether the campus roads must be classified as Village streets or highways. Trustee Getchonis responded that the reason the board has to act upon these speed limits is that the proposed speed limits are lower than the village speed limit of 30 MPH. Trustee Ray stated that the campus roads are not village streets. Trustee Getchonis stated that the campus roads are considered public highways.

Trustee Sastri stated that as college employees, they can only make a citizen's arrest and legal tickets won't stand up in court. Mayor Vantine replied that the Peace Officer status is a recognizable status and Village of Hamilton tickets issued by a peace officer should be valid.

Trustee Sastri noted that if these campus roads are made village streets, then the Peace Officers title should be revised to Police Officer and become recognizable under Civil Service rules and be directly under the supervision of the Chief of Police. Mayor Vantine stated that the peace officer agreement has been set up so that the supervision of peace officers is the joint responsibility of James Tilbe, Chief of Police and Robert Holcomb, Director of Security.

Trustee Sastri asked if anyone has checked withour insurance company to see if this peace officer agreement will result in an increase in insurance premiums and if so, Colgate University should pay for the extra expense. Trustee Sastri stated that he also feels that there is a conflict of interest having Warren Ashmead as Village Attorney and Colgate University's Attorney.

Trustee Sastri stated that the rules and regulations of the Village Law should also apply to the campus. Mayor Vantine stated that the only item that the Colgate University is concerned about is the excessive speed on the campus roads. Trustee Sastri stated that the Colgate and Village insurance companies must have an agreement that they will cover all liability, faulty arrests and accidents. Mayor Vantine stated the University Board of Trustees passed a resolution to that effect.

Trustee Sastri stated that to change the speed limit on the campus roads, a public hearing should be held. Trustee Getchonis stated that if these are public roads within the village limits, then it would be logical to assume that they are village roads. Trustee Ray asked how the village can post speed limit signs on roads that are not village roads.

Trustee Sastri suggested that the University's review board enforce the violations on campus. Mayor Vantine stated that by issuing Uniform Traffic Ticket Violations, will serve as a deterrent because people do not want a mark on their license.

Mayor Vantine proposed that the speed limit issue be dealt with separately and the questions that Trustee Sastri has regarding the conflict of interest by Warren Ashmead be dealt with separately.

It was moved by Trustee Getchonis and seconded by Trustee Ray to approve the posting of speed limits as proposed by Colgate University in their letter of November 30, 1983.

Upon roll call:	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nayes</u>
	Mayor Vantine	Trustee Sastri
	Trustee Getchonis	
	Trustee Ray	

The motion carried 3-1.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Trustee Ray and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	\$ 14,709.91
Trust & Agency	\$ 13,254.11

Street Paving Payment

It was moved by Trustee Sastri and seconded by Trustee Getchonis to approve payment of the invoice of Solid Seal Systems, as revised for the paving measurements of the Village Engineer. The amount of the payment is \$32,689.66. The motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Loan

It was moved by Trustee Ray and seconded by Trustee Sastri to approve a temporary loan in the amount of \$29,090.37 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Communications

Mayor Vantine stated that a letter from Madison County District Attorney Neil Rose requesting the Trustees to adopt a proclamation declaring the week of December 12, 1983 at Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week in Madison County.

No action was taken.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

James P. Morgan
Village Clerk