

VILLAGE OF HAMILTONBOARD OF TRUSTEESAUGUST 8, 1988

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Deputy Mayor Baker in the Village Library at 7:00 pm on August 8, 1988

Present

Deputy Mayor Baker, Trustees Erb, Fuller & Krehel, Clerk-Treasurer Kogut and Village Attorney Hughes.

Citizen Participation

A. Dirk Hoffman. Inquired whether repairs for the recycling center roof and heating system were agenda items. He was informed they were not, there has been no decision to proceed or how to proceed.

Mr. Hoffman also said that he is becoming concerned with the traffic situation and the width of Montgomery Street between Eaton and Utica Streets. He suggested that the installation of curbs may help. Trustee Fuller added that a line down the middle of the road could also help. The question of what priority that section of Montgomery Street had on the Village Engineer's list also came up.

Mr. Hoffman also requested that agendas of the meetings of all Boards, Commissions & Committees be made available to the public in advance of the meetings. The Clerk stated that the various groups would be asked about this. There are problems, however. More often than not, it is virtually impossible to get all agenda items submitted far enough in advance for the agenda to be prepared for public distribution. Currently the agenda is finalized on Friday prior to the Board meeting, and frequently items are added on the following Monday & Tuesday prior to the meeting.

B. Alice Smart. Asked the Board if a long-range plan for the Village exists. She was advised that such a plan does exist. It is old but is nevertheless in effect for the Village.

C. Dr. MacDonnell, 62 Utica Street. Appeared before the Board regarding his long-standing boundary dispute with Dr. Amman at 60 Utica Street. He indicated that he still feels that Dr. Amman was improperly allowed to put his office in 62 Utica Street, and that the resulting noise, traffic congestion and dirt has had a detrimental effect on his property. He feels that Dr. Amman has encroached on his property and that he should be entitled to relief.

Dr. MacDonnell was informed that Trustee Fuller has looked at the entire history of the variance in the file, and that Trustee Erb was also looking at the file. Dr. MacDonnell has been advised several times to obtain a survey of the property line. A reply will be drafted to him when the file has been examined.

D. Dirk Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman stated that he perceives a lack of trust and friendliness among citizens when dealing with various Village boards and

commissions. There is a feeling that information regarding various issues is not disseminated thoroughly, and that board & commission members are not sensitive to the feelings and opinions of the citizens. Trustee Krehel emphatically disagreed, stating that in all his years at Colgate, he felt that the openness and responsiveness of the Village has never been better

than the last few years.

Deputy Mayor Baker reiterated Mr. Hoffman's concerns and indicated that he understands the feeling and would take the comments under advisement.

Appointments

At the request of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Baker presented the following appointments to the Village Board for approval:

Mark Curtis, re-appointed to the Planning Board, effective July 1, 1988 for a 5-year term.

Mike Gieryic, re-appointed to the Recreation Commission, effective July 1, 1988 for a 5-year term.

Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that Mark Curtis be re-appointed to the Planning Board for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 1988.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that Mike Gieryic be re-appointed to the Recreation Commission for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 1988.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting - July 11, 1988. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 1988 be approved.

Reports

A. Police Report - July 1988. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the police report of July 1988 be accepted.

Approval of Claims

Motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the claims for the month of July 1988 be paid as follows:

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| General | \$ 15,508.44 |
| Community Development | 2,734.71 |
| Joint Activity | 493.35 |
| Capital | 15,667.95 |

Communications

A. Deputy Mayor Baker indicated that a complaint had been received regarding Paragon Cable that has been forwarded to them.

Old Business

A. Deputy Mayor Baker set a joint meeting with the Municipal Utilities Commission and the Village Board for 4:30 pm, August 10, 1988 in the Village Library, for the purpose of discussing personnel.

New Business

A. Jaquay Property. Mr. Rick Easterly of Stearns & Wheler made an informational presentation of the basic plans for the development of the Jaquay property to the Village Board.

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Mr. Easterly advised the board that the Planning Board is recommending that the development of the 130 ± acres be handled as a planned district. He displayed a map showing proposed location of the roads in the development, noting that placement of roads was very difficult. The hill has a 30% slope and it was very difficult to keep the roads in the 8 -10% range.

The developer is proposing annexation of the entire tract of land into the Village so as to be governed by only one set of laws and codes, and to be eligible to receive the utilities available within the Village.

He is proposing a phased development of as many as 150 homes, in the price range of \$125,000 to \$200,000 each. Cluster units will be utilized. Some will be 1-family units, some multi-story, multi-unit structures.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has been contacted regarding the wetlands. Plans currently call for a pond for the retention of storm water, as well as the use of the feeder canal for retention.

Currently there is not an easement allowing access to the West Hill water tank across the property. That will be taken care of as well as an access road to the tank. Access to the development is planned from both Mill Street and Eaton Street.

Village Attorney Hughes indicated that the development will be handled as a planned district and subdivision. The planned district is an expedited means of re-zoning an area. The subdivision aspect deals with parceling out land with roads, utilities, etc. The Village Board will act on the Planning Board recommendations. The Planning Board will do all the legwork. Probably three public hearings will be held.

Mr. Dirk Hoffman expressed concern about the price of the homes, environmental considerations, increased traffic volume and the potential impact on our existing electric, water & sewer utilities.

Alice Smart expressed concern about the safety of the proposed horse stable. Mr. Werner and Ms Eve Ann Schwartz, Mr. Werner's attorney pointed out that the horse stable is not a commercial establishment that is open to the public. That is, it is not a business to rent out horses to people for riding. It is a place for local residents to board their own horses and be able to regularly exercise them.

B. Deputy Mayor Baker, referring to a letter from Mr. Tom Glaser about planning and zoning concerns, suggested that if a meeting is to be held to discuss those issues, it be scheduled before the September board meeting.

C. Senior Citizen Housing - Mr. Capozzi. Deputy Mayor Baker gave a brief history of the proposed Senior Citizen housing complex on Madison Street. Twenty-four units were proposed, expandable to 48. Funding is now

available, and some of the rental units will be rent-subsidized. Mr. Capozzi is proposing to put into place and maintain all utilities and roads.

It was pointed out that financing agreements now call for "open" financial eligibility, meaning that Hamilton residents will not be given preference unless they qualify on a needs basis, just like anyone else.

Mr. Capozzi will be invited to the September meeting.

Board Members

A. Trustee Fuller advised the members that bids for work on Madison, Hamilton, Lebanon and Wylie Streets are out.

B. Trustee Erb expressed concern about Montgomery Street, indicating that she felt that it needed more work than Wylie Street.

Tom Gilpatrick was present to ask the Board to take some type of action regarding parking and parking enforcement in the business district.

The issue was referred to Trustee Erb as Police Commissioner.

C. Clerk-Treasurer Kogut advised the Board that bids had been received on surplus vehicles and recommend that they sell the vehicles to the high bidder(s) as follows:

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| 1966 GMC Rescue Vehicle | S. Smith, Jr. | \$ 726.00 |
| | M. Thompson | 527.00 |
| | Hamilton Auto Clinic | 1,249.00 |
| | Pharsalia Fire Co | 827.17 |
| | D. Veronica | 1,001.00 |
| Grand Fury Sedan | M. Tilbe | \$ 60.00 |
| | K. King | 50.00 |
| | Hamilton Auto Clinic | 169.00 |
| 1977 Chevrolet Pickup | Hamilton Auto Clinic | \$ 269.00 |

Motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the surplus vehicles be sold to the highest bidder, Hamilton Auto Clinic, for the amounts indicated above.

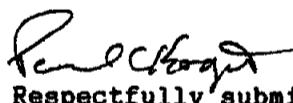
D. Attorney Hughes addressed the board advising them of the EPA inspection that took place in Hamilton in October 1986. A PCB sticker was missing from some transformers. That was corrected by Engineer Rathbone within three-four days. As a result of that infraction the Village was fined \$900.

Attorney Hughes also informed the board of the current status of the MLB arbitration. In conjunction with that action, an application for eligibility amendment to the funding agreement was filed, and has been approved by the State. All that remains is to get Board approval and the Mayor's signature.

Motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that Deputy Mayor Baker be authorized to sign for the Village the eligibility amendment for funding in regards to the MLB arbitration.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:48 pm.


Respectfully submitted,
Paul C. Kogut
Village Clerk-Treasurer

