

VILLAGE OF HAMILTON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 13, 1988

A Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees to hear discussion on the proposed Local Law #4-1988 prohibiting the issuance of special permits for an additional ninety days was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Getchonis.

Lorna Wilson, a real estate agent, asked for clarification of the law. It was explained that Local Law #3-1988 imposed a moratorium on the issuance of special permits for all purposes in all districts submitted after September 21, 1988. Local Law #4-1988 will impose a moratorium on the issuance of special permits involving properties in any Residential or University district for which an application was submitted after December 15, 1988.

Norman VonWettberg also was present asking for a clarification of what districts the proposed Law applied to. He also added that he feels the problems the Village has, such as noise and parking cannot be properly addressed through the Zoning Law.

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Getchonis in the Village Library at 7:15 on December 13, 1988.

Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 1988 be approved.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the Treasurer's Report for November 1988 be approved.

B. Police Report. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the Police Reports for October and November 1988 be approved.

Claims

The Clerk-Treasurer advised the members that there was an invoice for \$3,000 to Carl McDonald and Walter Russock for the HUD project. He mentioned that the Village has \$1,000 left to pay on the job, then our commitment will be fulfilled.

Motion was made by Trustee Krehel, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the claims for November 1988 be approved.

Communications

A. Thoma Development - will be doing the assisting the development of the Pilot Agreement with Lewiston Construction.

B. Letter from Judge Belton regarding the snow and ice conditions at the Court House.

C. General Code Publishers. Attorney Hughes advised the members that he has been in contact with them and they are aware that he will complete the work as time permits. He also feels that the work on the Zoning Law should be finished before the books are printed.

D. Notice of the annual dog quarantine from the county. Discussion of the value and enforcement of the leash law followed. Mayor Getchonis regards the lack of enforcement as a problem, but there has not been any public reaction to confirm that.

E. Mrs. Gilpatrick. A letter in response to the resolution of recognition and appreciation sent to her following Tom's death.

F. Letter from Burt Ryder, confirming the 4.5% annual increase in the contribution in lieu of taxes from the Hamilton Downtown Inn, Inc. This year's contribution was \$3,473.

G. Letter from Jim Zecca regarding Madison County Local Law #3 of 1988, solid waste disposal.

H. Copy of letter from Trustee Krehel to Mr. Joseph Hilton, NYS Department of Audit & Control regarding the timely submission of the Village's Annual Report.

Old Business

A. Master Plan Update. Russ Lura was not able to attend the meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer advised the Board that nine RFQ's were sent out, four people replied. He and Russ Lura recommend that a committee be appointed to review and interview all four firms.

After discussion, Mayor Getchonis appointed Trustee Krehel to chair the committee, Dave Kershaw, Richard Heck, Tom Glaser and Russ Lura. The committee will make a recommendation to the Village Board.

B. Downtown Parking. Mr. Glavin made a proposal of \$3,500 for his fee, and estimated construction costs of \$35,000 for the development of additional parking area.

Engineer Rathbone informed the Board that the estimated cost is for a complete job, including landscaping to provide another 35 to 40 parking spaces.

It was mentioned that Mr. Glavin has indicated that he will be retiring in the spring. If the Village plans to construct the lot in the next fiscal year, that will be after Mr. Glavin retires.

Mayor Getchonis expressed concern that the dollars mentioned are considerable, and may not produce a total solution to the parking problem. Discussion followed relative to re-marking the existing lot, expanding the lot behind the Library, and reducing the center lane size.

Trustee Krehel stated that Mr. Glavin should be asked to determine if

the present space is being used most efficiently. Engineer Rathbone said that asking Mr. Glavin to do additional work would result in extra cost. He will, however, approach Mr. Glavin regarding the request.

C. Senior Citizen Housing. Mr. Thoma is already working on the PILOT agreement study. He will be in Hamilton on December 14 to look at assessment records. It is anticipated that a report will be available before the first of the year.

New Business

A. Local Law #4-1988. Motion was made by Trustee Krehel, seconded by Trustee Fuller, and carried that Local law #4-1988 be adopted.

B. Local Law #5-1988 - Water & Sewer Rate increases. Mayor Getchonis scheduled a public hearing on Local Law #5-1988 for 7:00 pm, December 20, 1988 to be followed at 7:30 pm by a special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Board Members

A. Trustee Baker. Expressed appreciation to everyone contributing to the success of the Christmas Tree lighting.

B. Trustee Erb - permanent appointment of Dean Shaul.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that Dean Shaul be appointed as a school crossing guard at a weekly salary of \$85.

The Village Police officers will be participating with Colgate Security Officers in a Christmas party. A Deputy Sheriff will cover the department so all officers can attend.

C. Mayor Getchonis. Asked the Clerk about obtaining cost figures for the trash/garbage collection. He replied that current costs are about \$105,000. The estimated increase due to action the County has taken maybe as much as another \$25,000. The Mayor indicated that he hoped the Recycling Committee can be instrumental in beginning to get the Village moving in an even more positive direction regarding recycling.

After discussion, Mayor Getchonis asked the Engineer to contact some private trash haulers to see what interest there may be in contracting with us, and what potential costs may be.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Kogut
Village Clerk-Treasurer