

VILLAGE OF HAMILTON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JUNE 13, 1989

Mayor Getchonis opened the public hearings to run concurrently as follows:

Local Law #1-1989 - To re-enact, ratify and amend the Village of Hamilton Zoning Law.

Local Law #2-1989 - To amend the Zoning Map of Local Law #4-1981 to create a Planned Residential District on Madison Street.

Local Law #3-1989 - To extend the Village of Hamilton Sign Law.

Local Law #4-1989 - To change the Village of Hamilton assessment status.

Present were Mayor Getchonis, Trustees Baker, Fuller, Erb & Krehel, Attorney Hughes, Engineer Rathbone, Clerk-Treasurer Kogut, Andrea Briggs, Val Rathbone, Maggie McCue, Robert Holcomb, Ron Cook, Carol Van Schaack, Stuart Fleitz, Dave Kershaw, Susan Naef and Stanley Roe.

Attorney Hughes briefly described the content of each of the proposed local laws.

Mayor Getchonis: stated that these changes to the Sign Law represent exactly what was intended for the sign law eight years ago when it was passed.

Carol VanSchaack: regarding the Sign Law, asked if even an odd shaped sign is permissible if it fits within the required square footage. Attorney Hughes replied that that is correct.

Mayor Getchonis: regarding the Zoning Law, direct changes since the last meeting are the fees in particular. Attorney Hughes concurred.

Stuart Fleitz: regarding the Zoning Law asked if the entire board was in agreement with the word "existing" as it pertains to his block. His point being that the amendment, in effect, will prevent him from selling his property to a party intent on using it for group housing such as a fraternity or sorority. He contends that he will not have the same rights to sell as the previous owners of 40 Broad Street, therefore, being denied the opportunity of possibly making a larger profit on the sale of his property.

Mayor Getchonis: replied that he cannot say whether or not all members agreed with that point.

Stuart Fleitz: indicated that he feels spot zoning is occurring.

Attorney Hughes: stated that the 40 Broad Street case is now history. Stated that he understands that re-zoning of that entire portion of Broad Street is currently being considered. He indicated that he advised the Planning Board to attempt to address one major issue at a time, and not be

concerned with re-districting at this time.

Mayor Getchonis: stated that with any change there is always someone who gets "caught".

There were no comments directed at the proposal to change the assessing

unit, or the proposed sign law changes.

Maggie McCue: regarding the planned district for senior housing, stated that she just wants to see the project progress.

A question was raised regarding funding of the development. Attorney Hughes explained that Lewiston would be the owner, and would pursue 1% interest funding, similar to the Madison Lane apartments. Also, the point that seniors that get the new apartments may not necessarily be from Hamilton was discussed. Mayor Getchonis stated that his feeling from talking with those folks is that they are not so concerned with that fact as they are with the fact that more housing is needed, for all seniors.

There being no additional discussion, the public hearings were closed at 7:38 pm.

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Getchonis in the Village Library at 7:22 pm on June 13, 1989.

Present

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 1989 be approved.

### Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - May 1989. After discussion, motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the Treasurer's Report for May 1989 be approved.

B. Police Report - May 1989. Motion was made by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that the Police Report for May 1989 be approved.

### Claims

Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the claims for May 1989 be paid as follows:

General	\$ 18,435.06
Capital Fund	224.42
Joint Activity	599.44

### Correspondence

A. Correspondence from Engineer Rathbone, advising that Seal Coating and Resurfacing Bids have been opened, and low bidders notified. The Street Reconstruction bids were unanswered and will be re-bid. Engineer Rathbone has been in contact with contractors and feels we will get some bids this time.

B. Eve Ann Shwartz. The Werner Organization has withdrawn their planned district application, but will continue with a subdivision application. Susan Naef said the Planning Board wants the Village Board to indicate its interest in the development before the Werner Organization spent any more time and money. That Board feels that as the elected officials, it is important that the Village Board communicate with the Planning Board and give them some guidance.

Attorney Hughes added that the Planning Board didn't like the proposal, and was not able to make significant progress with the Werner Organization in getting a more suitable plan.

Mayor Getchonis stated that the Planning Board should be zeroing in on specific issues, while the Village Board should not have to be concerned with planning issues.

Tom Glaser thanked the Village Board for their action on the Zoning Law amendments. He pointed out that the Werner Organization failed to respond to the Planning Board's request for information. That board does not disagree that a planned district is necessary. They feel that a subdivision will not work as well. He also requested guidance from the Village Board before they could proceed further. There are costs to the Village and utilities that are unknown, but could be considerable.

C. Colgate University transmitted their share (\$15,130) for the Planning Study.

### Old Business

A. Zoning Law Amendments. Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the proposed Local Law to re-enact, ratify and amend the Village of Hamilton Zoning Law be approved.

B. Zoning Map Amendment. Motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded

by Trustee Erb and carried that the proposed Local Law to amend the Zoning Map of Local Law #4-1981 to create a Planned Residential District on Madison Street be approved.

C. Sign Law. Motion was made by Trustee Krehel, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the proposed Local Law to amend the Sign Law, Local Law #3-1981 be approved.

D. Assessing Unit. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the proposed Local Law terminating the Village of Hamilton status as an assessing unit for Village real property tax purposes be approved.

E. Little League fields - Eaton Street. The most recent design for the fields was presented, and discussion followed.

Trustee Krehel advised that it is important that the basic work be done properly. The next phase consists of additional plan development to cost \$3,360. Estimates for grading are about \$20,000 and the whole plan may cost approximately \$35,000.

After discussion, motion was made by Trustee Krehel, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the amount of \$3,360 be allocated for additional plans for the Eaton Street little league fields.

The Board also expressed support for the project, and commitment to the area for recreational purposes. Trustee Krehel added that he would not support a commitment for funding that may not be available.

Attorney Hughes added that he would be wary of the Village providing a blanket commitment at this point.

F. Commendation. Trustee Erb read correspondence from the Department of the Navy commending Chief Tilbe and members of the Hamilton Police Department who were in attendance, for their assistance from March 10 to April 22, 1989. During that time Naval agents were providing protective security to Will Rogers IV, a Colgate University student. The official letter will be filed in the appropriate personnel folders. The Department of the Navy also sent a plaque to be displayed in the Police Department.

Trustee Erb also presented to Mayor Getchonis a Certificate of Appreciation since it was his last meeting. Reference was made to his six years of service as Police Commissioner, Parks & Recreation Commissioner,

Trustee and Mayor.

G. Master Plan. Document has been signed by Mr. Neiderkorn and returned. Trustee Krehel suggested appointing Tom Glaser, Dave Kershaw, Ernie Cross and Trustee Krehel and Russ Lura to work with the consultant. Mayor Getchonis made the appointment of those individuals, acknowledging that other people may be appointed at a later date.

#### New Business

A. Fire Department Vehicle. Fire Chief Holcomb presented a plan for rebuilding of a fire engine at a cost of approximately \$37,000. Following discussion it was agreed that quotations for the work must be solicited for a job of that magnitude.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that an amount not to exceed \$37,000 be allocated for the repair.

B. Lake Moraine Run. Craig Crouch was present to request the Board consider matching the contribution they made last year to the event. Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the contribution of \$300 be made to the Lake Moraine Run, and that the Village be indemnified against insurance claims that may arise from the event.

Board Members and Staff

A. Trustee Baker. Following the recent unsuccessful attempt to hire a Code Enforcement Officer, he recommended re-advertising for the position. The Board members agreed.

B. Trustee Fuller. Requested an executive session.

C. Trustee Erb. On behalf of the Village Library, requested permission for the Library to have The Catskill Puppet Theatre and a Magic Show presented by Noreen Ferris on July 10 and 18 respectively.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the requested events be authorized for the given dates.

Trustee Erb also advised the members that she would be travelling to Skanaeteles to observe the operation of their landfill and recycling operations.

D. Engineer Rathbone. Advised the members that a price under \$7,500 has been obtained for the repair of the recycling center roof.

He also advised that, due to lack of a tree law, questions of responsibility for dead, dying and/or diseased trees are becoming a problem. Maybe the board will want to reconsider at a later date and act on a proper tree law.

He still has not been notified by the organizers of the Fourth of July celebration of their requirements.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that the Board of Trustees go into executive session at 9:44 pm to discuss

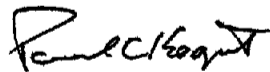
personnel.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that the Board of Trustees return to regular session at 10:05 pm

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Kogut  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

