

VILLAGE OF HAMILTON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 9, 1990

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Pike in the Village Library at 7:00 pm on January 9, 1990.

Present

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

Appointments

A. Historical Commission. Motion was made by Trustee Krehel, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that W. Jackson Loop be appointed to the Historical Commission, effective immediately, to a term expiring June 30, 1994.

B. Town-Gown Committee. Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that Polly Cooly, Cynthia Powers and Debbie Zahn be appointed to the Town-Gown Committee effective immediately.

C. Fire Chief. Trustee Baker informed the Board that Fountain Fire Company has recommended John A. Basher for Fire Chief and Dean Shaul for First Assistant Chief. Both men are former Fire Chiefs.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that John A. Basher and Dean Shaul be appointed Fire Chief and First Assistant Chief respectively.

The Mayor stated that he is beginning to work on the selection of a Bicentennial Committee.

Minutes

A. Regular Meeting -December 12, 1989. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that the minutes for the regular meeting of December 12, 1989 be accepted.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - December, 1989. Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the Treasurer's Report for December 1989 be accepted.

B. Police Report - December 1989. Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Krehel and carried that the Police Report for December 1989 be accepted.

Claims

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the claims for December 1989 be paid as follows:

General	\$ 12,893.60
Joint Activity	<u>210.00</u>
	\$ 13,103.60

Communications

A. Village Clerk to Russ Ray regarding the undesirable access to Lebanon Street. Mayor Pike indicated that they are not complying with the

request and suggested Attorney Hughes make contact with them.

Engineer Rathbone was asked about putting up a barrier. He replied that we may not have the materials available. A guard rail, for instance, may cost as much as \$1,200.

Motion was made by Trustee Erb, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried that the Village Board direct Engineer Rathbone to verify property lines and erect a barrier as soon as possible, and that Attorney Hughes approach

Mr. Ray about negotiating a long-term lease for the Village owned right-of-way behind his store.

B. Airport correspondence. Mayor Pike reviewed the correspondence regarding the apparent expansion at Elisha Payne airport. It appears that none of the government agencies will claim responsibility until such time as air space becomes an issue. He questioned whether DEC may have some responsibility, or at least interest, in the airport.

Following additional discussion, Mayor Pike asked the Clerk-Treasurer to attempt to contact someone in DEC who may be able to help the Village, and to send copies of his packet of correspondence Assemblyman McCann, State Senator Hoffman, and Congressman Walsh.

C. Environmental Protection Agency regarding water quality. Mayor Pike has asked Engineer Rathbone to prepare an appropriate press release explaining that our water is perfectly safe.

D. Central Business District Sidewalk Improvement Program. A letter has been sent out to all CBD property owners asking for assistance from them in identifying vaults that may extend under the sidewalk. Four replies have been sent.

E. Census Bureau. They have notified us about temporary employment available during the census process.

F. Joe Caprio (Steve Hall) regarding the trash situation behind the stores on Broad Street.

G. Madison County Fair Housing Law public hearing to be held on February 13, 1990. It deals with discrimination as it relates to eligibility to HUD funding.

Old Business

A. Proposed Local Laws. The following proposed Local Laws were presented for Board consideration:

- A Local Law pertaining to Unsolicited Printed Material
- A proposed Sidewalk Law
- A proposed Local Law to amend the Subdivision Law (re: grading, excavation, filling or road construction).
- A proposed Grading, Excavation and Filling Local Law.

Mayor Pike asked the Trustees all to take the Local Laws home and review them. If any questions should arise, they are to be directed to the Village Clerk by January 17, 1990.

Concurrent Public Hearings will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 1990 at 7:00 pm in the Village Library.

Board Members and Staff

A. Trustee Baker. Trustee Baker read the following :

Citation for Robert E. Holcomb

WHEREAS, Robert D. Holcomb joined the Hamilton Fire Department in 1961 and gave faithful service for more than twenty-eight years, and

WHEREAS, he served as a firefighter until 1980, then becoming Second Assistant Chief, then First Assistant Chief in 1985, and serving as Hamilton Fire Chief since 1987, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Robert Holcomb was instrumental in the planning and construction of a new fire station, the purchase of a new class A engine and a new heavy rescue vehicle, and was responsible for the rehabilitation of Engine 191, and

WHEREAS, under his direction as Chief, the Hamilton Fire Department responded to 471 alarms from 1987 to 1989, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Hamilton extend their sincere gratitude and

appreciation to Robert E. Holcomb for exemplary and meritorious service as Hamilton Fire Chief and as a member of the Fire Department for more than twenty-eight years.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Erb and carried that the preceding resolution be adopted.

B. Trustee Fuller. Stated that the Department of Public Works has done a commendable job during the recent heavy snowfall. Mayor Pike agreed, adding that the men have also been extremely helpful at the recycling center.

A second draft franchise agreement has been reviewed by all the local municipalities, and a meeting with all them will be scheduled for a final review. Suggested additions include references to local tree laws where they exist, and, for Hamilton and Sherburne, a commitment to a joint pole agreement.

C. Trustee Erb. The police department computer has been delivered with the software to follow in two to three weeks. Also, the 1988 police car was recently sent in for repairs. The overnight parking situation in the municipal lot has been resolved.

D. Trustee Krehel. Reported that 10 or 11 people were at the Long Range Planning Committee meeting on January 8. He feels that their progress has been good, and that it is nearly time for a public meeting to talk about the directions being taken.

The actual census of residents is a concern, and they are developing their own "pre-census" survey.

E. Mayor Pike. Commented that Harold Simmons of East Lake Road has still not given permission for testing of his septic system to determine the source of sewage appearing on the ground surface at the golf course.

He indicated that Madison County's newspaper program of shredding newspaper for cattle bedding is extremely successful.

There is some concern with the court house, in that there is no area for legal counsel to have private discussions with clients. Mayor Pike raised the question of whether there may be space available in the Chenango Nursery School building. He asked that Board members keep the problem in mind, and be looking for possible relocation options.

F. Engineer Rathbone. Reported that the small DPW truck has transmission problems. It was determined that authorization had already been given for replacing that vehicle. A salt shed had also been authorized at that time.

New York Telephone is upset because the Village did not grant them their easement along Eaton Street because they were still not able to enter into a joint pole agreement. They have proceeded into that area based on

their legal advice that they are entitled to maintain their existing facilities.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Village Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Paul C. Kogut
Respectfully submitted,
Paul C. Kogut
Village Clerk-Treasurer

