

VILLAGE OF HAMILTONBOARD OF TRUSTEESAUGUST 13, 1991

The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Deputy Mayor Bergen in the Community Hall at 7:00 pm on August 13, 1991.

Present

Deputy Mayor Bergen, Trustees Getchonis, Glaser, and Fuller, Village Engineer Rathbone, Village Clerk-Treasurer Kogut.

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Bergen asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried to approve the agenda.

Appointments

A. Annual Appointments. The following appointments were made by Mayor Baker:

Margaret Miller - Planning Board, term to expire 6/30/96

Patricia Cook Blocklin - completing unexpired term of Tom Glaser, to expire 6/30/94

Otto Young - Design Review Board, term to expire 6/30/92

Michael Zahn - Long Range Planning Committee, term expires with acceptance of plan

Citizen Participation

A. Norm von Wettberg. Mr. von Wettberg remarked about the rules regarding what garbage gets picked up by the village crew. The specific rule he was talking about was the village crew not picking up garbage generated by a contractor. Mr. von Wettberg thought it was highly unfair if a homeowner does his own work, he can get his garbage picked up free. If a contractor does the work for the person, the homeowner has to pay twice. They pay for it in their taxes and then they pay the contractor to hire a private hauler to take it away.

Mrs. Carol VanSchaak stated she would rather see a limit on the amount of trash pickup that individual houses are allowed to put out, and then be charged extra for the miscellaneous items. She would like to see a fall clean up day and a spring clean up day rather than have junk picked up every week.

Engineer Rathbone stated the reason for the policy was that the tax rates supported garbage pickup. General household items that are put out on a week to week basis is what they are talking about here. Contract items you see once every 20 years or more. It is not the type of thing that would be expected in a day to day fee for sanitation services to cover. This is what DPW is doing. Now, recently there is the recycling epic. Metal is picked up and taken to the landfill to be recycled. The policy has been for years that when someone hires a contractor, they hire the contractor to do the whole job, which includes cleaning up the site disposal of any waste materials.

Deputy Mayor Bergen remarked the easiest question to address is about recycling materials. If material that is recyclable such as downspouts, gutters, etc. is put out, the recycling truck may not accommodate them easily. He feels that the village should be responsible to pick it up.

Engineer Rathbone stated that if the material cannot be put into the truck because of length or weight it cannot be done without being cut up.

Trustee Getchonis stated he would rather have a taxpayer come to a

meeting to complain if there is a problem. He does not understand why the recycling does not get picked up. As for the heavy metal things, they have to be handled the way they are because of the budget.

Deputy Mayor Bergen stated that maybe between this Board meeting and the September Board meeting, a meeting can be held involving the DPW Foreman and the Village Engineer and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to see what can be done to address this matter.

B. John Basher. Mr. Basher stated he was there to inform the Board about a 37 year old generator at the fire station that is inadequate and not big enough, and you cannot put money into it because some of the parts are not made anymore. When the power is out, certain panels are not monitored because there is no power and there is no way to hear the buzzer to answer the alarm. A new generator would help solve this problem. He is wondering about liability because if the village provides the fire service and if there is no power, the village is not providing it. The backup generator is not working to provide power if the regular power goes off.

Trustee Glaser thought there was some conversation during the budget hearing on this. Clerk Kogut stated there was some discussion in the budget hearings on how to begin proceeding with the generator.

After more discussion, Deputy Mayor Bergen stated that perhaps between now and the September meeting, Fire Commissioner Glaser, Fire Chief Basher, and the Village Engineer could meet and at the September meeting give a presentation. He would like to see something presented in writing that would make it more clear.

C. Heidi Baker. Ms. Baker wanted to know if anything was going to be done about the temporary parking permission for her customers. Deputy Mayor Bergen stated Mayor Baker asked Attorney Hughes to address the legality of the action by the Board. Attorney Hughes remarked in a communication to Mayor Baker that this procedure constitutes an improper gift of municipal resources and should not be continued. Deputy Mayor Bergen stated this meant it constitutes a preferential treatment for a group of merchants in the downtown district that is not granted to other merchants.

Trustee Glaser asked why the village could not extend the parking time from 2 to 3 hours? Deputy Mayor Bergen stated he did not think that issue was addressed.

Ms. Baker also stated another problem she has is with a sign out in front of her shop that is actually two signs. One of the signs says "2 hour parking" and the other says "No Parking". Also the yellow line is not marked right.

#### Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting - July 9, 1991. On page 6, 2nd paragraph, first sentence, *worked* should be *work*. On page 7, item A., *pilons* should be *pylons*.

Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1991 be approved as corrected.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - July 1991. Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried that the Treasurer's Report for July 1991 be accepted.

Claims

Claims for July 1991. Motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried that the claims for July 1991 be approved as follows:

General	\$ 38,359.47
Joint Activity	835.32
T & A	<u>2,541.18</u>
Total	\$ <u>41,735.97</u>

Communications

A. Attorney James E. Hughes - Parking. Attorney Hughes addressed the issue of allowing overtime parking for patrons of the beauty salon operators. His opinion was that the use of a card in the car window to allow selected individuals to park overtime was not legal, and should be discontinued. No action was taken on his recommendation.

B. Attorney James E. Hughes - Public Assembly Fire Inspection. Attorney Hughes gave the opinion that the Village did have the responsibility for inspections, even on Colgate's campus, and that it was not inappropriate to charge for the service.

C. Hon. Magee - CHIPS Funding. Word has been received regarding the CHIPS program, and that regulations will be sent as soon as they are available.

D. ISO Commercial Risk Services. The Village has been officially notified that as a result of an inspection by ISO Commercial Risk Services several months ago, the protection class has been upgraded from 5 to 4. The benefit will be a decrease in fire insurance rates for many insured commercial properties within the Village.

Old Business

A. Solid Waste Costs - Tax Exempt Properties. The members were advised that notification has been sent to all the concerned property owners concerning our action.

B. Library Parking Request. The Library Board of Directors has requested short-term parking be designated for patrons of the Library to make quick trips into the Library. They also want restrictive paint markings on the street and curb in front of the sidewalk leading to the door, plus yellow markings on the stone step to the door.

The consensus was that the step painting could be handled by them if they wished. Appropriate street and curb markings could be done when the rest of the street marking is done.

After additional discussion, motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Fuller and carried that two additional two-hour parking spaces be added in front of the library, and that appropriate signs and marking be installed.

C. Census update. The Clerk advised the members Bud Pike has been in contact with several agencies involved with the census. He was not able to obtain any useful information, but was advised that the Village should be notified sometime in September of any changes in the numbers. He was also advised there are still avenues of appeal open to us after that.

New Business

A. Fee Schedule - Rental of Community Hall. Deputy Mayor Bergen commented on the different issues to consider in figuring out fees for the rental of the Community Hall to outside organizations.

Deputy Mayor Bergen asked Trustee Getchonis and Trustee Glaser if they would be willing to constitute a two person subcommittee of the Board to address some of the issues prior to the September meeting. He also stated they should work closely with Engineer Rathbone, Clerk Kogut and Judge Judge Fisher to get their input.

B. Removal of contractor's materials. Deputy Mayor Bergen stated he had already suggested earlier in the meeting to have a meeting with Engineer Rathbone, DPW Foreman Danny Hughes and himself to discuss the problems.

C. Proposed joint meeting of all Boards & Commissions. Deputy Mayor Bergen remarked that Mayor Baker would like to have a meeting in late September or early October. The meeting would be of full memberships of each of the villages Boards & Commissions. At the meeting the chair of each of the Boards & Commissions would give a brief report of the duties and responsibilities of his or her panel. There would be a review at that time of the village's organization chart. The meeting would be held at held at the Community Hall. A possible date for the meeting would be Wednesday, October 2, 1991 at 7:00 pm.

D. Rental Agreement - Town Court. Clerk Kogut stated the Town of

Hamilton uses the Community Hall for court on Monday nights and any other time someone needs to be arraigned. They would like to enter into an agreement with the village where they pay \$75.00 a month rent for their use of the building beginning July 1991 and expiring July 1992. Mayor Baker already signed the agreement pending the Board's approval. They are paying nothing now so why not get the \$75.00 per month.

Town Supervisor Kuiper's concern is a couple of his counselors are of the opinion if we were going to charge them a large some of money, they would just move it back to the Town Office.

Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to approve the \$75.00 per month rental agreement with the Town of Hamilton for Court House rental.

Board Members & Staff

A. Trustee Fuller. He stated that at the last meeting Mayor Baker wanted him to find out how many over-the-air television stations received. There are 7 and maybe more.

Trustee Fuller stated that Judith Webb with the Young & Teen Peacemakers, wanted the open another avenue of the Farmer's Market. They wanted to sell T-Shirts with screen printing on it along with pamphlets. As far as he thought it was not acceptable according to the Farmer's Market Law.

B. Trustee Getchonis. He stated that everybody who works full-time for the village got a raise in pay this year as far as he know. Two of the key people as far as he knows did not get a raise and it irritates him. He wants to know what can be done about it. He would like to be empowered by the Board to discuss this with the MUC.

Deputy Mayor Bergen stated that he did not recall the Board ever getting information from any source in the village board budget deliberations on why specifically this happened. He does not recall seeing anything at all stating the MUC decided not to provide a raise for reasons given.

Deputy Mayor Bergen suggested that he and Trustee Getchonis talk more

about this to Mayor Baker, because there are a lot of questions about the MUC that he is interested in addressing as the incoming mayor.

C. Trustee Glaser. He stated that in looking at the Fire Department's Annual Report, there were two things he wanted to discuss. One was the generator, which was discussed earlier, and the other was some of the vehicles. The 1964 pumper which is in need of repair would cost around \$5000 - \$7000. The aerial ladder truck is going to be tested which it is 55 years old. There are signs of age when you look at some of the vehicles. He thought Fire Chief Basher's suggestion, that through the next few years to be looking towards replacement of these vehicles, should be in the back of the Board's mind.

Trustee Glaser stated the Planning Board was meeting this month for a public hearing on the Scoping Session for Colgate's dormitory project.

D. Deputy Mayor Bergen. He stated Bob Kuiper called him to tell him the Mid-York Senior Housing is considering the purchase of ten acres immediately north of Madison Lane. Five of the acres are usable and the other five are wetland. They would like to construct 24 additional one bedroom units. Their Board will be meeting on September 9, 1991 to discuss the project further. If they pursue they would seek Farmers Home Administration financing.

Deputy Mayor Bergen remarked that Dick Markwitz of Morrisville has been named by the MUC as the Superintendent of Utilities.

Deputy Mayor Bergen reminded the Board to mark their calendars for the September 17, 1991 meeting with Colgate.

Deputy Mayor Bergen stated that Engineer Rathbone and himself will be attending a recycling meeting at Morrisville College on August 15, 1991.

Deputy Mayor Bergen commented on the luncheon between Mayor Baker and Colgate President Neil Grabois.

Deputy Mayor Bergen asked Engineer Rathbone to look into the history of parking on Utica Street beyond the bank branch.

Deputy Mayor Bergen commented on his interest on the recreational facilities that are indigenous to the village. He asked Trustee Fuller if he would like to work with him in talking with the GTE people about this.

Deputy Mayor Bergen commented on the cable service in the village. He would like to see some kind of village citizens advisory committee which might handle rate regulation and also program and servicing concerns.

E. Engineer Rathbone. He stated there is a concern about garbage collection and the overtime rules. He spoke to DPW Foreman Danny Hughes and Mr. Hughes feels it could be kept to 40 hours a week, but the employees say they need to have at least 8 hours for overtime. Deputy Mayor Bergen stated they should wait and see what Mr. Hughes could come up with.

Engineer Rathbone stated they need some material from the quarry called "Pressure One" in order to get our salt shed packed into the ground and get a nice base. He stated the low bid was \$3.65 a ton from Worlock Paving which is about as much of a run as it is to go to the Town of Lincoln landfill. We can go up and back in half of the time to Munnsville but they were one of the highest bids at \$4.00 a ton.

Engineer Rathbone laid out the parking spaces on paper. In order to give people room to maneuver in and out the manual for Uniform Traffic Control advises the spaces to be between 21'-26'. On the ends of corners it can be 20'. He has come up with 72 parking spaces.

Engineer Rathbone remarked he had a phone call from Steve Tuttle at the County Planning Office. There will someone coming up from Norwich to