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B. Village Attorney. Mayor Baker remarked he would like to appoint Mr.

Steven Jones, of Nodell & Jones as the Village Attorney for Codes Enforcement activity through June 30, 1993.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to appoint Mr. Steven Jones as the Village Attorney for Codes Enforcement activity through June 30, 1993.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting - February 9, 1993. On Page 3, second paragraph change *Budge* to *Budget* in the first line. In the third paragraph, change *8 cents* to *.08 cents* in the fifth line. In the bottom paragraph, change *public funds to be mounted on* to read *public funds for signage on* in the fifth line. On Page 4, second paragraph from bottom, change *a lot* to *some* in the fourth line. On Page 5, third paragraph, change *county* to *village* in the third line. On Page 6, fourth paragraph, change *think* to *thing* in the sixth line.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to accept the minutes of February 9, 1993 as corrected.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - February 1993. Reviewed.

B. Dumpster Summary - February 1993. Reviewed.

Approval of Claims

A. Claims for February 1993. Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried that the claims for February 1993 be approved as follows:

General	\$ 29,243.05
T & A	<u>1,450.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,703.05</u>

Communications

A. Den Kelly Building.

B. Congressman Boehlert letter - 2/22. Mayor Baker remarked he received a letter from Congressman Boehlert regarding rural housing development, and transportation.

C. Jim Zecca letter - 2/24. Mayor Baker stated there was a letter from Jim Zecca indicating that Jeffrey Paul of Madison was hired to investigate complaints of illegal dumping and what his duties would be. It stated he would be working approximately 20 hours per week for that department. It also indicated that he was a full-time police officer for the Village of Hamilton, a part-time road deputy for the Madison County Sheriff's Department, and he

also owns and operates a funeral home in Madison.

Mayor Baker asked if there was a problem with scheduling him. Chief Tilbe remarked his scheduling for his other jobs is around his full-time schedule for the Village.

Old Business

A. Solid Waste Proposal. Trustee Bergen went over the proposed changes with the Board members. Following discussion motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried to adopt the Solid Waste Proposal with the changes presented.

The Board also discussed charging a fee of \$12.50 for the pick up of refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners. Motion was made by Trustee

Brink, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to charge a fee of \$12.50 for the pick up of refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners effective as soon as possible.

B. Fire Protection District Lines. Trustee Glaser stated there was a second meeting regarding the fire district lines. Mayor Baker, Trustee Bergen and Trustee Glaser attended the meeting along with members from the Town of Madison Board, three members from the Village of Madison Board, and the Fire Chief for Madison. Discussion was held regarding the background of Madison and Hamilton activity. The decision at the meeting was there would be a meeting between the two Fire Chief's, SOMAC, and the two Fire Department's. At a meeting on Thursday, March 4, 1993 the Town of Madison Board approved proceeding with the process to change the fire protection district line. They will be sending out the proposal to affected residents and a public hearing will be held. (Date to be announced.)

C. Syracuse Developmental Center. Mayor Baker informed the members he still has not heard anything back on this.

D. New York State Recycling Fund. Mayor Baker remarked NYCOM has prepared a news release for the newspapers, basically urging the Assembly and the Senate to restore the level of aid to local communities, that was reduced to a period of over three years, to restore it over a period of three years beginning with this year. Mayor Baker sent a copy of the news release to Assemblyman Magee and Senator Hoffman indicating that we put this release out and we think they should be working with us on it. The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, the 1988 Solid Waste Management Act (Act) mandated all municipalities to enact source separation laws by September 1, 1992 and established a state-local partnership to solve solid waste problems, and while the 1988 Act provided minimal funding for recycling efforts. That money was quickly depleted and no new state funding exists; and

WHEREAS, New York State has failed to uphold its commitment to the state local partnership and local taxpayers should not have to bear the sole burden of solid waste management mandates; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities need state financial assistance to support capital costs associated with local recycling programs and initiatives to promote market development for recyclables; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Village of Hamilton supports the establishment of \$100 million per year New York State Recycling Fund, beginning in 1993, which would stimulate recycling markets and provide funding for municipalities to meet state recycling goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we shall forward copies for the resolution to Governor Mario Cuomo, the Majority Leader and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leaders of the New York State Assembly, and our representatives in the New York State Legislature and the Conference of Mayors.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried to adopt the resolution for the New York State Recycling Fund.

New Business

A. Colgate Reunion '93 Request. Mayor Baker he received the annual request from Colgate University indicating their reunion will take place on June 5, 1993. They would like to begin their parade at 11:30 am as they have done in the past. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable.

B. 1993-94 Budget Process. Mayor Baker remarked a memo went out on February 24, 1993 regarding the dates for the budget meetings. Clerk Kogut should have some printouts available soon.

C. Police Protection District. Mayor Baker stated he received a copy of a letter written to Bob Knudsen, a member of the Town of Hamilton Planning Board regarding bags of garbage, loud music, loud noises, eggs thrown at house, etc on Spring Street. Mayor Baker asked Trustee Bergen to talk more about the matter.

Trustee Bergen remarked there was a Town of Hamilton Planning Board meeting in January or early February 1993. There were about forty residents at the meeting. The remedy that the Town of Hamilton Planning Board is pursuing is a group residence statute that is lifted from the Village of Hamilton Zoning Code. Trustee Bergen went on to explain how this all came about. He thought that maybe a police district could be added along Spring Street, at no increase to the Hamilton Police Department budget, to handle an occasional call. At the Town Council meeting on March 4, 1993, Bob Kuiper did request that the village make a three-year proposal for a police district that would embrace Spring Street. There is a hearing scheduled for April 1, 1993 in the Hamilton Central School Cafeteria on the proposed group residence statute, which Russ Lura has worked with the Town Planning Board on. Trustee Bergen felt a logical thing to do would be to expand the police district to the immediate area outside the village.

Mayor Baker asked Chief Tilbe for his reaction on this. Chief Tilbe stated if the Village Board decides to expand the police district, the Police Department can handle the added responsibility. There are two things however, that would have to be done. With the golf course, half of it is in our jurisdiction and half of it is out. If the village expanded the district, it would solve this problem. The other thing is there would be five residents and one apartment building on Payne Street, and three residents on Hamilton Street that would have to be included in the district. Mayor Baker asked Trustee Getchonis to work with Chief Tilbe and come up with some proposals for a contract with the Town of Hamilton.

D. Upcoming Labor Contract Negotiations. Mayor Baker stated the MUC employees and the DPW employees contracts are coming up for renewal. Mayor Baker asked Clerk Kogut if he has had any communications for either party. Clerk Kogut remarked he had a request from their union headquarters in Syracuse for employee roster's, seniority lists, brief description of the health plan, etc. He would expect to hear from them before the end of the month requesting a time to sit down and present their proposals. A committee of Mayor Baker, Trustee Bergen and Trustee Getchonis will work with Clerk Kogut on the negotiations.

D. Trustee Brink. She stated that there were some changes with the Farmers' Market rules and regulations and additions to the application. She handed out copies of the changes and additions, and went over them with the Board.

E. Mayor Baker. The mayor reported that he had a small number of calls regarding his newspaper article which mentioned "cleaning up" after dogs. He will follow up on this in a future article.

The mayor complimented the Historical Commission on the publication of a new "Walking Tour" booklet. It is a most professional job and will provide many places for area visitors.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul C. Kogut
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Board Members & Staff

A. Trustee Bergen. He remarked that the village has proposed once again to the New York State Department of Transportation to sweep Route 12B. This is done regularly in the spring by us.

Trustee Bergen asked if there was any results with the erection of the traffic safety devices on the alleyways in the Smith Block. Engineer Rathbone stated the mirror has arrived. He would like to know how we are going to proceed with this once all the materials have arrived. Mayor Baker remarked he would draft a letter to all the property owners involved letting them know the materials are in and we would be mounting them.

Trustee Bergen stated the streets are taking an awful beating with the snow plowing and he feels we are going to have to do something every summer or wind up paying enormous costs down the line. We are about ready to place the ads for the street project this summer. Engineer Rathbone remarked we will have to mark the streets according to the contract. Trustee Bergen asked Engineer Rathbone when the ads could go in the papers. Engineer Rathbone stated they could probably go in next week.

Trustee Bergen remarked that on April 1, 1993 the Village of Hamilton will enter into a new agreement with the Power Authority, which will be an advantage to our residents. The agreement will run through the year 2013. Previously the charge for power for an entire year was determined by the peak demand for any one month, which is usually a winter month. Charges for power under the new agreement will be based on twelve monthly peaks.

B. Trustee Getchonis. He stated the Police Department and Colgate Security seem to be getting along fairly smoothly. The red light bars have been taken off the Colgate Security vehicles.

Trustee Getchonis remarked that Chuck Fox is doing a wonderful job as Chairperson for the Bi-Centennial Committee. They are working right now on getting committee chairs for the fifteen different committees. They have a

list of individuals and organizations in the community who will be getting personal letters to attend meetings, and help come up with ideas of what should go on during the year.

C. Trustee Glaser. He asked Trustee Getchonis if the fire department was covering now that the red lights are off of Colgate's vehicles. Mayor Baker remarked that since they never said they were not going to do it, we are assuming they are. Trustee Getchonis will look into and find out.

Trustee Glaser stated there was another meeting in February regarding the Master Plan. The plan was presented and they talked about the strategies of where to go with the plan right now. The discussion within the committee was that the plan was accepted. The Planning Board has now started reviewing it, and there will be some hearings on it and then it will come to the Village Board with recommendations. We will have to discuss at the next meeting how we want the plan to be presented to the community and what steps need to be taken.

Trustee Glaser remarked another meeting was held this month regarding the airport study. Mr. Benji Manton and Russ Lura were at the meeting along with Mayor Baker, Trustee Bergen, Trustee Glaser and Trustee Brink. The money from the county has been approved. Discussion was held regarding the plan and possible ways of attracting markets to this site; the possibility of annexation, the possibility of developing a pilot, an alliance with the IDA who has an interest in the property, and a public information session will be held on March 23, 1993 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.