

VILLAGE OF HAMILTONBOARD OF TRUSTEESPUBLIC HEARINGDECEMBER 13, 1994

The public hearing on the proposed changes to Article II - Dumpsters, of the Solid Waste Law.

Present

Mayor Baker, Trustees Bergen, Brink, Getchonis and Glaser, Village Engineer Rathbone and Village Clerk Kogut.

Article II - Dumpsters

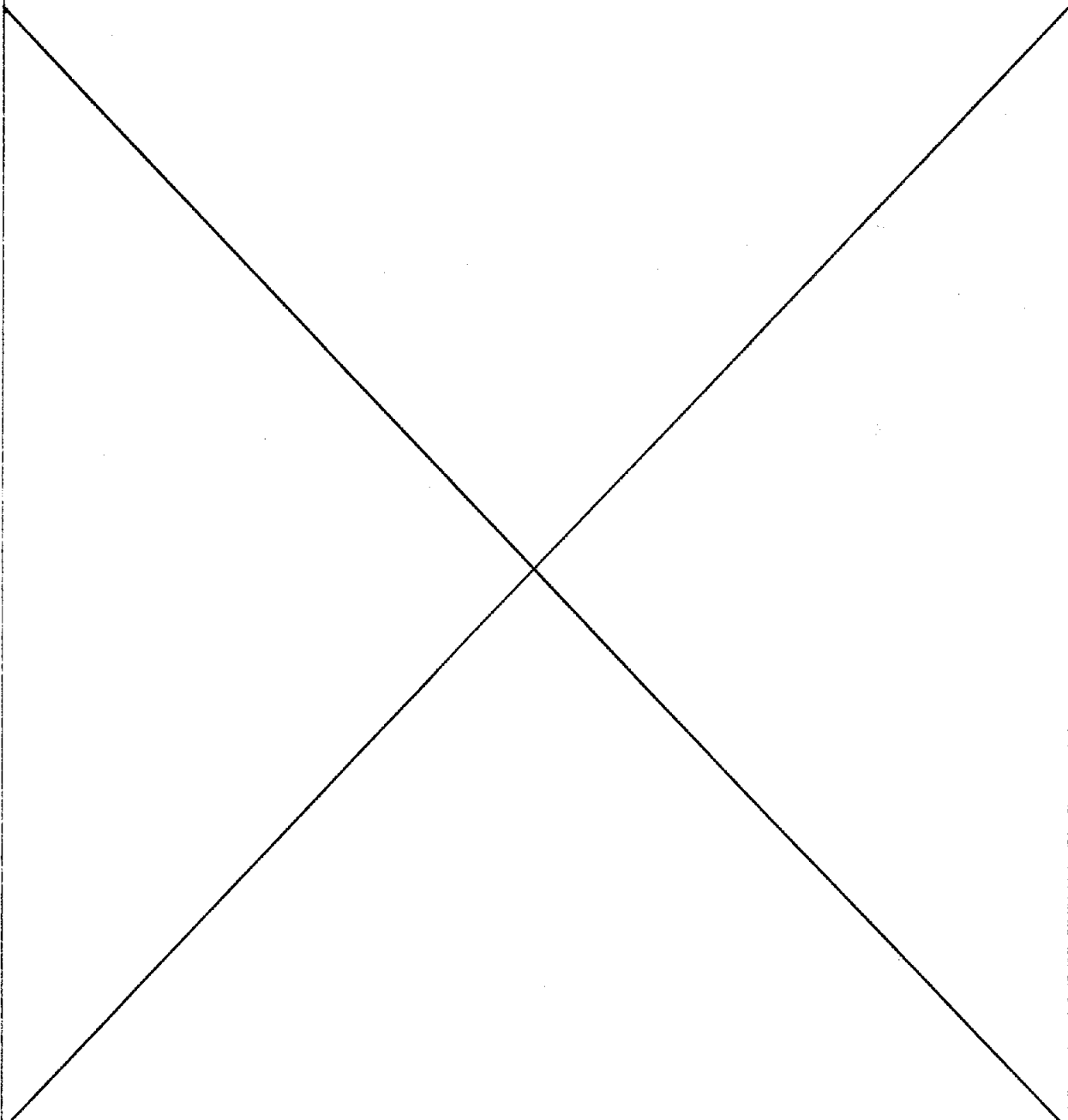
Engineer Rathbone gave a brief history of what lead up to the development of the proposed changes to Article II - Dumpsters.

Clerk Kogut stated he got together some recommendations on dumpster fee changes, and part of that was to calculate the tonnage that we have been carrying to the landfill. In the past 12 months we are taking an average of 98 tons per month to the landfill. The last time we adjusted the rates which was about 2 years ago, we were taking about 73 tons per month. Our costs during that period of time have increased 14%. Clerk Kogut remarked that he does not have any definite recommendations for dumpster fees, because when he saw the differences he did not feel 100% comfortable with his figures.

Following discussion, Mayor Baker stated that Engineer Rathbone should get together with Attorney Walton to rework Section F to clarify the whole dumpster question, and secondly to better define "packaging, piling and bundling".

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the public hearing adjourned at 7:44 pm.



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The regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Baker in the Community Hall at 7:00 pm on December 13, 1994.

Present

Mayor Baker, Trustees Bergen, Brink, Getchonis and Glaser, Village Engineer Rathbone and Village Clerk Kogut.

Call to Order

Mayor Baker asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting with the following additions and changes.

1. Add to New Business, Internships.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Bergen and carried to approve the agenda as revised for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting - November 9, 1994. Trustee Bergen would like the following sentence added to the last sentence in Item G, on Page 7, *Trustee Bergen raised the question of who would be responsible if expenditures exceeded the revenues of the Bicentennial Committee.* Mayor Baker stated that the obligations of the Bicentennial Committee are the obligations of the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to accept the minutes of the November 9, 1994 meeting as corrected.

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report - November 1994. Reviewed.

B. Dumpster Summary - November 1994. Reviewed.

C. Engineer Rathbone. Engineer Rathbone stated that we received bids today for the sanitary sewer system improvements. He gave a brief explanation to the Board of what the improvements consisted of. The bids ranged from a high of \$416,654 to a low of \$291,711.

Engineer Rathbone remarked that we have not received all of the equipment that has been ordered for the new tractor from Clarke Equipment. There is also some lights and gauges that do not work, and they will be sending a mechanic out to fix them. Engineer Rathbone suggested that we pay a portion of their bill, but not all of it until everything has been fixed and the rest of the equipment has arrived. Mayor Baker asked Engineer Rathbone what he recommended as an amount to pay. Engineer Rathbone stated that we should hold 10% to 15% back to cover the items that are missing.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried to approve a payment of \$45,000 to Clarke Equipment.

Engineer Rathbone asked if any of the Board members had any concerns regarding the safety manual. Trustee Brink remarked that she thought the manual should be revised for the DPW. Engineer Rathbone stated that the electrical portions would be left out. He also remarked that in order to be in good standing with the union we should have a Board resolution adopting the pertinent sections of the manual.

Motion was made by Trustee Brink, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to adopt the pertinent sections of the manual for use by the DPW.

Engineer Rathbone stated that the dog waste signs are being installed.

D. Police Report for November 1994. Mayor Baker remarked that he was surprised to find out through the newspaper that the Police Department was going to do some raids on the fraternity houses. The Police Chief had every opportunity to inform the Mayor at the staff meetings, and he will be mentioning it to Chief Tilbe.

E. Fire Department Report for November 1994. Trustee Glaser stated that Ron Joyce and President Neil Grabojs of Colgate will be given a tour of the fire station sometime during January 1995. He will let the Board know when the actual date will be.

Approval of Claims

A. Claims for November 1994. Motion was made by Trustee Brink, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried that the claims for November 1994 be approved as follows:

Village	\$ 44,446.99
Capital (Equipment)	45,071.61
BiCentennial	<u>2,844.41</u>
Total	\$ 92,363.01

Communications/Information

A. Federal COPS Program. No specific word yet received on our application. Approved at state level. Assume it will be ok'd.

B. Cable Television Committee Meeting. Trustee Brink remarked that there was a public meeting held on December 6, 1994, and Julia McGrath was there from Paragon Cable. We found out that Paragon Cable is now serving Colgate, which means that they will be getting a little bit of extra income that should be reflected in our franchise fee. Bud Pike asked how the new regulations would affect the franchise, and Trustee Brink explained to him that the fact that we were regulating them does not affect the franchise agreement at all. We are only regulating the equipment, basic tiers and customer service standards. Mr. Pike also noted that he thought we were supposed to be provided with an audit, and Trustee Brink pointed out that we are provided with an annual financial statement.

C. Bicentennial Committee. Mayor Baker stated that there was an excellent turn out at the Open House from about 5:00 pm to beyond 8:30 pm. They aired 17 minutes of a 45 minutes video that has been prepared, plus the interactive television computer program being done by Bob Maxwell. Mayor Baker remarked that when he had asked Clerk Kogut to start giving the Board monthly income and expense statements he was already doing it. Mayor Baker went over some of the organizations they expect to receive donations from.

D. Annexation Meetings. Mayor Baker remarked that Clerk Kogut and he had a meeting in Tulley with Scott Chatsfield regarding the annexation. Mr. Chatsfield stated that he felt he must be present and involved in certain things, but is open to being excluded from as much as possible.

Mayor Baker stated that Clerk Kogut and he went to the Madison Town Board meeting on Thursday, December 8, 1994 to discuss the annexation. Mr. Benji Manton also attended the meeting. Mayor Baker remarked that the next step is to approach the Skaneateles Savings Bank and let them know that we are ready for them to petition for annexation. He told Mr. Manton he would contact him by Thursday, December 15, to let him know if the Board wanted to take the next step.

E. Fire Lane Process Status. Mayor Baker stated he received a copy of a letter from Attorney Linus Walton to Susan Schapiro that was sent in late November, regarding the proposed easement agreement. Ms. Schapiro has engaged Chris Kendall from the firm of Nodell & Jones, and according to Codes Enforcement Officer Sternburg, Mr. Kendall has reassured Ms. Schapiro this is something she can do. We have also heard from Burt Marshall and he stated that he would sign the agreement when Ms. Schapiro signs it. Mr. Bob McGaugh has also agreed to sign the easement agreement.

F. Meeting of Property Owners re: Smith Block Parking. Mayor Baker remarked that Codes Enforcement Officer Sternburg and he met with Bob McGaugh and Joe Caprio to go over an agreement that their association would like to have with the various property owners, relative to the distribution of parking spaces behind the Smith Block. They would like the agreement to be in affect in January 1995. At their request the Mayor will facilitate a meeting for them, but it will be their meeting. Joe Caprio would like to have the meeting on Thursday, December 21, 1994. Trustee Glaser will replace Mayor Baker at the meeting.

G. Government Study Meeting. Mayor Baker stated that the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 1994 at 7:00 pm in the library. Mayor Baker thought it would be a good idea for the Government Committee to run the meeting.

H. Letter to Syracuse Developmental re: "Pilot", 99 College Street. Mayor Baker remarked that this was a reminder to them regarding their payment in-lieu of taxes.

I. Woodman Pond Firing Range Letter. Mayor Baker stated that he sent a letter to Chief Tilbe regarding the Woodman Pond Firing Range.

J. Snow Removal Plan News Release. Mayor Baker remarked that Engineer Rathbone put together a snow removal plan news release that was very informative.

K. Village Green Period Lighting. Mayor Baker stated that Engineer Rathbone has supplied him with the proposed lighting fixtures for the Village Green. The MUC must approve the purchase.

L. Vantine Property Status. Clerk Kogut remarked that Warren Ashmead wanted to know if the description of the Vantine property was in agreement with what we thought it was. Clerk Kogut and Engineer Rathbone felt it was. This was needed for the preparation of the abstract for the Vantine property. Once this is completed they will be ready for a transfer.

M. Tree Lighting/Carol Sing Program. Mayor Baker stated that there were a lot of electrical problems on the stage at the tree lighting and carol sing program held on December 7, 1994. Santa spent about 2 1/2 hours with the children, and there were the usual hay rides. The Colgate Inn also had some good refreshments.

N. Christmas Decoration Committee. Mayor Baker remarked that Engineer Rathbone had a complaint from Sandy MacKinnon and Jane Erb regarding the quality and condition of the Village's Christmas decorations. Mayor Baker called Jane Erb and they will be forming a committee of 4-5 individuals and supply them with the catalogs we receive, and look at what we need to do to resurrect the decorations we have now or any other suggestions they might have. Mayor Baker has asked to have the information by early summer, and then hopefully we can secure funding from one of our service groups.

O. Colgate University - 1995 Contribution. Mayor Baker stated that he received a letter from Colgate University regarding their 1995 contribution. It indicates that the contribution for 1995 will be \$70,242.

#### Old Business

A. Real Property Tax Exemptions. Trustee Bergen provided the Board with a summary of information he received from NYCOM and elsewhere on the Business Investment and Residential Capital Investment Real Property Tax exemptions. He felt that we should create a committee to look at this, because 61% of our real property is presently tax exempt. It would be a 5 member committee called the Committee on Village Advancement, and Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board. Trustee Bergen went on to explain what the functions of the committee would be.

Mayor Baker remarked that he felt one of the strong points was the fact that in the Master Plan report this was one of our priorities, and this is a concrete action reflecting that statement.

Trustee Brink stated that she would also like the committee to study the overall affect of future income in terms of taxes.

Mayor Baker asked for a resolution authorizing the establishment of the committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Getchonis, seconded by Trustee Glaser and carried to authorize the establishment of the Committee on Village Advancement and Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board.

B. Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption. Trustee Bergen remarked that after the last Board meeting he spoke with Priscilla Suits regarding the assessed valuation that would be involved for the village. Ms. Suits told Trustee Bergen that any figures she could provide him with at this point would not be very valuable, because she received a memo stating that the county, town and school are all going to have to redo their schedules. This is due to the change in law shifting the exemption schedule anywhere from \$3,000 to \$17,500.

Clerk Kogut stated he spoke with Carol Brophy with the Madison County Real Property Tax Office. Mrs. Brophy told Clerk Kogut that there was a question of when this would be effective. She also told him that she would be working with the town and school on their schedules. Ms. Brophy will contact Clerk Kogut when she has some figures.

C. Removal of Construction Debris. Mayor Baker remarked that we need to have an advertised public hearing on this. Clerk Kogut will get back to the Board members with a date.

D. June 1994 Minutes. Mayor Baker asked the Board if they had any comments on the minutes. Trustee Getchonis stated that when the minutes are done officially, would they be noted that they are a recollection of the Board members. Mayor Baker remarked that the minutes could note that the original recorded record was destroyed, and they were done by compilation of memory.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Getchonis and carried to approve the minutes of June 1994.

E. Zoning Changes. Trustee Glaser remarked that he received a complete copy of the changes last Friday. The next step is to have the Planning Board have a public hearing on the changes. He will have copies for the Board members to look through.

#### New Business:

A. Memorial Resolution for Arthur Meggett.

Motion was made by Trustee Bergen, seconded by Trustee Brink and carried to approve the memorial resolution for Arthur Meggett.

B. Report on Rural Affairs Conference. Trustee Bergen remarked that the conference was held on November 15-16, 1994 in Albany, and was sponsored by the NYS Office of Rural Affairs. Trustee Bergen went on to tell the Board what was discussed at the conference.

C. Internships. Trustee Bergen stated that students from Colgate University and Morrisville College might be interested in a field service internship possibly with the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer or the Village Engineer. This would give them a taste of government and responsibility, plus they could not only receive guidance from an on campus academic individual, but also an individual in the field. Trustee Bergen thought maybe we could talk with the Department of Political Science at Colgate and the Social Sciences Department at Morrisville.

Mayor Baker remarked that he felt it was worth looking into. We would have to know what types of valid, academically appropriate, and realistically rooted types of activities we could come up with.

Trustee Bergen will get in touch with both Colgate University and Morrisville College.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees the meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paul C. Kogut  
Village Clerk-Treasurer