

Village of Hamilton

Board of Trustees

April 10, 2007

Call to Order

Mayor McVaugh called the regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Hamilton Community Hall.

Present

Mayor Sue McVaugh, Trustee Margaret Miller, Trustee Suzanne Collins, Trustee Carl Albrecht, Trustee John Basher, Village Clerk Ronda Winn, Chairman of the Planning Board Robert McVaugh, Edward Vantine, Jean Demming, Arthur Steneri, Carolyn Godfrey of the Mid-York press, Jamie Simchik, Eric Moore, Brodca C. Chung and Kathy Rice.

New Business

Jamie Simchik, representing the Colgate University Cycling Club, presented information regarding the Colgate Fall Classic cycling race that will be held September 15, 2007. The event includes the Colgate University Hill Climb Time Trial, the Payne Valley Circuit Road Race and the Tour de Hamilton Kid's Race. The events will begin at 11:00 a.m. and should be completed by 3:00 p.m. Jamie Simchik requested police coverage on East Broad Street. The Colgate University Cycling Club will be using the Gazebo.

Motion was made to approve the Colgate Fall Classic by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Carl Albrecht and carried.

The regular Village Board meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing

Mayor Sue McVaugh opened the Public Hearing to discuss Local Law 2-2007 at 6:15 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Sue McVaugh opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Village budget 2007/2008 FY at 6:30. Mayor McVaugh explained the budget. The Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor McVaugh reconvened the regular meeting of the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Hamilton Community Hall.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Suzanne Collins and carried with removal of Executive Session.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 13, 2007 by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Suzanne Collins and carried.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on March 13, 2007 by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Carl Albrecht and carried.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the budget meetings held on February 15, 2007, February 22, 2007, March 1, 2007, March 8, 2007, March 21, 2007 and March 22, 2007 by Trustee Carl Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Margaret Miller and carried.

Public Comments

Kathy Rice, representative of the co-ed softball league, informed the Village Board the league would like to add an additional day to their schedule. The league was inquiring if there would be an additional fee added to the \$1,200.00 fee they already pay. The league wants to use the field on Wednesdays in addition to Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 starting in May through mid-August. Kathy will be checking with Robin Maciag regarding Wednesday availability. The Village Board will allow the additional day if available at no extra charge.

New Business

1. Chairman of the Planning Board Robert McVaugh informed the Village Board that the Planning Board was approached by Michael Sacco regarding the Five Trees senior housing development. Chairman Robert McVaugh advised this would require a request from the applicant to the Village Clerk and then the Village Board would send it on to the Planning Board.

Edward Vantine, Jean Deming and Arthur Steneri attended the meeting in support of the senior housing project. The Village Board indicated they are in support of this Concept.

Edward Van tine thanked the Planning Board and Village Board for their support.

2. Code Enforcement Officer Paul McGinnis discussed changes to the New York State Standards that will need to be adopted into local law. The changes include Chapter 3 of Village Code part 1203, address places of public assembly, hazardous waste, etc. The Village Board agreed proposed changes would be sent to Attorney James Stokes.

Board News, Reports, Etc.

1. **Mayor McVaugh.**

A. Mayor Sue McVaugh reported on March 23, 2007 she met with Charlotte Johnson

who is Vice President and Dean of the College at Colgate University.

- B. Mayor Sue McVaugh advised she met with Colgate University Financial Vice President and Treasurer David Hale. He requested the meeting and stated it was concerning power. He was concerned Colgate University's increased power usage would increase the Village resident rates.
- C. Mayor Sue McVaugh stated there was a Partnership for Community Development on April 2, 2007.
- D. Mayor Sue McVaugh advised she was an invitee to the Hamilton Club with Russell Lura as speaker.
- E. Mayor Sue McVaugh reported she did not attend the last Town Board meeting because it was the same day as a Village budget meeting but will be attending on Thursday. Mayor McVaugh asked if the Town Board will partnership with the Village for road repair. There was a favorable response.
- F. Mayor Sue McVaugh informed the Village Board she had received a letter from the Fountain Fire Company Number 1 asking for approval of the Line Officers elected for the Hamilton Fire Department.
 - a. Chief, Ross Hoham
 - b. 1st Assistant Chief, Richard C. Holcomb
 - c. 2nd Assistant Chief, Brian Marks
 - d. Captain, Jason Murray
 - e. 1st Lieutenant Tim Trueworthy
 - f. 2nd Lieutenant Brendt Simpson
 - g. 3rd Lieutenant Matthew Nelson

Motion was made to accept the Fountain Fire Company Number 1 Line Officers by Trustee John Basher, seconded by Trustee Margaret Miller and carried.

2. Trustee Suzanne Collins.

- A. Trustee Suzanne Collins met with Police Chief James Tilbe. Trustee Suzanne Collins advised payment has been received for the bulletproof vest. They discussed the sting for the bars, decline in parking revenue, catering permits, communication with Colgate University Campus Safety and the Palace Theater.
- B. Trustee Suzanne Collins advised Fire Chief Ross Hoham was not available to speak with her but would possibly be available later this week.
- C. Trustee Suzanne Collins stated she spoke with Village Judge Arnold Fisher. They discussed the status of a new door at the Courthouse.

3. Trustee Margaret Miller.

- A. Trustee Margaret Miller reported the library has tentative candidates^a for the Board position, ~~Rebecca Hewitt~~ and Sam Stratton. ^{Library}
- B. Trustee Margaret Miller advised the Tree Committee is celebrating Arbor Day. A

flyer was distributed to the school. Three new flowering crab trees will be planted around the flagpole.

- C. Trustee Margaret Miller stated she had put an article in the Mid York Weekly to ask people if they are interested in purchasing trees for the spring plant project.
- D. Trustee Margaret Miller advised the Recreation Program meets next week. Trustee Margaret Miller stated she would like to meet with the Little League.
- E. Trustee Margaret Miller reported the Farmer's Market has found a monitor, Rachael Martinez. Ms Martinez works at the Recreation Program currently.

Motion was made to hire Rachael Martinez at \$7.25/hr. by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Carl Albrecht and carried. A green polo shirt will be ordered for her to wear.

- F. Trustee Margaret Miller advised the Historical Commission is doing fine.

4. Trustee John Basher.

- A. Trustee John Basher reported Burt Marshall indicated there was a hole in the sidewalk by the Village Office. Trustee John Basher contacted the Department of Public Works and it was fixed immediately.
- B. Trustee John Basher advised David Rhyde's department is trimming trees around the wires to prevent problems and new poles are being installed on Eaton Street. The new bucket truck is almost complete and David Rhyde plans a trip to see it.
- C. Trustee John Basher reported Colgate University is building a stone wall on south 12B. It is outside the Village limits so it does not affect the Village.
- D. Trustee John Basher advised the Municipal Utilities Commission passed a resolution for Director of Utilities and Public Works Sean Graham to be a delegate for the MUA meeting on April 25th and April 26th, 2007.
- E. Trustee John Basher reported the heat pumps and water regulations to drill wells in the Village is getting narrowed down. Trustee John Basher is going to contact the Geology Department at Colgate University to inquire about regulations that may have to be followed. Attorney James Stokes will be attending a meeting on April 19, 2007.

5. Trustee Carl Albrecht

- A. Trustee Carl Albrecht reported the Airport/Airpark Commission met March 22, 2007. Ms. Suzy Gustafson, Realtor, was present representing Mr. Douglas Hillman who has expressed an interest in purchasing Lot #6 in the Airpark to construct office/storage space for his construction company. The Commission responded to Ms. Gustafson's questions. The Commission liked the business aspect of the proposal but asked for more detail concerning the use of the facility, particularly with respect to storage of heavy equipment and materials. The Commission asked Director of Utilities and Public Works Sean Graham to schedule a meeting with all concerned parties to get the acquisition process started.

All commission members have a copy of the draft letter proposed to be sent to the Central New York Board of Realtors advising them of the Airpark property available and the condition of purpose. This letter is in review.

- B. Trustee Carl Albrecht reported the Pedestrian Safety Committee monthly meeting was held April 3, 2007. It was poorly attended and there was no quorum. Those present discussed a number of issues and generated a number of questions concerning ongoing ideas including:
1. What would be required in changes to the Code for the Village to assume responsibility for sidewalk repair and replacement at no cost to the homeowners? This will be an agenda item for the May Village Board meeting.
 2. What is the status of the entire Post Office Crossing project? The only information available is that Department of Public Works Randy Weaver has ordered two new signs. Elimination of two parking spots to establish clear sight lines is the most pressing. Director Sean Graham is working on this. When signs are out, will need to confirm Hamilton Police Department's responsibility for daily removal/installation.
 3. What is the outyear schedule for sidewalks for information only? If work goes ahead of schedule and below budget this summer, could more be done?
 4. What is the plan for Triangle Park sidewalk installation? Will all three sides be done?
- C. Trustee Carl Albrecht advised Jennifer Brice, Committee Chairman and Pedestrian Safety Committee member, Peg Geary are planning to attend the June Cornell Pedestrian/Bicycling seminars.
- D. Trustee Carl Albrecht stated last month's Planning Board meeting started with a Public Hearing concerning the need for an update to the most recent ('92) Village Master Plan. There were about 8 to 10 people in attendance. The Planning Board Chairman's intention is to generate a proposal for the Board of Trustees on how to proceed with Zoning Revision. An initial component would be a revision or rewrite of the Master Plan. Planning Board Chairman Bob McVaugh stated he hopes to have a formal proposal ready by June or July.
- E. Trustee Carl Albrecht reported the Partnership for Community Development operating funds projected to be tight as various funding sources go away. Director James Bayes is working this issue hard.

Reports

1. Village Clerk Ronda Winn.

Village Clerk Ronda Winn reported:

1. The budgets completed.
2. The election paperwork has been started.
3. The new software installation is on target.
4. The Verizon Pole Agreement is moving forward.

Approval of Claims

Motion was made to approve claims for March 2007 pending Trustee John Basher's approval by Trustee Carl Albrecht, seconded by Trustee John Basher and carried.

New Business

1. **Local Law 2-2007.** Motion was made to approve Local Law 2-2007 by Trustee Carl Albrecht, seconded by Trustee John Basher and carried.
2. **Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign police contract.** Motion was made to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Sue McVaugh to sign the police contract by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Suzanne Collins and carried.
3. **HBA promotions committee request.** Motion was made to approve the April 18, 2007 HBA sidewalk sale by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Carl Albrecht and carried. Mayor Sue McVaugh will contact Roger Bauman.
4. **Adoption of Budget.** Motion was made to approve the adoption of the budget by Trustee Suzanne Collins, seconded by Trustee Margaret Miller and carried.
5. **Brink quote.** No action taken.
6. **Colgate Commencement road closure request.** Motion was made to approve the Colgate Commencement road closure request on May 20, 2007 from 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by Trustee John Basher, seconded by Trustee Margaret Miller and carried. A sound permit for Whitnall Field for Alumni Weekend June 1st and June 2nd will be approved until 2:00 a.m.
7. **Lebanon Street proposal (Planning Board Chairman).** Presented by Planning Board Chairman Robert McVaugh.
8. **Proposed legislation – Paul McGinnis.** Presented by Code Enforcement Officer Paul McGinnis.
9. **Picker Art Galley Banner Request.** Motion was made to approve the placement of the Picker Art Galley Banner for the Australian Exhibit downtown from April 13, 2007 through June 4, 2007 by Trustee Margaret Miller, seconded by Trustee Suzanne Collins and carried.
10. **Rural Water FY08.** Motion was made to authorize Mayor Sue McVaugh to sign a letter of support to Congressman John McHugh for the Rural Water FY08 funding from both the Village Board of Trustees and the Municipal Utilities Commission by Trustee John Basher, seconded by Trustee Suzanne Collins and carried.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board of Trustees, motion was made by Trustee John Basher, seconded by Trustee Margaret Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Joerger
Secretary