

**Village of Hamilton
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010
7:00pm
APPROVED MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Sue McVaugh; Trustees Jim Bona, Suzanne Collins, Margaret Miller, and Carl Albrecht; Director of Utilities and Public Works Sean Graham; Clerk Treasurer Ronda Winn

Public Present: Hamilton Police Chief Gary Mlasgar; Hamilton Fire Dept. Chief Ross Hoham; Margo Frink, Madison County Courier; Anne Clauss, resident; Carolyn Todd, resident; Denise Leone, mural; Hugh Humphreys, mural; Ben Eberhardt, HBA; Dewitt Godfrey, Colgate.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Mayor asked for any additions to tonight's agenda.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of December 8, 2009 – Trustee Miller requested a change under her report to remove the 5 Way Intersection Task Force heading. Trustee Albrecht requested the rewording of paragraph three under Airport/Airpark Commission as follows: McFarland and Johnson were selected to continue as our support contractor. The Mayor requested the deletion of paragraph nine of her report regarding the wedding, it was cancelled. A motion was made by Trustee Albrecht to approve the December 8, 2009, minutes with these minor changes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried.

Special Meeting of January 5, 2010- A motion was made to approve the minutes of a special meeting on January 5, 2010 with minor changes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried.

Public Comment

Police Chief Gary Mlasgar reported on a shared grant for a fingerprint scanner. Chief Mlasgar stated the cost of the scanner is approximately \$15,000.00. Chief Mlasgar reported he received a letter from DCJS, giving a deadline for the Village of January 2010. In order to be eligible for grant money, 300 arrests requiring fingerprints needs to be made per year. The combined agencies are Canastota, Cazenovia, Chittenango, and Hamilton. Chief Mlasgar stated the grant has been approved. The annual service and maintenance charge is approximately \$300.00. Trustee Albrecht questioned custodial arrangement of machine. Chief Mlasgar stated a new camera will need to be purchased for mug shots. Trustee Collins questioned if regular prints would still be available.

A motion was made by Trustee Miller to have Mayor McVaugh sign a resolution to enter into this agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bona and carried.

Police Chief Gary Mlasgar stated additional help is needed in the police office to clean out old files. The new position would require someone who is certified to handle this type of paperwork. Chief Mlasgar is requesting 10 hours a week for several months. Funding for the position was discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee Miller to hire someone to assist Chief Mlasgar with office work for 10 hours a week at \$10.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Albrecht and carried.

Trustee Miller led discussion regarding snowmobiling on the walking trails. Code 137-4 was discussed. Cross country skiers are upset with the snowmobilers on path. There is not an ordinance prohibiting their use on the trails.

Anne Clauss informed the BOT that there will be a Duathlon on February 21, 2010, at 10am. There is a possibility of events on February 20, 2010, from 3pm on. A bonfire is requested at 7pm on the 20th in front of the Colgate Inn. Line Foreman Rhyde is against this due to underground utilities that potentially could be affected. Fire Chief Hoham and Ms Clauss will meet and work out an appropriate solution and will contact BOT. The Trustee's questioned whether any roads need to be closed. Trustee Collins suggested using Hookes Wiltse Field for events and bonfire. The preferred location is downtown. Clerk Treasurer Winn will contact Attorney Jim Stokes regarding liability.

Hamilton Fire Chief Ross Hoham reported the new truck is here and was used at the house fire on Randallsville Road. He stated the truck is fantastic. It is very unique for this area. The Town of Hamilton and the Village were thanked by Fire Chief Hoham.

Denise Leone and Hugh Humphreys led discussion regarding the Lee Brown Coye mural that was recently purchased by the Village. She requested a resolution by the BOT. The resolution is as follows: Dated January 12, 2010,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamilton has previously entered into a contract to purchase the three section, "History of Hamilton" painting by Lee Brown Coye, contingent upon the Village receiving sufficient donations to pay the \$35,000 purchase price, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamilton has received donations in the amount of \$35,000, which donations were made to the Village on the condition that they be used solely for the purchased of the History of Hamilton painting.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that on behalf of the Village of Hamilton, the Board of Trustees hereby accepts all of the donations made to the Village for the purpose of purchasing the History of Hamilton painting by Lee Brown Coye, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby confirms and ratifies the terms and provisions of the Contract to Purchase Artwork with Cananga Valley Properties and James Metz, and also confirms and ratifies the authority of the Mayor to sign said contract on behalf of the Village of Hamilton, and does hereby further authorize the Village Clerk/Treasurer to make payment to Cananga Valley Properties and James Metz in the amount of \$35,000, utilizing the aforementioned donated funds to make said payment, to acquire ownership and title to the History of Hamilton painting by Lee Brown Coye.

A motion was made by Trustee Bona to pass the resolution to purchase the mural and send a check to James Metz. The motion was seconded by Trustee Albrecht and carried.

Ms. Leone stated over \$40,000.00 has been raised, leaving a surplus of over \$5,000, which she would like dedicated to a mural fund. Clerk Treasurer Winn stated she would set up a line item, in the TNN Fund.

Ms. Leone requested a resolution stating ownership of the painting. She stated it belongs to the people of Hamilton and should never be sold. Trustee Albrecht stated the BOT needs to consider such a resolution. The resolution was tabled until the BOT can discuss with Attorney Jim Stokes. Ms. Leone requested a separate commission be established for the mural. The BOT recommended the Historical Commission. Trustee Albrecht will draft a charter for such a Commission for BOT consideration.

Mr. Dewitt Godfrey from Colgate informed the BOT that artist Allan McCollum will be visiting Hamilton in February, March, and April presenting "Shapes For Hamilton". He will be handing out 6000 unique shapes to Town of Hamilton residents. Distribution sites were discussed with the BOT. The possibility of voluntary fund-raising was proposed by Mr. Godfrey.

Mr. Ben eberhardt from the HBA reported that over the past 6-12 months, all the local Chambers in the County have been meeting. Cazenovia proposes contacting the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding a program they sponsor called the "Main Street Initiative". The designation would provide many services including technical assistance from the society and will operate through a 501C3. The chambers will be holding a meeting on January 28, 2010, at 8pm, at the Colgate Inn. The Mayor was invited to attend.

MAYOR McVAUGH'S REPORT

The mayor had a meeting with Joanne Borfitz to discuss the senior housing project called Living Communities. The project completed it's marketing survey. The pros and cons were discussed. The need for the increase of Village services was discussed, such as Fire Dept, Somac and the DPW. Colgate will not be offering courses to senior residents. There will be two phases to this project. A meeting with Ian Helfant, Jill Harsui, Dave Hale, Joanne Borfitz, Bob McVaugh and the Mayor will take place January 14, 2010.

The Mayor attended a meeting at Colgate regarding the emergency outdoor speaker system. Mayor McVaugh does have some concerns. The speakers will be mounted on the smoke stacks. Colgate will use prerecorded messages. The system will be tested three times per year.

The mayor spoke at the last Rotary meeting. The topic of gas wells was discussed.

The Mayor received a phone call from Jeff Herbst. He will be residing at Watson House on campus.

TRUSTEE MILLER's REPORT

Hamilton Court – Trustee Miller reported Judge Fisher is concerned he will not be receiving grant money. The ramp will be repaired, weather permitting.

Trail Committee- Trustee Miller inquired if XC skiers could park in courthouse parking lot to use trails. It is a public lot, so they can.

TRUSTEE BONA's REPORT

Library Board – Trustee Bona reported the Library has started the budget process. The preservation of the Hubbard photos was discussed.

Farmers Market – Trustee Bona reported the surveys were mailed to vendor's.

TRUSTEE COLLINS' REPORT

MUC- Trustee Collins reported on the AMI pilot program. Director Graham gave an overview of the program. Mr. Bart King has been appointed Water Treatment Operator in Charge. Trustee Miller inquired on the status of the IEEP program.

TRUSTEE ALBRECHT's REPORT

Economic Development – The new clothing store located in the former Hackett's store opened in December. Trustee Albrecht obtained a copy of the market survey for Living Communities.

PCD – Trustee Albrecht reported the PCD is working with the HBA to plan a Retailer's Forum, which will help business owners reach specific business goals. The initial meeting of the 5 Way Intersection Task Force and Elan, Inc., took place on January 7, 2010. Elan presented their plan of action and schedule that was modified and then approved by the Task Force.

Planning Board – Trustee Albrecht reported on the December 17, 2009, meeting. Colgate made an outstanding presentation for the proposed Fitness Center to be located in proximity to the Natatorium.

Airport/Airpark Commission – Trustee Albrecht reported he and Director Graham met with CNY Aviation to discuss their business plan for the Airport. There was no December meeting of the Commission. The Pilot's meeting will take place in the Spring.

Bassett Healthcare, Inc., is still interested in purchasing a significant non-aviation portion of remaining Airpark property including the balance of Lot 2.

Trustee Albrecht reported there is renewed interest in the triangular piece of property adjacent to the Hamilton Animal Hospital. Tree removal was discussed.

CLERK TREASURER WINN'S REPORT

Clerk Treasurer Winn reported the Budget Worksheets went out to all Department Heads. The retirement increase will be 56%. The increase for Health Ins is 18%. W-2's have been processed. The General Liability policy will decrease by 3%. There will be an increase in Worker's Comp.

Clerk Treasurer Winn reported on the Income and Expense Statements. Trustee Miller questioned taxes at the Airpark/Airport.

Safe Routes to School Resolution was discussed. It is a reimbursement grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Miller to appropriate from a \$45,000 Capital Reserve for the Safe Routes to School project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bona to set the date for the Village Election of Tuesday June 15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried.

Clerk Treasurer Winn presented the Procurement Policy for the Village of Hamilton. She is requesting changes to the wording. The resolution was tabled for one month for BOT review.

APPROVAL of CLAIMS- A motion was made by Trustee Albrecht to pay December's claims. The motion was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The BOT has set the following dates for Budget meetings:

February 10, 2010	at 4pm
March 3, 2010	at 4pm
March 10, 2010	at 4pm
March 17, 2010	at 4pm
March 24, 2010	at 4pm

Skyway has requested the use of Hookes Wiltse Field on June 12, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

The 4th of July was discussed. The Fire Dept is not interested.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Bona made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Taranto