

**Village of Hamilton  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting of February 8, 2011  
7:00pm**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McVaugh; Trustees Jim Bona, Margaret Miller, Sue Collins, and Russell Lura; Director of Utilities and Public Works Sean Graham; Clerk/Treasurer Ronda Winn.

**Public Present:** Carolyn Todd; Deb Kliman; Dave Hollis, RadioFreeHamilton.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Clerk/Treasurer Winn requested the date on the agenda be changed to February 8, 2011. Trustee Miller requested street lights and website be added under New Business.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to approve the agenda as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of January 11, 2011**

Trustee Lura requested the last sentence under Trail Committee to read, "A resolution had been previously passed allowing snowmobiles to use the trails." Trustee Miller requested a spelling correction of "Mrs. Bebe" to "Mrs. Beattie."

A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to approve the **January 11, 2011**, meeting minutes as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

**Special Meeting of January 19, 2011**

Trustee Lura requested the following correction. Under section, Appointment of Chairman, change "Member Dixon" to "Trustee Lura."

A **motion** was made by Trustee Collins to approve the Special Meeting Minutes as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Bona and carried.

**Public Comment**

None.

**MAYOR McVAUGH'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported the Syracuse Symphony's ad hoc committee met this week and has tentatively scheduled the concert for July 7, 2011.

Mayor McVaugh stated she received a letter from the Union representative requesting information and meeting dates. Trustee Bona agreed Tuesdays at 9am, after the staff meetings are a good time to meet.

The Budget Meetings will begin on February 23, 2011. Trustees can stop by the Village office to pick up their copy of the audit by Bollam, Sheedy & Torani.

The BOT 's March 8, 2011, meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Mayor McVaugh asked if there is any progress on sales tax distribution. Not until after budget is approved.

The Mayor stated the Colgate Inn renovations are at the half way point.

The Mayor has a meeting with Charlotte Johnson of Colgate, regarding the number of students living in non student housing.

Colgate will conduct a test of their Emergency Preparedness System at 12:15pm on February 10, 2011.

The Mayor attended a Natural Gas Meeting at SUNY Morrisville on January 30, 2011. She reported it was an interesting meeting, mostly to share information.

The Mayor stated that a small group should be formed to investigate the possibility of shared administrative services between the Town and Village. Trustee Miller will organize.

### **TRUSTEE COLLINS' REPORT**

#### **Hamilton Police Department**

Trustee Collins reported Chief Gifford stated there have been numerous arrests for fake id's, executed warrants, and he has received several complaints regarding parking. Trustee Lura asked if the parking survey had been completed. The Mayor stated if a parking person is hired, it should not be assumed this salary would pay for itself by tickets issued.

#### **Hamilton Fire Department**

No report.

#### **Hamilton Court**

Trustee Collins reported Judge Bogan sent an email requesting to have police presence again at the court proceedings. The possibility of having a court bailiff was discussed as an option. Maybe one of our part-time officers could perform this duty, but as a bailiff's pay, at a shared expense with the Town. The Court should be part of the regular patrol. The Mayor stated it is not a legal requirement for the Village. More information was requested by the Trustees' before a decision can be made.

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

Trustee Collins reported on the January 25, 2011, meeting. Acting Chairman vonMuench will be traveling abroad so Chairman Brice will resume the Chair position. The sidewalk list was approved. Letters will be sent out in the Spring of 2011. The Mayor would like Jim Stokes' approval to add wording regarding neighbors also repairing their sidewalks. The survey of Lebanon Street will be completed. Chair Brice drafted a letter to Linda Luby regarding crosswalks at intersections in the Village.

**Campus Safety**

No report.

Trustee Collins stated how much she appreciates Randy Weaver and the DPW for all their hard work taking care of our roads.

**TRUSTEE LURA's REPORT**

**Library Board**

Trustee Lura reported the Board has put their budget together. The hours of operation change on February 1, 2011.

**Historical Commission**

Met for a work session regarding street lights. Forwarded information to Director Graham.

**Recreation Commission**

Planning for February break. Working on schedule for the summer.

**Playgrounds and Pavilion, and Fountains**

No report.

**Parks**

No report.

**Mural Commission**

No report.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee**

Trustee Lura reported the Committee has been meeting, but are concerned with the Town's funding amount and hopes it will increase this year. Invitations have been sent out to bands.

**Farmers' Market**

Trustee Lura stated the rules and application were emailed to the Trustees and this year's changes were in red. He reported the biggest change this year is that the hours will return to 8-1, but vendors can stay until 2pm if they choose. Trustee Bona questioned small cider businesses having to pasteurized. Trustee Lura stated that crafts are allowed, but artwork is not. Trustee Miller remembers buying artwork from a local artist at the Market. He also stated that books are also not allowed. He stated an artist or writer may not want to purchase a season pass. Trustee Lura questioned why other items cannot be

sold with a weekly permit. At the end of the summer meeting, permits were discussed and that was the reason for that change. Carolyn Todd stated she has purchased art in the park. Russ requested Misc. Art be added. The Mayor would like him to discuss with Robin first.

**Resolution Adopting the 2011 Rules of the Farmers' Market and the 2011 Application for Permit for the Village of Hamilton Farmers' Market**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees has reviewed both the 2011 Rules of the Farmers' Market and the Application for permit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Hamilton Board of Trustees hereby adopt both the 2011 Rules of the Hamilton Farmers' Market and the Application for Permit; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of both be available at the Village Office.

Motion by Russell Lura  
Seconded by Margaret Miller

Vote:  
Yea - 5  
Nay - 0

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**TRUSTEE BONA'S REPORT**

**MUC**

Trustee Bona referenced the meeting at SUNY Morrisville. There will be a need for regulations on drilling, which will be tough to monitor because of State layoffs. We are losing a portion of our power allotment due to developing and expanding businesses up North, to spur economic development. Unfortunately, our expansions at the college and the hospital do not qualify for this program. A reduction in fluoride will soon be mandated. ION has not contacted Director Graham. Trustee Bona recommends exploring fiber optics. The ad hoc committee needs to meet. Director Graham will set up a meeting.

**Streets, Sidewalks and Streetscape**

No report.

**DPW and Solid Waste Management**

Trustee Bona reported the crew has been busy with snow removal and storm drains. More sand and salt were purchased.

**Madison Street Cemetery**

No report.

Trustee Bona asked if we require permits, due to Kirby Vacuums knocking on his door.

### **TRUSTEE MILLER'S REPORT**

#### **Economic Development**

##### **PCD**

Trustee Miller reported they will meet in two weeks.

#### **Hamilton Business Alliance**

Meets February 9, 2011, to discuss consolidation with PCD.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The ZBA determined Good Nature Brewery is actually light manufacturing and will need to go before the Planning Board. Dave Parry, 21 Maple Ave., sign variance was approved.

#### **Upstate Institute**

No report. Meets February 10, 2011.

#### **Planning Board**

No report.

#### **Airport/Airpark Commission**

Trustee Miller reported on the wetland mitigation for the taxiway and fence projects. They will be working on the budget. They discussed future hangar construction.

#### **Tree Committee**

No report.

#### **Trail Committee**

Deb Kliman reported huge piles of snow are blocking the trail. Director Graham stated the snow needed to be there to keep the pappies clear. Director Graham reported the County plowed Eddy Road and made a huge mess on the trail. Randy had to clean up. The County was spoken to regarding this. Mary Thomas wants the range to be posted at the north and south end.

### **CLERK/TREASURER WINN'S REPORT**

#### **NYMPA**

The retreat was canceled. Meeting will be February 23, 2011, in Syracuse.

State Auditors are done with their field work. The Budget process is underway. Clerk/Treasurer Winn reported she finished the financial section of the Library's Annual Report and it has been submitted.

Trustee Lura made a **motion**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Election will take place on Tuesday, June 24, 2011, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm, at the Hamilton Public Library, 13 Broad Street, Hamilton, NY 13346.

**Motion** seconded by Trustee Miller and carried.

### **Financials**

Clerk/Treasurer Winn distributed the financials as of the end of January. On the last page is the budget transfers. There are still issues Clerk/Treasurer Winn needs to investigate. Mid York Grant needs to be renamed to gas account. Clerk/Treasurer reported we are 66% through the year. Revenue is at 70%. Expenses are at 60%.

### **DIRECTOR GRAHAM'S REPORT**

Director Graham asked if we are posting the speed limit at the Methodist Church. No decision at this time. Chief Gifford will contact them.

Met with Norse's reps on Friday. The economics are there. Right now it looks good. We are hoping a meeting will take place in a month with the study group.

Chesapeake Bay Meeting will be February 17, 2011. Operational costs are anticipated to increase by 60-65%. Physical changes to plant will become clearer after this meeting. It appears we will need to expand the WWTP. Acquiring a sand filter is a top priority. Funding is anticipated to be minimal. Trustee Lura would like an article in the Mid York to keep residents informed.

Capital Budget's wish lists are out.

### **APPROVAL of CLAIMS**

Trustee Miller made a **motion** to approve January's claims. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Zoning Review Committee Update**

Trustee Morgan Larson will make a presentation on March 8, 2011.

#### **Request by St. Thomas' Church**

St. Thomas' Church want signs that restrict parking on Sundays from 7am-1pm. A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to grant request made by St. Thomas' Church. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Lura and carried. A letter will be sent to the church letting them know request was approved.

#### **Village Court Annual Report**

Will be sent out via email.

#### **Website**

Will be part of the shared services meeting.

#### **Street Lights**

Director Graham stated he received feedback from the Historical Commission and was gathering pricing information for the street light they were interested in. The BOT requested they also receive that information.

**Annexation Resolution**

Mayor McVaugh read the first resolution (SEQR) aloud. See attached.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to adopt the first resolution. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Bona and carried. Voting was as follows:

Bona - yes  
Collins - yes  
Lura - yes  
Miller - yes  
McVaugh - yes

A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to adopt the second resolution. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Lura and carried. See attached. Voting was as follows:

Bona - yes  
Collins - yes  
Lura - yes  
Miller - yes  
McVaugh - yes

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Taranto