

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 156 NORTH MAIN STREET, WELLSVILLE, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: James Cretekos
Trustees: Laurie Hennessy, Judy Lynch, Jamie Herman, and Tink LaForge

DPW Dir: William Whitfield
Police Chief: Steve Mattison
Village Atty: Dan Synakowski

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Bernie Riley, Chris Eldridge, Scott Lanphier, Ron Lanphier, Barb Graves, Shawnee Wright, Cal Graves, Kasey Anderson, Karla Hills, Tiffany Hills, Brad Thompson, Stephanie Sturm, Jeff Monroe, Brian Johnson, Tim Tim McNulty, Dave Pinney, Frank Knight, Joshua Kemp, Brad Field, Tracy Ordway, Shawn Mills, Harold Hoffman, Don Stevens, Pat Jung, Melanie Ingalls, Dale Eldridge, Jim Franklin, and Greg Howe

Mayor Cretekos called the meeting to order and announced the first order of business would be the approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting. With there being no corrections the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments.

1. Mr. Bernie Riley is hopeful the services of the Youth Officer position are recognized for the children. Bernie to supply Mayor Cretekos with data.
2. Mr. Chris Eldridge passed out a printout and directed any questions to go to him.
3. Ms Shawnee Wright with the PPAC (Partners for Prevention of Allegany County) spoke about cutting the Dispatch Center from Wellsville would only create more crime, drugs, alcohol and abuse to rise. Ms Wright to give Mayor Cretekos data and facts to prove this.
4. Ms Karla Hills spoke on behalf of keeping the Dispatch Center in Wellsville. She reminded everyone of the burglary at her business and had a knife held to her throat.

Mayor Cretekos asked Bernie Riley and the schools for substantial data before any decisions are made.

Trustee Herman thanked for all the hard work between the personnel with the union, the police staff, the dispatchers, firemen and the fire chief.

Trustee LaForge stated the board does not question the Youth Officer position. This position is no longer Federal or State funded. Wellsville tax payers are paying for it all.

MAYORS BUSINESS:

1. Requested a motion to approve the Resolution regarding tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age with limited income. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and seconded by Trustee Herman the Resolution passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Cretokos requested approval and filing of the Fire Protection Contract for 2009 between the Wellsville Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Wellsville. Trustee LaForge made a motion and seconded by Trustee Herman.
3. A notification received from the Beef Haus Restaurant of its intent to renew its New York State Liquor License effective January 1, 2009. .
4. Requested an approval to change the Local Law No. from 4 to 2 of the Year 2008 on the law pertaining to rules and regulations for refuse and bulky trash collection. Change is requested by the State of New York. Trusted Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
5. Requested for approval to change the Local Law No. from 5 to 3 of the Year 2008 on the law allowing the alternate exemption from Village taxation to Veterans. Change is requested by the New York State. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
6. Requested to solicit Direct TV, Dish Network and Verizon Phone and Internet by John Cassade, Janielle Shikoski and Gerald Hollamby for a period of 45 days from the of issuance. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.
7. Requested approval of new 'Capitalization Threshold Policy'. Trustee Herman made a motion to table it and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
8. Requested approval of 'Procurement Policy'. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.
9. Requested approval of new 'Standard Workday' Resolution. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy. Trustee Lynch voted no, said thought it use to be 20 days.
10. Requested approval to change the 2008 Holiday Schedule from the day before Christmas to the day after Christmas in order to provide the Village Employees' with an extended time off to spend with their loved ones. Trustee Herman mad a motion and seconded by Trus tee Hennessy. Trustee LaForge voted no.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS:

HERMAN:

- 1) Requested a Proclamation to the School Band for a great year.
- 2) Mentioned Jeff Monroe's retirement effective November 23, 2008.
- 3) Requested a formal letter from the Village of Wellsville to the County's Ways and Means Committee asking about the willingness to work together in funding the dispatch center.
- 4) Requested to go into executive session about Village matters.

HENNESSY:

- 1) Handed out a Plan Proposal on Cost Savings at WPD. Trustee Hennessy and Trustee Herman. In the research done, and with the assistance of the Union Officials representing the Wellsville Police Dept. employees, Trustee Hennessy and Trustee Herman would like to make the following proposal in an attempt to meet and slightly exceed the financial

shortfall we are experiencing and to address the safety concerns conveyed to us regarding police officer safety.

PROPOSAL:

1. 911 calls will be turned over to the County Dispatch Center at the discretion of the County. They do not wish for us to establish a timetable and so I recommend the wording above.
2. Remove the Youth Officer from the school effective Jan. 01, 2009 and place that officer into the regular rotation, allowing us not to fill the patrol officer position that will be vacated when Jeff Monroe retires and another officer is promoted to the Sergeant position.
3. Eliminate (1) full-time Communication Technician position and fill the vacated shifts with part-time personnel. Note: this is subject to Union approval. If there is an issue with this, we will need to address it at that time.
4. Move to establish a new revenue source of allowing certain “violations” to be plea bargained down to a local law offense. This allows the fees to remain in the Village rather than go to the State. Dan Synakowski has reviewed this and is in favor of its development. Trustee Herman made a motion to accept this and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
5. Increase impounds fees from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The fees have not been adjusted in over 20 years. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.
6. Establish a \$10.00 fee for fingerprinting people from outside the Village. Certain agencies use this service regularly. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
7. Research legality of receiving funds from the WVAC for providing dispatching services. The ambulance corps has advised me that they are willing to pay up to \$30K after January 1, 2009 for our services. They have been advised that the County would be the “primary dispatch” and that our center would only be to follow up and complete the call response as it transpires.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF PROPOSAL:

1. Impound Fee – they average 62 impounds per year x \$50 increase per impound = \$3,100 additional revenue \$3,100.00
2. Fingerprinting – this year they have fingerprinted 184 people from outside the Village 184 x \$10 = \$1,840
3. Elimination of Youth Officer \$68,313.57
Trustee Herman derived at this number by taking J. Monroe’s financial Package of \$70,497.57 and subtracting the increase in pay that M. Bierman will receive \$2,184.00 if promoted to Sergeant coming to a total savings of \$68,313.57
4. Elimination of (1) Comm Tech \$12,972.34
Trustee Herman derived at this number by calculating Josh Kemp’s financial package of \$35,852.34 and subtracting the cost of filling his shifts with part-time and some OT scheduling of \$22,800.00, leaving a savings of \$12,972.34

5. Court Revenue \$65,000.00

Based on 2007 statistics this amount was near \$100K, but we all agreed to use a 'safe' figure of \$65K. This would include the plea bargain fees discussed earlier.

TOTAL PROJECTED SAVINGS \$151,225.91

If any of you have any questions or would like to discuss the numbers used, please feel free to email or call. My home # 593-5967 and my cell # 518-929-0992. I believe this is a solid proposal, and I think we should watch the actual expenses for the current budget year to get a more accurate figure on our true financial shortfall.

Again, if there are any comments or questions, please call, and thank you all for considering this proposal.

Respectfully,

Jamie Herman

LYNCH:

Stated Village Tax Payers are paying for all services from the Youth Officer when others are using it too. To be a community involves village, town, schools and other agencies.

LAFORGE:

Stated the need for verification of what is going on and what has been said regarding the 911 call center and the Dispatcher center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The October Fire Board minutes were received.

POLICE:

- 1. Recommendation to promote Mark Bierman to Sergeant to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement for Jeff Monroe effective immediately. Trustee Lynch made a motion seconded by Trustee Herman.**
2. Chief Mattison stated the Santa Sprint, Fireworks, lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of hospital and Santa's arrival would take place Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm.
3. Chief Mattison stated the kiddies' parade would be Friday, December 5, 2008.

DPW:

- 1. Mr. Whitfield requested approval of permanent appointment of Adam Orpet to Utility Service Clerk effective November 24, 2008. He has successfully completed the civil service exam. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**

- 2. Request approval of permanent appointed of Anthony Cicarelli to Sanitation Worker effective November 25, 2008. Anthony has made his 120 days probation. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee Lynch.**
- 3. Mr. Whitfield stated a notification that the Village is in receipt of a notice from Crown Y of their suspension of payments for newspaper recycling due to the 'severe depressed' recycling market. Recommendation is made for the Village to go back to the County service based on the fact that no revenue is available from Crown Y. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**
- 4. Requested executive session to discuss a legal and a personnel matter. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**

CLERK/TREASURER:

- 1. Requested acceptance and approval of vouchers listed in Abstract #10 and 11 dated November 10, 2008 and November 24, 2008. Trustee LaForge made a motion and seconded by Trustee Lynch.**

Requested approval to transfer \$11,805.00 from A1990.400 – Contingency Fund to account A3620.11 – Code Enforcement to cover contractual consultation fees due from 2007 to March 2008 to FRA. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. On a motion by Trustee Herman and seconded by Trustee Hennessy the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move from the Executive Session to Regular Session. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and seconded by Trustee Herman the Board moved back into Regular Session at 9:00 PM.

Trustee Hennessy made a motion to vote on December 8, 2008 regarding the 911 calls to go to the County. Seconded by Trustee LaForge.

Trustee Herman made a motion to send a letter to the Ambulance Corp confirming the \$30,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Hennessy.

Trustee Hennessy made a motion that January 26, 2009 would be the deadline to find resources to fund the Youth Officer. Seconded by Trustee Herman.

Trustee LaForge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.

Mayor Cretekos adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kinder
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer