

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2009 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 156 NORTH MAIN ST 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:** Peter Wilson, Barbara Lamphere, Sue Kimmel, Bob Sobeck, Kim Toot, Susan Szczerbacki, Erland Kailbourn, Susan Goetschius, Katie Goetschius, Dan Russo, Charlie Joyce, and Brian Quinn

Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order and Trustee Lynch led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. **The first order of business would be the approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on December 22, 2008. With there being no corrections the minutes were accepted as presented.**

The meeting was opened for public comments.

1. No comments at this time.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

1. It was announced that the Village was in receipt of a notification letter from Time Warner Cable of their intent to change their pricing schedule effective February 1, 2009.
2. The topic of the proposed housing development at Howard and Seneca Streets was open for discussion. Bob Sobeck addressed the Board on the history of Alfred Housing Committee, Inc. including the amount of government funding that they have brought into the community over the past 26 years. He then presented an overview presentation of the new project and also provided the Board with an update on the economic impact that the existing three housing development within the Village of Wellsville. Joining Mr. Sobeck in the presentation were Barbara Lamphere, Sue Kimmel and Peter Wilson all representing Two plus Four Construction (partner in the proposed project). Local citizens present in support of the project were Erland Kailbourn, Kim Toot, Charlie Joyce, and Dan Russo. Trustee Herman inquired as to how the split in the PILOT was determined and was informed that it is a negotiated percentage with the Town. He also requested additional clarification as to what segment of the residents the project was targeting. Trustee Hennessy asked what tax status Alfred Housing Committee, Inc. held, Bob indicated it was a 501(c)(3) entity. Trustee Hennessy commented that based on what the Board was being told relative to this project being highly desired in other communities such as Rushford, why was it being pushed for Wellsville. Sue Kimmel admitted that Rushford does not qualify for the project due to the fact that it does not have a municipal water system. Mayor Cretekos mentioned that a concern of his that he felt had not been addressed was the potential impact on the Village regarding the future services that it would be required to provide to that area of the Village based on the increased population base. Specifically the safety issue of having adequate sidewalks and curbs for the anticipated increased foot traffic to and from the project to the retail centers. Trustee LaForge indicated that the questions that were raised at the prior meeting regarding outstanding issues that needed to be satisfied at the Carpenter Commons Project had been addressed and he thanked Mr. Sobeck for the quick action. **Trustee Hennessy asked what action was being requested of the Board, Mr. Sobeck indicated that in order for them to proceed with the necessary funding applications they needed to have the support of the Village in three areas; 1) agree to be the Lead Agency on the SEQR, 2) approval of the Redevelopment Company and the proposed PILOT, and 3) tentative site plan approval. The Mayor called for a vote, Bob requested that it be a roll call vote – Trustee LaForge-No, Trustee Lynch-No, Trustee Hennessy-No,**

**Trustee Herman-No, Mayor Cretekos-Yes. Mr. Sobeck then indicated that he believed that the Board did not truly understand the importance of the project and began to present the impact facts to the Board. Mayor Cretekos suggested that based on the importance of this decision and the desire for the Board to be as informed as possible regarding the project he recommended that the Board have a workshop session on Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in the Village Board Room with Mr. Sobeck to work through all of the facts, he suggested that the Village Code Officer also be present. Trustee Hennessy seconded the Mayors suggestion and the work session was approved unanimously.**

3. Request by the Town of Wellsville for the Board to execute the Fire Protection Contract in triplicate was completed by the Board.
4. Notification of receipt of an invitation from the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity to the Board to attend an Open House at 3 Clark Street on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm to dedicate the latest new home project completion.

### **TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

**HERMAN:** Nothing at this time.

**HENNESSY:** 1) Requested that the vote on the Youth Officer's position be held at the January 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. 2) Requested an update from Chief Mattison regarding the hiring of a part-time officer to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Jeff Monroe. Chief Mattison indicated that to-date no suitable candidate has been found, he did mention that there is a potential candidate graduating from the Academy this spring that may be suitable.

**LYNCH:** 1) Nothing at this time.

**LAFORGE:** 1) Nothing at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Notification from Dyke Street Engine Co. No. 2 to remove Mr. David Cavanaugh from its active member roll. The active roll now stands at 27 members.

#### **POLICE:**

1. **Notification that vehicle 204's engine needs to be replaced. Due to the age of the vehicle it was the Board's opinion that it should be retired and a replacement be purchased. Chief Mattison was instructed through a motion made by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge to proceed with making the necessary arrangements to order the replacement vehicle based on the recommendation of Dennis White with an anticipated total price not to exceed \$19,500.00.**
2. Notification has been received from Warsaw Dry Cleaning that they will no longer provide services to the Police Department. The Board was informed that John Ash Cleaners in Olean has the only other viable replacement, but that the service will be twice as costly.

#### **DPW:**

1. **Director Whitfield requested authorization to execute all necessary documents for the acquisition of the Automatic Meter Reading Conversion Apparatus for the water using the approved NYS Archives Grant monies that have been awarded for this project. Upon a motion by Trustee Hennessy and second by Trustee Herman the authorization was approved.**
2. The Board was informed of the potential loss of CHIP's revenue for the 2010 fiscal year. The current budget submitted by the Governor calls for a 41.33% reduction in this funding for the Village of Wellsville resulting in an anticipated funding level of only \$60,551.00.
3. **Director Whitfield requested authorization to send a letter to Hyland Landfill Facility approving continued disposal of Leachate at the Waste**

**Water Treatment Plant for \$0.02 per gallon. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Herman the authorization was approved unanimously.**

**CLERK TREASURER:**

- 1. Requested approval for the following current vouchers listed in Abstract #14 dated January 12, 2009 to be paid as reviewed by the Trustees. Motion made by Trustee LaForge seconded by Trustee Hennessy to pay bills in the total amount as follows;**

<u>Abstract #14:</u>			
Fund A	\$ 93,770.93	Vouchers	636 to 698
Fund CT	456.00		25
Fund EE	16,032.77		322 to 343
Fund F	9,736.86		336 to 367
Fund G	7,605.83		326 to 355
Fund R	3,046.05		87 to 95
Fund TA	<u>117.26</u>		12 to 13
Total	<u>\$130,765.70</u>		

- 2. Treasurer Caldwell provided the Board with an update on the status of the 2008 Financial Audit and submission of the 5/31/08 State AUD report.**

**Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:20pm.**

**Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move from Executive Session to Regular Session. On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the Board moved back into Regular Session at 8:40pm.**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned on a call by Mayor Cretekos at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Caldwell  
Village Clerk/Treasurer