

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 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 Cretelos
Trustees: Laurie Hennessy, Judy Lynch, Jamie Herman, and Tink LaForge
Police Chief: Steve Mattison
Village Atty: Dan Synakowski

ABSENT: William Whitfield

VISITORS: Joanne Allen, Bob Sobeck, Dave Toot, Kim Toot, Jim Horn, HM Bateman, and Brian Quinn

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Trustee Hennessy led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. **The first order of business would be the approval of the minutes of the previous special meeting held on January 26, 2008. The minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Herman.**

The meeting was opened for public comments.

1. HM Bateman & Jim Horn addressed the Board regarding their concerns relative to the proposed Wal – Mart Project to be located in the Town of Wellsville on the old airport property along Bolivar Road. They provided the Board with literature on various websites which can be used to better understand the impact that a development like what is planned can and has had on other communities across the country. They asked that the Village Board to get involved and ask questions since the project can have direct impact on the downtown businesses. Mayor Cretelos thanked the Bateman's for their voiced concerns.
2. Bob Sobeck provided the Board with the SEQR information which was requested by the DPW Director on the proposed new housing development to be located at Howard and Seneca Street in the Village. The Mayor indicated that the information would be provided to the DPW Director and the Board would wait on his recommendation before a vote regarding the project would be taken.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. **The Mayor made a motion for approval of the replacement of the floor areas which are not carpeted on the second floor of the Municipal Building with a linoleum product for \$7,600.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lynch. A concern was voiced by Trustees Hennessy, Herman and LaForge that based on the budget constraints that the departments are being faced with an expense such as this would not be appropriate at this time. The request was defeated by a vote of 2 for and 3 against.**
2. The Mayor mentioned that there will be a public forum to be held at the David A. Howe Library on February 25, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Exhibit Room on the topic of 'Oil & Gas Lease Landowner's Rights' led by the NYS Attorney General's office. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.
3. Notification of receipt of a letter on February 9, 2009 from the Wellsville Country Club indicating their intent to apply for a Seasonal Liquor License in order to sell beer at their on course snack shop.

4. The Mayor read the following proclamation;

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the water and other chemicals in your blood; remove fluids, waste, toxins and drugs introduced to the body; release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood cells and promote strong bones, and,

WHEREAS, more than 26 million Americans, about one in nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease and,

WHEREAS, 170,000 Western New Yorkers have Chronic Kidney Disease and another 170,000 are at risk and don't know it,

WHEREAS, 1,600 Western New Yorkers are on dialysis,

WHEREAS, nearly 500 Western New Yorkers are awaiting a kidney transplant,

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent are African Americans and 16 percent are Hispanic, and,

WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases,

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of WNY has a free health screening program to identify people in the early stages of kidney disease, and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of WNY is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation,

WHEREAS, early detection including regular reporting of the GFR calculation through a simple blood test, currently the best indication of kidney disease staging, can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires continual dialysis or kidney transplant to maintain life, and,

WHEREAS, the cost of treatment for kidney disease patients is disproportionately higher than any other chronic disease, and,

WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment, medications, laboratory testing, and as necessary, transportation services to the dialysis facility, and as a consequence any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility significantly put them at risk,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, James G. Cretkos, Mayor of the Village of Wellsville officially proclaim March 12th, 2009 , "WORLD KIDNEY DAY" in Wellsville, New York in the hope that all possible support will continue to be extended to Chronic Kidney Disease patients in New York and throughout the country and the world.

On a motion made by Trustee Hennessy and second by Trustee Lynch the proclamation was approved unanimously.

5. The Mayor mentioned that he intends to present a draft of a new local law regarding the enforcement of sidewalk snow removal at the next meeting.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS:

HERMAN:

- 1) Requested that the Clerk provide him with all of the overtime records year-to-date for all personnel in all departments.

- 2) Indicated that he would not be at the next meeting due to business travel that he must make.

HENNESSY: 1) Nothing at this time.

LYNCH: 1) Nothing at this time.

LAFORGE: 1) Requested Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Nothing at this time.

POLICE:

1. **Requested approval of the 2009 Stop DWI contract with the County. On a motion by Mayor Cretokos and second by Trustee LaForge the request was approved unanimously.**

DPW:

1. Nothing at this time.

CLERK TREASURER:

1. **Requested approval for the following current vouchers listed in Abstract #16 dated February 9, 2009 to be paid as reviewed by the Trustees. Motion made by Trustee LaForge seconded by Trustee Lynch to pay bills in the total amount as follows;**

<u>Abstract #16:</u>			
Fund A	\$ 23,943.15	Vouchers	759 to 798
Fund CT	13,463.72		29
Fund EE	22,135.94		373 to 398
Fund F	10,273.87		395 to 409
Fund G	3,643.30		384 to 408
Fund R	1,731.76		105 to 108
Fund TA	<u>1,143.24</u>		16 to 17
Total	<u>\$ 76,334.98</u>		

2. Requested acceptance of the 2008 State AUD Report as prepared and submitted by Freed Maxick & Battaglia, PC. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Hennessy the report was accepted unanimously.
3. Request to transfer an additional \$1,795.00 from A190.400 to A3620.100 to cover the actual personnel costs to be incurred in the Code Enforcement category for this fiscal year. On a motion by Trustee Lynch and second by Trustee LaForge the request was approved unanimously.
4. The Treasurer's Report for January 2009 was submitted to the Board.

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Lynch the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:17pm.

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move from Executive Session to Regular Session. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Lynch the Board moved back into Regular Session at 8:43pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned on a call by Mayor Cretekos at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Caldwell
Village Clerk/Treasurer