

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON MARCH 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 Cretekos  
Trustees: Laurie Hennessy, Judy Lynch, Jamie Herman, and Tink LaForge  
Police Chief: Steve Mattison  
Village Atty: Dan Synakowski  
Director DPW: William Whitfield

**ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Steve Havey, Lynn McCutcheon, David Basil, Barb Graves, and Brian Quinn

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Trustee Herman 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 February 23, 2008. The minutes were approved on a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Herman.**

The meeting was opened for public comments.

1. Lynn McCutcheon – It was announced that the Balloon Rally will come back to Island Park this year, and will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. **David Basil – Requested approval by the Board for the closure of Main Street from the bridge at Basil Dealership to the Police Department from 11:00am to 4:00pm on July 18<sup>th</sup> to hold a Car Show which will include 4 classes of vehicles. On a motion made by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was unanimously approved.**
3. **David Basil – Requested a waiver of the Village Noise Ordinance for the Car Show and the planned Burn-out Pit at the Dealership from Noon to 3:00pm on July 18<sup>th</sup>. On a motion made by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was unanimously approved. Mr. Basil mentioned that all proceeds generated from the events would be donated to the Wellsville Fire Department.**
4. Steve Havey – He indicated that the Chamber is gladly endorsing the Car Show. He also presented the plans for the second annual Musicfest to be held from Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. To accommodate the events planned permission is being requested to close Main Street from Madison to Pearl and Jefferson from Main to the alley behind the Municipal Building on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 11:00pm allowing for the promotion of the Artisan Fair on Main Street and children’s attractions on Jefferson. The Board tabled the request until the next meeting and asked that Mr. Havey canvas the businesses along Main Street that would be affected by the closing to make sure that everyone is supportive.

**MAYOR’S BUSINESS:**

1. The Mayor read the following Commendation Letter for Brad Mattison:

It is my great pleasure to provide you with this letter of commendation in response to your exemplary actions in dealing with the above emergency in January 2009. As was noted in the letter that I received from Riverwalk, Inc. dated February 19<sup>th</sup> (copy attached), your dedication to your job and your willingness to go beyond what your 'responsibilities' were, speaks volumes of your character.

Certainly your initial response to the emergency was in keeping with the responsibilities of your employment, but you were willing to go above and beyond the expected and provided a service that was selfless and totally focused on the well being of others. I congratulate you for your actions, for the positive light that you shine on the Village because of your work ethic, and the outstanding character that you continued to demonstrate.

The Village is fortunate to have you in its employ and I encourage you to continue to approach your responsibilities on and off the job with the type of commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication that we are all called to have. Please accept my and the Board of Trustees heartfelt thank you for your actions in the above referenced situation.

It is with great pleasure that I file this commendation in your permanent personnel file, and provide your supervisor and department head with copies.

2. A resolution electing the Village to participate in the New York State Health Insurance Program was approved unanimously on a motion made by Mayor Cretekos and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Trustee Herman asked if the Village was planning to retain the other health plans as options for the employees and the Mayor indicated that at this time the other health plans were to remain.
3. The Village received notification from the Texas Hot of its intent to renew its liquor license via letter dated 3/3/09.

**TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

**HERMAN:**

- 1) None at this time.

**HENNESSY:**

- 1) Congratulated all of the young people of Wellsville for their outstanding scholastic and athletic accomplishments during the current school year. 2) Mentioned that based on her review of the current sidewalk snow removal law it seemed that change in the law is necessarily needed, we just need to begin enforcement of the law that is on the books. It was agreed that it needs to be clarified as to who and how the enforcement is to be conducted, each trustee was encouraged to review the situation and think of viable solutions.

**LYNCH:**

- 1) Nothing at this time.

**LAFORGE:**

- 1) Motion made for the Village to have Southern Tier West administer the Revolving Loan Fund subject to the approval of the change by the US Rural

Development Agency. Second was made by Trustee Lynch. The Mayor asked if Southern Tier West would be assuming the oversight for all of the existing loans. It was mentioned that their proposal only addresses new applications. **Based on the uncertainty of what would happen with the existing loans the Mayor made a motion to table the item until next meeting so clarification can be received, it was seconded by Trustee Hennessy and approved unanimously.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. The 2/28/09 financials from Dyke Street Engine Co. #2 were received and filed.
2. A letter was received requesting consideration of a 2010 capital budget infusion of \$15,000.00 towards the purchase of the 36 new Air Paks. This request was tabled to allow the budget process to take place.

### **POLICE:**

1. **The Chief requested a transfer of \$500.00 from A1990.400 – Contingency Fund to A3120.203 – Vehicle Markings to cover cost of decaling the new police cruiser. On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Lynch the request was approved unanimously.**
2. Announced the plans for a carnival to be held at the Lagoon Area Fields as a Wellsville High School Marching Band fund raiser on Memorial Day weekend from Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Chief mentioned that the records retention area in the Library is inadequate and alternatives need to be made. The Mayor mentioned that Southern Tier West is in the process of applying for a Microfilm Grant which would encompass all of the Town and Village Court records. If approved these funds will help significantly in rectifying the situation. It was mentioned that the Village has storage space in its buildings which would be superior to what is currently used. More review will take place to rectify the storage situation.

### **DPW:**

1. **Request transfer of \$1,200.00 from F8320.454 and \$379.00 from F8330.465 to F8330.200 for covering the cost of the Chlorine Monitoring System at the Water Plant. On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was approved unanimously.**
2. **Request transfer of \$500.00 from A3420.443 to A3150.444 for covering the cost of the boiler pump at the Police Department. On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the request was approved unanimously.**

### **CLERK TREASURER:**

1. **Requested approval for the following current vouchers listed in Abstract #18 dated March 9, 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 #18:</u>			
Fund A	\$101,980.95	Vouchers	845 to 885
Fund CT	11,750.68		32 to 33
Fund EE	33,681.84		421 to 439
Fund F	12,896.40		430 to 454
Fund G	6,411.42		424 to 451
Fund R	1,913.48		113 to 117
Fund TA	<u>121.55</u>		19
Total	<u>\$168,756.32</u>		

2. **Acceptance of the May 31, 2007 Audit Report from Freed Maxick & Battaglia was tabled for clarification of some of the deficiencies noted in the audit which Trustees Lynch and Hennessy took exception to, on a motion by Trustee Hennessy and second by Trustee Lynch.**
3. **Acceptance of the May 31, 2008 PSC Report for filing was approved unanimously on a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Hennessy.**

**The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm on a call by the Mayor to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue.**

**The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:10pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a call by the Mayor at 8:10pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Caldwell  
Village Clerk/Treasurer