

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON APRIL 27, 2009 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: Joanne Allen, Elaine Hardman, Brian Quinn, Sue Neal, Barbara Kalamets, Bonnie Neal, Lewis Merrick, Shirley Mericle, Holli Neal, Bill Cavavaugh, George Newark, Padden Newark, M.A. Newark, Ed Eicher, Lee Vossler, Gail Vossler, Stephanie Kemp, Lisa Kemp

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.

Ms Shirley Mericle spoke on behalf of the Citizens of Rauber Street about the unsightly conditions of two properties located on Rauber Street. Mericle wanted to know why something couldn't be done to make the residents clean their property up. Mayor Cretekos stated that plans are in motion about addressing the problem.

MAYORS BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve 2010 Fiscal Budget for the Village of Wellsville with a resulting effective tax rate of \$19.94, an increase of \$.50 per thousand or 2.57% over the prior year. Increase caused by corrected tax roll received from County Tax Service Office on 4/22/09. On a motion made by Mayor Cretekos and seconded by Trustee Hennessy the budget was approved as presented. Carried.**
- 2. Request that the Town of Wellsville request that an EIS be required of Wal-Mart on the proposed Wellsville Project. This was tabled at the last board meeting. Mayor Cretekos moved for discussion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy. Trustee Hennessy asked if this was an environmental or economical study. A long form should be done for such study. Mayor Cretekos stated we should have such study done. Trustee LaForge and Trustee Hennessy feels the Town of Wellsville has done everything that is needed. Trustee Herman made a motion seconded by Trustee Hennessy to check with the Town of Wellsville to see what studies have been done and look at documentations. Carried.**

3. **Appointment of Brent Cobin as Fire Department Chief with a term to expire 2011. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**
4. Mayor Cretkos read the following proclamation setting May 2, 2009 a Padden J. Newark Day;

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, PADDEN J. NEWARK, the son of George and Mary Ann Newark of Andover, New York, who will officially become an Eagle Scout on May 2, 2009, and

WHEREAS, his Eagle Scout project involved work at the Shane Colligan Memorial Park in Wellsville, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Park is a focal point when anyone enters the village from the southeast, and it was created to honor the memory of Shane Colligan, and serves as a reminder of the importance of organ donation, and

WHEREAS, he organized a spring cleaning of the park in 2008, installing litter receptacles, constructing a lockable wooden storage bench to hold tools he has donated, and constructing two lockable wooden enclosures for exposed water taps, and

WHEREAS, he raised money through donations to purchase the necessary supplies, and organized the projects and worked with craftsmen and advisors to complete the work in a professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, James G. Cretkos, Mayor of the Village of Wellsville officially proclaim May 2, 2009, as “Padden J. Newark Day”-and adopted son of Wellsville.

5. Mayor Cretkos presented Padden J. Newark with a framed Proclamation. Padden J. Newark got a standing ovation for everyone that attended the board meeting.
6. Notification received from Moody’s Investors Service of their downgrading of the Village of Wellsville bonds to Baa2 from Baa1.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS:

HERMAN:

1. Requested Kathy Kinder to check with the American Legion about Memorial Day Parade details. Trustee Herman made a motion to recognize outgoing Fire Chief Dave Pinney for all the hard work and efforts he has put into the community and service, seconded by Trustee Lynch, Trust Hennessy and Trustee LaForge.

HENNESSY:

1. Stated the necessity of the \$.50 per thousand toward the effective tax rate increase over the prior year.

LYNCH:

1. Suggested the Village should answer a letter they all received from an employee.

LAFORGE:

1. Wants to make sure reservations are in place for the NYCOM meeting coming up.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE REPORT:

The April Fire Board minutes were received.

POLICE REPORT:

1. Letter of Appreciation from Allegany ARC for police response to the 'suspicious bottle' incident on April 3, 2009.
2. Letter of Commendation to Lt. Walsh and Sgt. Nye for the handling of a mental health person on Dyke Creek Bridge.
3. Is there any specific planned schedule for the Memorial Day Parade . . . Kathy Kinder to check with the American Legion.
4. Part-time Officer Daniel Marsh has resigned. Accepted
5. Requested executive session for contractual matter.

DPW:

1. Requested transfer of funds from G8120.470 - \$2,000.00, G8120.463 - \$1,000.00, and G8120.464 - \$600.00 to G8120.465 for pump repair at the Seneca Lift Station. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.
2. Request transfer of funds from F8340.202 - \$4,500.00, F8340.460 - \$4,000.00, and F8340.478 - \$1,481.00 to F8340.466 for the AMR metering. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
3. Request board resolution naming Jeff Smith as voting delegate at the NYMPA Annual Meeting on May 21, 2009. Trustee Herman made motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.

CLERK/TREASURER:

1. Acceptance and approval of the vouchers as listed in Abstract #21 dated April 27, 2009. Trustee LaForge made motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.
2. Approval of attached budget modifications to correct increase appropriations to cover actual cost incurred. Trustee Lynch made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.

3. Acknowledgement of down grade in Village of Wellsville bond rating by Moody's Investors Service.
4. **Approve transfer of \$600.05 from A1990.400 – Contingency to A1930.401 – Judgments and Claims to cover Village cost of arbitration on grievance hearing with DPW Highway Department. Trustee Lynch made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**

Trust Herman requested the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. On a motion by Trustee Herman and seconded by Trustee Lynch the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:37 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 8:35 PM.

Trustee Herman made a motion for the DPW to get two new backhoes for the Street Department and the Water Department. This would be a lease deal of \$20,000.00 a year for the next 4 years. There will be no cost to the Villages' new budget this year. (2009-2010) Seconded by Trustee LaForge.

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

Mayor Cretekos adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kinder
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer