

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON MAY 12, 2008 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  
Chief of Police: Steven Mattison  
DPW Director: William Whitfield

**ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Madeleine Gasdik, Bruce Schoenthal, Mary Ellen Brunell, Dick Brunell, Agnes Brush, Tom Brush, Jack Hennessy, Mary Lou Hennessy, Jim Hennessy Jr., Katie Harris, Jeff Greene, Melissa Williams, and Steve Havey.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

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 held on April 28, 2008. **Motion made to accept the minutes by Trustee LaForge with a second by Trustee Herman the minutes were approved as presented.**

The Mayor opened the meeting by reading the following proclamation:

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, JEFF GREENE, a person with definite Wellsville connection has ridden a bicycle for more than 3,000 miles across this great nation to raise money for the local chapter of the Red Cross of Omaha, Nebraska, and**

**WHEREAS, he being a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy, and one who has served is duty to his country, and**

**WHEREAS, he is the grandson of Richard and Mary Ellen Brunnel, prominent residents of Wellsville, and**

**WHEREAS, he is the son of Daniel and Christine (Brunnel) Greene, former residents of Scio.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, James G. Cretekos, Mayor of the Village of Wellsville officially proclaim**

## May 12, 2008, as 'Jeff Greene Day – an adopted son of Wellsville.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments;

- Steve Havey – 1) Requested that Main Street be closed July 19<sup>th</sup> from Pearl to State for the purpose of holding the annual Balloon Rally Festival. The Board indicated that this had already been approved and that they were looking forward to another successful event. 2) Announced the first Main Street Music Festival to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. He requested approval to use the vacant lot next to Wireless World on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as one of the two outside stage venues. Part of the request also includes a waiver of the 10pm noise ordinance to 11pm on each of these evenings. On a motion by Trustee Lynch and second by Trustee Hennessy the waiver was granted. 3) Provided the Board with a sample of the 4 page pamphlet that has been created in conjunction with the 'Walk the Villages' tourist campaign. Currently there are 12 Villages participating in the program that encourages tourists to come to each community and walk their historical areas, etc. The Board thanked Mr. Havey for all of his hard work in making Wellsville a destination for tourists.
- Bruce Schoenthal – Requested that the Village consider waiving his solid waste monthly billing since he does not utilize that particular service due to logistical issues. A concern was raised regarding potential legal issues being created if consent was given to this request. An alternative will be looked at that would include the Village working through the logistical issues and beginning actual refuse pick-up.
- Melissa Williams – representing the Allegany/Western Steuben Rural Health Network requested approval to change the date of the Escapades parade in downtown Wellsville to Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am as part of the 4 day event. There will be approximately 16 floats/corporate sponsors as well as the Wellsville High School Marching Band. The parade route will be along Main Street between Loader and Fassett. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Lynch the request was approved unanimously.

### MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Cretekos requested approval to accept the Selective Insurance quote on the Villages General Liability Coverage for the period of June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$98,122.84. The other quote received was from NYMIR in the amount of \$105,947.69. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge approval of the Selective Insurance quote was approved.**
2. Mayor Cretekos requested approval to cancel the May 26, 2008 regularly scheduled Board meeting due to it being a National Holiday, and rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday May 27, 2008 at 7:00pm. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was approved.**
3. Mayor Cretekos requested approval to name Manning & Napier Benefits, LLC as the Health Insurance Broker for the Village. **On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Lynch the request was approved.**

4. Mayor Cretekos provided some preliminary information for the Board to consider regarding the Village changing its travel reimbursement procedures to a per diem reimbursement process.
5. Mayor Cretekos reviewed a draft letter to be sent to property owners regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program with the Board. On a motion by Trustee Lynch and second by Trustee LaForge it was agreed that the Village should contact NYCOM General Counsel for review and approval of what is being proposed prior to the Village moving forward with the process.
6. Mayor Cretekos mentioned that realignment plans for the central business district were being developed, including diagonal and parallel parking options, for the Board to review. It was agreed that part of the study should include looking at how much space is needed when emergency vehicles are included in the calculations. The objective is to improve the appearance of the business district while also enhancing pedestrian and vehicle movement.

### **TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

#### **HERMAN:**

1. Asked if the Board was in agreement that the caution fence located in front of the old Burroughs building be removed based on the letter of recommendation received from the CEO of the Village. Everyone was in agreement that the fence should be removed as soon as possible.
2. Requested that the Village enforce the 'Cross-Connection Control' Local Law No. 1 of the year 1999. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the board approved enforcement of the Local Law.**
3. Requested that a meeting be scheduled with Alfred Housing Committee personnel for purpose of discussing the current Revolving Loan Fund program. The Mayor indicated that he would contact AHC to arrange the meeting.
4. Asked Mr. Whitfield the status of the Avaya Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Whitfield indicated the contract expires at the end of 2008. It is the board's desire that other options be explored regarding telephone systems to help contain overall operating costs.

**HENNESSY:** 1) Contractual item for Executive Session.

**LYNCH:** 1) Requested approval by the Board of the Bike Route as proposed by the State DOT along Main Street. **On a motion by Trustee Lynch and second by Trustee Herman the Village support of the project was approved.**

#### **LAFORGE:**

1. Requested that the parking space located at the corner of Main and Jefferson next to Hart's Jewelry be removed since it's proximity to the corner creates a hazard for vehicles turning on to Jefferson and to pedestrians, and
2. Requested that the unsightly temporary fencing located in front of Giant Food along Route 417 be removed and replaced with something that marries in with the rest of the fencing along that portion of the highway.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Approval requested to add Anthony A. Perkins, E. Scioto Street, Scio to the active roll of the Genesee Hose Company. **On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Herman the request was approved.**

### **POLICE:**

1. Chief Mattison requested approval for Chief Mattison and Lt. Walsh to attend an 8 hour free training seminar in Buffalo on June 11<sup>th</sup> with the topic being 'Sex Offender Management Training'. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the request was approved.**
2. Chief Mattison requested approval for his attendance at the International Chiefs of Police Conference and Training in San Diego on November 8 – 12, 2008. The Chief indicated to the Board that the conference is in the 2009 Budget. **On a motion by Trustee Hennessy and second by Trustee Lynch the request was approved.**
3. Chief Mattison requested approval for the Wellsville Police Department to sponsor Jared Mattison in his training at Genesee County Rural Police Academy effective immediately, subject to Jared providing the Village with the appropriate liability waiver documentation. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was approved.**
4. Chief Mattison requested approval for the Village to obtain a credit card to use for covering school, training, gas (backup if fuel farm goes down), and other travel expenses incurred during Village approved travel. The Mayor recommended that the card be issued to the Village in the Clerk's name. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee LaForge the request was approved.**

### **DPW:**

1. Director Whitfield announced that the garbage collection scheduled for Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> will be done on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day observance.

### **CLERK TREASURER:**

1. Treasurer Caldwell requested approval for the following current vouchers listed in Abstract #22 dated May 12, 2008 to be paid as reviewed by the Trustees. **Motion made by Trustee Hennessy seconded by Trustee LaForge to pay bills** in the total amount as follows;

Fund A	\$ 33,549.19	Vouchers	936 to 984
Fund CT	54,198.24		36 to 38
Fund EE	57,292.53		423 to 437
Fund F	27,320.33		450 to 469
Fund G	33,656.58		477 to 491
Fund R	4,723.18		117 to 121
Fund TA	<u>29,955.55</u>		18 to 19
Total	<u>\$240,695.60</u>		

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. **On a motion by Trustee Hennessy and second by Trustee Herman the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:15pm.**

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

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy at 8:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Caldwell  
Village Clerk/Treasurer