

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 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: Jamie Herman, Laurie Hennessy, Tink LaForge, and  
Judy Lynch  
DPW Dir: William Whitfield  
Police Chief: Steve Mattison  
Village Atty: Dan Synakowski

**ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Brian Quinn

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. With there being no corrections the minutes were accepted as presented.**

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments.

Mayor Cretekos spoke on behalf of Kathryn Ross, Music on the Lawn Committee, regarding the Scarecrow Decorating Contest. The Public Library lawn will not be available for placement of the scarecrows this year. The Board suggested the Village's empty lot across from Pizza Hut. Kathryn Ross would like to strap the scarecrows to the light poles on Main Street. Suggested to use rope or plastic ties, no metal wire. Kathryn Ross must contact William Whitfield before installation is to be done.

**MAYORS BUSINESS:**

- 1. Requested approval for the Village of Wellsville to participate with Allegany County in establishing a Centralized Real Property Tax Data Base. The centralized system will utilize the same software the Village is currently using at a lower annual cost. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Carried.**
- 2. Requested approval to revise the post-employment payout to Greg Round's by an additional \$191.92 up to \$25,137.68. The revised amount includes personal time which was not part of the original calculation. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Carried.**
3. Ridgewalk is having their "kick off" party for the upcoming event on September 25, 2009 at Rich Shear's farm from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Jamie Herman to attend.

## **TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

### **HERMAN:**

- 1) **Sons of the American Legion want to replace the roof on the pavilion over the cannon at Memorial Park and would like the Villages support. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge.**
- 2) **Motion to hire Steve Kear, Bryant Hughes and Jared Mattison as part-time Dispatchers. Polo shirts with no badges will be worn. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Carried.**
- 3) Discussed request from member of the Library Board to close Pearl Street behind the library allowing them to develop the land. Mayor Cretekos stated to leave the road as it is. Trustee Lynch stated the road needs to stay open for the Jones Memorial Hospital deliveries. William Whitfield stated the road is a Village right away. Closing the road could cause a possible grid –lock. Chief Mattison stated the ambulances use the road also. William Whitfield can get a traffic count for actual usage of the road. Mayor Cretekos suggested a member of Library should approach the Board. Trustee Herman to advise the Library of this.
- 4) **Being October 12<sup>th</sup> is a holiday, requested the next Board Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hennessy made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Carried.**
- 5) Requested status update on the GIS mapping for the village to be presented at the next board meeting. William Whitfield to email update of GIS mapping to each Board member.

**HENNESSY:** Nothing

### **LYNCH:**

- 1) Stated the Beautification Committee was very grateful for all the work done this summer by Charlie Joyce's crew. Shirley Giopulos, Beautification Committee member welcomes everybody to participate and support the committee. Charlie Joyce continues his availability should there be more to be done.

### **LAFORGE:**

- 1) Stated Bob Sobeck with Alfred Housing contacted him about the NYS Main Street Program has waived the Village of Wellsville's match for the streetscape project. This means the Village will be reimbursed for all expenses up to a total of \$24,000.00. The Village will have to pay for it up front and then will get fully reimbursed. Bob Sobeck should be able to get the monies back to the Village in 30 days.
- 2) Stated he attended to Town of Wellsville Board Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The town is wanting to re-do Island Park in making it more handicap accessible and putting in new restrooms. The Town is waiting to hear on a grant that would help assist in these repairs. The grant is \$600,000.00 which the town would be responsible for 25% of the funding and the other 75% would be from the grant dollars. The Town also wants to re-do the gazebo by moving it back from where it's at, making it a bit larger and placing bricks as the foundation. Chances look good for the Town getting this done.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** August Fire Board meeting minutes have been received and filed.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- 1) **Requested approval to transfer \$1,000.00 appropriation from A3120.471 DARE to A3120.443 Radio Maintenance/Install to cover the deductible charge incurred due to the lightning damage to the communication tower. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee LaForge. Carried.**
- 2) **Recommended hiring Lori L. Potter from Andover, NY as Communication Tech effective immediately provisional on receiving Civil Service Certification and probation for 26 weeks. Trustee Herman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy. Carried.**
- 3) Clarification regarding hiring Jered Heaney that he would be on a 12 week probationary period starting September 18, 2009.
- 4) Requested Executive Session to discuss personnel matter.
- 5) Stated giving out "Good Tickets" to students (kids) when a police officer sees someone doing a good thing. Chief Mattison to provide a copy of ticket for the Board to see.

### **DPW:**

- 1) Stated the latest update on the pricing for the Architectural Fencing on the Arterial would consist of 46 sections to finish the fence meeting all specifications. Four (4) sections would replace the section where a car accident occurred. The cost would be \$241.23 per section. Approximate cost being \$11,000.00 for material and \$1,500.00 for freight.

### **CLERK TREASURER:**

**Acceptance and approval of the vouchers as listed in Abstract #7 dated September 14, 2009. Trustee LaForge made a motion and seconded by Trustee Hennessy.**

**With a motion made by Trustee LaForge and seconded by Trustee Hennessy, the meeting was moved to Executive Session at 7:38 PM.**

**Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move from Executive Session to Regular Session. On a motion by Trustee LaForge and seconded by Trustee Hennessy the Board move back to Regular Session at 8:10 PM.**

**Mayor Cretekos made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trustee Hennessy. Mayor Cretekos adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kinder  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer