

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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
Police Chief: Steven Mattison
DPW Dir: William Whitfield
Village Atty.: Dan Synakowski

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Cynthia Smith
Jessica Smith
Joanna Holliday
Kate O'Stricker
Kate Harvey
Cathy Harvey
Lisa Smith
Roy Smith
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 held on September 8, 2008. **Motion made to accept the minutes by Trustee LaForge with a second by Trustee Hennessy the minutes were approved as presented.**

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments.

1. Cynthia Smith, Allegany County Coordinator to the Allegany Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. and Date O'Stricker, Educator Southern Tier Wellness. A slide presentation was given on the reality check in New York State and the tobacco use in the public areas. Mayor Cretekos made a motion to meet the same guidelines the Town of Wellsville is using, the motion was seconded by Trustee LaForge and unanimously approved.
2. Kate Harvey addressed the board about a sewer backup in her basement that occurred on June 16, 2008 located at 40 Trapping Brook Road in the Village. Ms. Harvey presented a letter from Selective Insurance denying her claim. Bill Whitfield will address this matter and get back with the Harvey's.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Cretekos presented Roy Smith with a 25 year service award certificate from the Village of Wellsville. The mayor and the board thanked Mr. Smith for his dedication.

2. Mayor Cretekos requested approval of the annual contract renewal with the Friendship Empire Zone in the amount of \$5,000.00. **Trustee Hennessy made the motion to accept the contract renewal and second was made by Trustee Lynch. The request was approved unanimously.**
3. Mayor Cretekos requested a public hearing be scheduled to hear comments regarding the Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2008 pertaining to rules and regulations for 'refuse and bulky trash collection and for enforcement of unpaid solid waste collection and/or disposal fees through inclusion in the annual tax levy. The meeting will be Thursday October 9, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Village Trustee Board Room. **Trustee Herman made the motion to accept was seconded by Trustee Hennessy. Request was approved unanimously.**

TRUSTEES BUSINESS:

HERMAN:

- 1) He is going to look into the former owner of the Burrows Building. Repairs need to be addressed.
- 2) He talked with people from the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity about the possibility of building homes on vacant Village lots. It takes approximately 24 months to construct a habitable home once title is in Habitats possession. This idea would help put Village properties back on the tax roll and show neighborhood improvements. Dan Synakowski is to look into the feasibility.
- 3) Trustee Herman presented proposed figures for the Communication Center.

HENNESSY:

- 1) Nothing at this time.

LYNCH:

- 1) Would like to look into getting other towns and villages to ban together for insurance purchase purposes.

LAFORGE:

- 1) Informed the board that tipping fees have gone up to \$35.00, and within the next 5 years garbage will be very expensive.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. No new business to present.

POLICE:

1. Chief Mattison mentioned that Halloween is on Friday, October 31st this year and he requested that Trick or Treat hours be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on that evening. **Trusted Herman made a motion to adept the hours and seconded by Trustee LaForge request was approved unanimously.**
2. Chief Mattison stated he attended the Christian Alliance Church on September 14, 2008 and was presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for September 11, 2001.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield indicated he had a personnel issue to discuss in Executive Session.

CLERK TREASURER:

1. Requested approval for the following current vouchers listed in Abstract #7 dated September 22, 2008 to be paid as reviewed by the Trustees. **Motion made by Trustee Herman seconded by Trustee LaForge to pay bills in the total amount as follows ;**

<u>Abstract #7:</u>		Vouchers	
Fund A	\$ 36,546.28		310 to 345
Fund CT	48.50		10 to 11
Fund EE	108,325.81		150 to 183
Fund F	15,493.62		151 to 180
Fund G	15,461.72		151 to 177
Fund R	6,310.70		40 to 49
Fund TA	59.30		7
Total	<u>\$182,245.93</u>		

2. **Trustee LaForge made a motion to approve a request to transfer \$3,632.00 from A1990.400 Contingency Fund to A9040.800 Worker's Compensation to cover unexpected increase in annual premium, seconded by Trustee Lynch approved unanimously.**

Mayor Cretekos requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel and legal matter. **On a motion by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hennessy the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:35pm.**

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

Trustee Herman made a motion that the Village and Union enter into a 'Memorandum of Understanding' reestablishing the job title of 'Account Clerk Typist' for the DPU Billing Office and eliminate the 'Clerk' position. **The motion was seconded by Trustee LaForge and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Mayor Cretekos requested approval of a monthly salary for Billy Braun for his work in Code Enforcement and Zoning Compliance at \$1,700.00 per month. **On a motion by Trustee LaForge and second by Trustee Hennessy the request was approved.**

Bill Whitfield stated that bulky trash pickup should start the week of November 3, 2008. Notices will be mailed out with the October utility bills to residents.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned on a call by Mayor Cretekos at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kinder

Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer