

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

September 16, 2013
6:00 PM

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NOTICE: Pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law § 104-1, notice of this meeting was given to the media at least seven days in advance and the same posted on the September 10, 2013.

Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 5-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Corey, Hayes, Moore and Chapman. The "Village Office" is the Village of Earlville Municipal Office located at 8 North Main Street. The "Planning Board" means the Village of Earlville Planning Board.

Mayor William Excell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Margaret Corey and Sara Chapman. Trustee Moore was excused. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Daniel Piliero and 1 member of the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hayes attended the Extreme Weather Conference in Vestal. There, he met a gentleman who does grant writing in Chenango County. He thinks the Village may want to contact him to discuss grants. Hayes will give the Clerk-Treasurer the contact information and she will follow up on this.

NEW BUSINESS

At the regular meeting of September 10th, Bernie Thoma from Thoma Development Consultants was present and briefly discussed Grant information and the steps to beginning grant development and writing. He suggested starting the process by coming up with project ideas, prioritizing them and then contacting his organization. At tonight's meeting, it was stressed that the Village should meet with other grant writing organizations and comparing them. Mayor Excell asked the Board Members to come up with their own list of projects that they feel are needed within the Village. Then they can be discussed at a future meeting.

A broken tree branch on Chenango Street was recently removed by Tim Meiers. Meiers stated to Excell that the tree is rotted out due to termite and bee damage and needs to come down soon. Meiers stated it would cost \$3,000-\$3,500 to take down since it would require a crane. Excell stated that the Village may not be able to take down many trees but this one needs to come down soon or it will end up falling down and causing damage. Excell asked for input from the Trustees; Trustee Chapman stated that if it needs to come down then it should come down before someone gets hurt. Trustee Corey asked about the bees and termites, how close is the tree and what the damage to the surrounding trees is. Excell explained that there were a bunch of 3 or 4 trees together and they more than likely had termite and bee damage as well, but this tree is in worse condition than the others and therefore needs attention now.

Motion #1-9.16.201

On a motion by Hayes, seconded by Chapman it was agreed to contact Tim Meiers and have him remove the tree on Chenango Street at his earliest convenience. Motion was approved unanimously.

Excell stated that the DPW 2003 pickup truck needs \$ 989.80 repair on universal parts. He has given Small Town Auto the approval to repair the vehicle. Excell reminded board members that it needs to establish a trade-in program as well as a maintenance plan. Hayes also noted that the Ford Tractor is getting old and it will need to be updated before long.

Excell recently signed the papers to release the \$5,000 from the Daniels Estate. Excell has spoken to Yacono Paving and obtained an estimate of \$6,300.00 to repair the Skate Park surface, if it is done when the equipment is already in the Village to do the work on Clark Street. Presently the asphalt is in poor condition and is unusable by skateboarders, skaters or scooters. Doc asked about how the surface would winter and possible damage caused from frost. Excell stated that there would be minimal to no damage as there would be no heavy equipment or vehicles driving over the Skatepark. Trustees asked Excell where the other \$1,300.00 would come from for the asphalt work as the Village is only getting \$5,000.00 from the Daniels Estate. Excell advised that there is \$800 in the Skate Park fund and he saw no reason that the Village could not reallocate the remaining \$500 to pay for the job. Trustee Chapman suggested applying for grant money to help pay for this, which Excell agreed was a good idea, however; he is afraid if the repair is put off, it will not get done. Chapman stated she wants to make sure it is the right surface cover, not a quick fix. Dan Piliero stated he felt that it would cost the Village more if it was done later since the equipment would need to be moved in whereas now the equipment will be here when Clark Street is being worked on. Piliero also stressed that skaters, skateboards and scooters are not able to ride on it presently due to poor condition. He stated that it's supposed to be a Skatepark, however right now only bikes are able to be ridden on the surface. If the Village is not willing to fix it, then it should not be referred to as a Skate Park; also the Park was originally developed with the idea that it could be enjoyed by all ages. Currently it is not possible for little kids to ride their scooters or skateboards on the damaged surface. Piliero stated that he feels they need the Skatepark. It is the only place in the Village for kids to go to for something to do. Parents know where the kids are; they are not bothering businesses or riding on the Village streets, getting into trouble. Excell also suggested putting sandbags around the Skate Park in the winter and turning it into an ice skating area during winter months.

Motion #2-9.16.2013

Chapman motioned to table the discussion on the Skate Park asphalt until a later date when the funds from the Daniels estate have been received and are available for spending, seconded by Hayes, approved unanimously.

Piliero has met with the operators of the Canastota Skate Park and has got some excellent ideas for fundraisers for the Skatepark.

Trustee Hayes asked about the tree on South Main Street with the branch hanging over the sidewalk. Excell spoke to the homeowner about trimming the branch; they agreed to allow DPW to remove it.

Excell received an email from Bobby Schell- he would like all the leaves picked up by the Village DPW dumped in his corner field for compost. It was agreed that this will be acceptable.

Jansen Casscles from Station 2 LLC in Sherburne called Mayor Excell and asked if he could give the Village a quote for extinguishers and annual testing. Excell approved and Casscles met with Tucker one day last week and they did a walk-through of the Fire House, Municipal Building, DPW and Pump House on East Main Street. An email and quote was received from Casscles in which he stated that the need for "three additional extinguishers were identified- 5# ABC Extinguisher for the basement of the Village Office, 5# ABC Extinguisher for the DPW in the office area and a Water Mist Extinguisher for the Pump House on East Main (Per Mark there is currently NO extinguisher in that building)"

The 5# ABC extinguishers listed above will confirm NFPA compliance for extinguishers in the two respective buildings they would be mounted in. The Water Mist extinguisher for the pump house will not only provide compliance for the building but is also appropriate for the application due to the presence of chlorine which is an added hazard. The water mist is designed for use on ordinary or electronic fires and does not react with water soluble chemicals therefore making it the perfect choice for water treatment facilities.

His proposal is to install the three extinguishers listed above for a total cost of \$281.85 now and then to perform the annual testing for all of the extinguishers in April when they expire (at a cost of \$8.95/extinguisher).