

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

October 11, 2011
7:08 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 October 1, 2011.

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 Excell, Hayes, Moore and Taylor. 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.

Village Mayor Mark Doeberl called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore and Tom Taylor. Trustee William Excell was excused. Also present were Village Clerk- Treasurer Kelly Beach, Sherburne Councilman Ed Meyers and 8 members of the public.

Abstract 646 as presented for Board approval, included Vouchers #6892-6916 totaling \$20,763.91 to be tentatively split \$18,168.27 from the General Fund, \$2,017.16 from the Water Fund and \$578.48 from the Trust and Agency Fund. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Taylor and approved 4-0, Abstract 646 was approved for payment. Of the \$20,763.91, \$3,476.38 had been paid prior to tonight's Board meeting.

The Capital Project Abstract 647, which included Voucher # CR52 - CR55, was presented for Board approval in the amount of \$252,714.69 to be taken from the Water Project Capital Fund. On a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0, the Capital Project Abstract 647 was approved for payment.

Fire Department PO's 0631-0635 in the amount of \$3,476.38 was approved on a motion by Taylor, seconded by Moore, 4-0, with an exception to PO 0632.

The following meeting minutes were approved: September 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; motioned by Hayes, seconded by Taylor, 4-0. September 27, 2011 Special Board Meeting; motioned by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0

In the Trustee reports, Trustee Taylor reported that there was no activity for fair housing, the Planning Board is working on organizing Winterfest and they have preliminary plans in place. The Planning Board has found a Santa, however they still need someone to light the tree. Mayor Doeberl stated that he will work on this. A resident asked if there were guidelines to the parade floats and pointed out that last year someone had dented beer cans on the float decorating a Christmas tree. Trustee Hayes will pass the word to the fire dept that maybe they should censor the floats. Trustee Moore suggested that perhaps the Fire Dept. should have a float marshal.

Trustee Hayes reports that Fire Dept. is having a Halloween party October 31st from 7-10 at the Fire Dept. Hayes reports that the Fire Dept. is having a fire prevention night on 10/12/2011 7-9pm with free hot dogs. There is a new resident to the fire company. On Tuesday nights the Fire Depts. will be doing training for the next 5 weeks, in which outside departments will also be here. They will be using water. On November 12, 2011 the Fire Dept will be hosting a free will offering pancake breakfast. One resident inquired about getting a tree to replace the one that was removed on 15 West Main Street. Doeberl stated he believed they are done with trees, but it will be checked into. Hayes questioned whether there have been problems with dirty water; he had heard about one instance on a Sunday morning, a resident stated that they had dirty water and it ruined her white wash. The Baptist church is having a Harvest dinner on the 2nd Saturday of November. No reports from animal control or the Opera House. Hayes asked about the phone bill at the police dept. The clerk reported that it has been disconnected. Doeberl brought up having Time Warner for phone service. Would like clerk to investigate lower costs to provide phone and internet service for the police officer's use at Fayette St building. Motion by Moore, seconded by Taylor, 4-0.

Trustee Moore reported that the CEO did not have much going on. He is watching a couple of places and will be dealing with them in a few weeks. Moore reports that there have been no foil requests. Trustee

Moore did an audit of the judicial finances. He states there were no discrepancies, as he only had one question and that was clarified by Judge Hailston. On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Hayes, Trustee Moore's audit and findings were accepted and acknowledged 3-0, abstained by Moore.

Sherburne Councilman Ed Meyer reports the Town of Sherburne will be having a public hearing to address the budget on Oct. 12th, they expect no issues. Moore asked how many people actually show for their budget workshops, as the Village of Earlville generally has no one show for theirs. The Town of Sherburne's last Board Meeting was 9/24/11. Meyer spoke about fuel bids and the library. The town is still working on new radios with county and they will be using the existing towers. Paul Martin is the new volunteer historian for Sherburne. The Town is disposing of some records due to flooding damage. Moore asked about security in the town office, Meyer reported that it is in place and works well as people have set it off several times. Moore asked about security for the clerk, specifically a panic button. Meyer stated that they have had panic buttons for some time.

In old business the Water Budget amendment was approved on a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0. In new business the need to change the November Board Meeting to November 7th at 7pm due to the scheduled Tuesday meeting coinciding with General Elections being held at the Village office on November 8th. This was approved 4-0 on a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes. Over night Parking Fees were discussed; currently, the fine for parking on Village streets between 12:00am and 6:00am between Nov. 9th and April 30th is \$10.00 for the 1st violation, and \$25.00 for other violations within (1) year of first violation. On a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0 Resolution 30-46 dated 10/9/2010 will be amended to "*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person who violates the provisions of this resolution, upon entry of plea of guilty or conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for each violation.*"

In other new business, Doeberl stated that the DPW currently is authorized to spend up to \$300 on parts without having to obtain Board approval. A motion to increase the DPW spending limit to \$1,000 per invoice, not item, without having to obtain prior Board approval was approved 4-0, motioned by Moore, seconded by Hayes. Mayor Doeberl brought up the issue of the missing dump key that was borrowed from the Village office and not returned. The resident has been recognized and it will be handled by the clerk. Doeberl and Pat Dunshee will be putting the new Skate Park equipment together. There is \$41,695.45 CHIPS money available; Doeberl feels the Village should expend some of the sidewalk repair towards this. Moore also brought up Preston St repairs to correct flooding; some of the CHIP funds could also fund those. Taylor had a question regarding the project eligibility; the work needs to be completed by 3/21/2012 in order to request reimbursement from CHIPS, could the DPW have the work completed by then? Doeberl stated that DPW would need to be questioned as to the feasibility of having the work complete by the deadline. Doeberl will discuss it with trustee Excell. The 2011/2012 Village Tax Returns are ready to be returned back to the counties. On a motion by Hayes, seconded by Taylor, 4-0 the unpaid taxes in the amount of \$13,229.82 will be returned to Madison County Real Property and \$7,747.04 will be returned to Chenango County. A Change Order for \$83,142.33, which was already factored into B&L's budget, was approved on a motion by Hayes seconded by Taylor, 4-0

In public comment, a resident had a question regarding the police patrol. It was explained that the Village is no longer paying anyone to patrol, however Madison and Chenango are both patrolling the Village and using the Fayette Street office as a base. Moore stated that he has seen more patrols since the contract was not renewed. Another resident asked about right of way between counties, it was explained that both counties have there own agreements, it has no bearing on the village. A resident made a comment about the flooding on Preston St in the cemetery. Another resident brought up the fact that there are a lot of limbs around NYSEG wires, but they were advised that is the responsibility of NYSEG not the Village to remove them. If they have an issue, contact the clerk and she can notify NYSEG. Moore pointed out that the new trees are dwarf trees. Resident addressed an issue with 18 wheelers coming up over the curb and onto their grass, crvilleating a ditch in the new soil. She is worried that it will crush the sidewalk. Mayor Doeberl stated that DPW has spoke with the Box Factory and asked them to talk the drivers about not driving onto the sidewalk. Moore stated the village could put up a sign that states no truck traffic. First the village would like to try having the factory address the issue with the drivers.

At 8:29pm the Board entered Executive Session on a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0 to discuss "the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person of corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation" Present were all Board members except Trustee Excell,

Mayor Doeberl and Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach. One contract issue was discussed with no action taken at this time. Another topic was the received meter bid. On a motion by Moore, seconded by Taylor, Resolution 31-9 “*The Village Board resolves to award the water meter purchase contract to Vellano Brothers, Inc. for a total bid price of \$81,874.00, contingent upon Rural Development approval. The final contract amount will be contingent upon the total number of meters ordered and funds available. Was approved 4-0.*” A contract for the Earlville Opera House was discussed and on a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 3-1 Resolution 31-11 “*Agreement to enter into contract with the Earlville Opera House*” was approved. It was agreed that \$1,000 would be given to the Opera House for the coordination of the 2011 Youth Series Programming. The Time Warner Contract was also discussed and on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Taylor, carried 3-1 to accept the terms of the amended contract. A contract for the Chenango SPCA was discussed and on a motion by Hayes seconded by Moore, 3-1 Resolution 31-10 “*Agreement to enter into contract with CSPCA*” was approved.

One personnel issue was discussed with no action taken. On a motion by Hayes , seconded by Moore, 4-0 the Board returned to publish session 9:12pm.

The next board meeting will be Monday November 7th at 7:00pm. This will be a regular board meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 9:13pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes, and carried 4-0.

“I certify this document is a true and accurate description of the regular board meeting of the governing board of the Village of Earlville on October 11, 2011.”

Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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