

# VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Village Hall

April 12, 2011  
7:00 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 1st day of April, 2011.

*Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 4-0 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 7:06 p.m. Board members present were Trustees William Excel, Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore and Tom Taylor. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Kelly Pinney from Mang Insurance, Sherburne Councilman Ed Meyers, Village Justice Ronald Hailston and his wife and six members of the public.

Abstract 630, as presented for Board approval, included Vouchers #6699-6730 totaling \$35,388.11 to be tentatively split \$30,279.12 from the General Fund, \$1,030.30 from the Water Fund and \$4,078.69 from the Trust and Agency Fund. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Taylor and approved 5-0, Abstract 630 was approved for payment. Of the \$35,388.11, \$3,873.13 had been paid prior to tonight's Board meeting.

The Capital Project Abstract 631, which included Voucher # CR22 - CR27, was presented for Board approval in the amount of \$26,384.27 to be taken from the Water Project Capital Fund. On a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 5-0, the Capital Project Abstract 631 was approved for payment.

Fire Department PO's 0593-0598 in the amount of \$619.90 was approved for payment on motion by Hayes, seconded by Moore, 5-0, with the exception of PO# 0596 for winter boots, which will not be paid until further clarification by Moore is made.

On a motion by Trustee Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor carried 5-0 the meeting minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> were approved with a correction to the amount paid prior to the Board meeting being 378.44

Village Justice Hailston swore in Mark Doeberl as Mayor and Kelly Beach as Clerk-Treasurer for the term concurrent with Mayer Doeberl, as well as Trustees Henry Moore, Gerald Hayes and Thomas Taylor.

Kelly Pinney from Mang Insurance advised that the Village Employee's Health Insurance is up for renewal in June 2011. Ms. Pinney advised that co-pay plans have gone up significantly. The new rate for the current policy that the Village carries is \$523.48 whereas last year's premium was \$455.58. Ms. Pinney explained that there are new options available that include Excellus and multi-tier employee health savings plans. After much discussion, it was decided that Ms. Pinney would meet with the three Village employees and explain the options to them. It was stated that the Board would make the final decision in the choice of insurance plans; however they would appreciate some input from the employees. Ms. Pinney will meet with the employees on Tuesday 4/19/2011 and the Board will hold a Special Meeting Tuesday night to make a decision.

Sherburne Councilman Ed Meyer's reports that the Town and Village have contracted together to work on Chenango Ave. Ed stated that they have met w/ Computel and are still considering utilizing the company to assist with the Time Warner negotiations. They will be discussing this and hope to make a final decision at their April 13<sup>th</sup>'s Board Meeting. Sherburne's

web site should be fully up and running. Ed advises that the Water District is still in the hands of the attorneys. The Sherburne Library is in need of repair; Sherburne has passed a resolution to spend up to \$100,000 to help with their repairs. The security system for the Village Office is almost in place.

In the Trustee Reports, Trustee Taylor stated that the Planning Board would be meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Taylor advised that per the DPW, outside readers are no longer available. DPW would like to go to digital meters. Mayor Doeberl suggested that the DPW do some fact finding and also suggested that they call other municipalities to see if perhaps they have extras that they could make available to us. DPW started brush pick-up on 4/11/11. A question was raised about setting an end date for pick-up, however nothing was established. Also, it seems that Village residents feel that DPW should be picking up entire trees if they are left curbside. Doeberl stated that it needs to be stressed to the residents that DPW will not pick up full trees or tree trunks; only brush. Taylor reported that DPW is looking at a snow blower for the tractor, since currently they do not have one. DPW reported to Taylor that they do not make snow blowers for the tractor that they have, so they have been looking for a new tractor. It was commented that it was believed that they had a snow blower in the bus garage and perhaps that should be checked into. It was stated that there would be no new tractor. DPW asked about putting out the flower pots this year since there would be so much work going on with the Water Project. It was decided to put them out in the downtown area as they could be moved if necessary. A question was raised by Taylor regarding the Softball field having trash cans put out. Would the DPW be emptying the cans or would it be a carry in/carry out policy? Doeberl advised that it would be a carry-in/carryout policy; however, DPW would still need to empty the cans and pick up any trash left on the grounds. Taylor relayed that the DPW would like to return the Pumps obtained because they do not believe they will work. Doeberl stated that the engineering company is sending someone down to show them how the pumps will work with our system, so hold off replacing them. At this time, a public comment was made in regards to the work being done and the water shut offs needed. The resident stated that she was very pleased with the way the workers are handling the water project, that her water was only shut off for an hour as promised and that they were very courteous and fast. The resident then went on to air an issue with a neighbor regarding a rodent issue.

Trustee Hayes reported that Computel is still in communications with surrounding towns and villages in regards to joining together to negotiate with Time Warner. Hayes stated that Hamilton is not interested, however there is still a question regarding whether Sherburne would like to work with us. Computel will let us know as there is still no rush in completing the contract. Francis Hilsinger responded to 2 animal control visits; one was a barking dog complaint on North Main and the other was a call on stray dogs killing a chicken in someone's yard. The dogs were gone when he arrived 20 minutes later. The Museum is having its annual meeting on Saturday and they will open on 5/16/2011. Hayes received a complaint regarding the Code officer not answering his phone or returning calls.

Trustee Moore reports there were no FOIL requests to report on. The Fire Department has received the resignation of William Excell. Moore had a meeting with the Madison County sheriff's Department and they are complying with previous requests.

There was a reminder from a resident regarding the replacement of the curb in front of their home and a question whether Hamilton was taking over some of Earlville. This was rebutted and it was determined that the hearsay stemmed from the relatively new Shared Services concept.

In old business, Trustee Excell gave an update on the softball tournament/league. The league will start on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> and end with the playoffs on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The tournament entry fee is \$175.00 per team with a maximum of 10 teams. The top three teams will receive an estimated \$400.00 1<sup>st</sup>, \$250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$200.00 3<sup>rd</sup>. Excell reported that he met with the Shared Service committee for the Village & Town of Hamilton. By combining such services as road work,

heating fuel, and equipment it is believed that we can save money. Excell feels that this will be a good practice and Doeberl feels we should utilize the committee more. It was determined that more discussion is needed and will follow. Excel spoke with Mr. Dunshee a few weeks ago regarding the skate park. There is some concern regarding the safety of the park as well as the upkeep. Doeberl stated he had met with a few of the local kids who use the skate park and advised them to contact Mr. Excel about doing some fund raising to address these issues. There was some discussion about the possibility of closing down the skate park if it could not be brought back up to safety specks however; this was not an option that the Board entirely wished to entertain.

The subject of Music in the Park was introduced by Doeberl, who stated that Debbie is struggling to find sponsorship/help for the event. Doeberl suggested that a committee be formed to help raise funds, as the Village is not allowed. Excell suggested we contact the Sherburne Rotary for fund raising suggestions. Councilman Ed Meyers suggested that the Fire Dept set up concession stands, as that is how the Sherburne Rotary raises most of their funds to support it. Nothing definite was decided.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 8:32pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes, and carried 5-0.

“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 April 12, 2011.”

Kelly Beach  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Earlville

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