

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

July 12, 2010
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 24th day of June, 2010.

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 Doeberl, Excell, Hayes and Moore. 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 Deputy Mayor Mark Doeberl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Trustees William Excell, Gerald Hayes and Henry Moore. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi, Attorney William Getman, Justice Ronald Hailston, Fire Chief Bob Tracy and approximately 20 members of the public and media. Approximately 10 more members of the public and media arrived after the meeting started.

Abstract 609 (Vouchers #6398-6405, 6411) was approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Moore and a second from Trustee Hayes. Abstract 610 (Vouchers #6406-6410, 6412-6422) was approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Excell with a second from Trustee Moore.

A motion was made at 7:05 p.m. to go into executive session by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Excell, to discuss a matter relating to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Resident Michael Kicinski charged that was not a clear enough legal reason. Attorney Getman said the law clearly states when a board can enter into executive session. Getman added that the board was going to be reading and commenting on a letter of resignation received by the clerk-treasurer. The motion passed 3-1 with Trustee Hayes voting nay. No action was taken in executive session. On a motion by Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0 at 7:14 p.m., the board reentered public session.

Trustee Doeberl read aloud a letter of resignation received by the clerk-treasurer dated July 3 from Toni Campbell. On a motion by Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0, the Board approved the resignation of Toni Campbell from the Board.

Resolution 30-22 "Mark Doeberl Elected to Fulfill Mayoral Term through March 31, 2011" was adopted on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0.

With Mayor Doeberl's trustee seat now vacant, all interested Village residents can send a letter of interest to Doeberl or the Village Office for the position. Letters should be received by July 23. A press release will be sent to the local papers and a solicitation will be added to the Village's website. The state law requires trustees to be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the Village of Earlville. In accordance with Village Law § 3-312, Doeberl will make the trustee appointment and the appointment of a deputy mayor at the July 26 or a future board meeting.

Trustee Hayes read aloud a letter received from the Quincy Square Museum, thanking the Board for the financial assistance in purchasing an additional heater.

All annual payments to local organizations will be made this week or next.

Trustee Excell said a codes enforcement report will be given at the next meeting.

As Earlville Days went very well, the Planning Board will be reviewing the 2010 event and discussing any potential changes for next year. Mayor Doeberl thanked the Planning Board, the Trustees and the Fire Department for their help in pulling together this year's event. Letters of appreciation to the businesses and individuals that made a financial and/or goods & services contribution will be going out soon.

Mayor Doeberl restated that the Village will be undergoing an audit by Ciaschi · Dietershagen · Little · Mickelson & Co., LLP as unanimously approved by the Board on May 11 via Resolution 30-8 as a requirement of USDA Rural Development for project funding. All financial accounts have been reconciled by the clerk-treasurer and there are no discrepancies. Trustee Hayes offered to unofficially look at the Village's books, to become more familiar with the bookkeeping system of the Village.

On a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution 30-23 "Removal of Toni Campbell from all Financial Accounts at NBT Bank."

Sections of sidewalk on the west side of North Main Street are undergoing replacement, and clean-up may take a couple of weeks before finish crews can put lawns back together.

In answering rumors asked by Trustee Hayes, the clerk-treasurer said funding for the Water Project has not been affected at all and no Village monies have been paid as part of bail.

Fire Chief Tracy updated the Board on department goings-on.

Public comment revolved around individuals being discontented with the Madison County Sheriff's patrol of the Village and the Earlville Softball League's desire to secede from the Village. Mayor Doeberl said the Village's contract with Madison County can be reviewed at any time, with 30 days notice to all parties for desiring changes. It was recommended that a committee of three public members and two Board members could be created to analyze the benefits of contracted vs. internal police presence. Trustee Moore volunteered to be on the committee. A notice will be in the next newsletter and on the website asking for prospective members. The Board will discuss options for the Earlville Softball League at the next Board meeting.

Town of Hamilton Councilwoman Carolyn Todd said the Town is continuing to work to form a water district. Their next step is a meeting with impacted residents. Todd also said the Town and Village of Hamilton are still interested in holding discussion on a joint court system with Earlville.

A resident asked a question about a financial transfer, and the clerk-treasurer stated that the Village has not written over to or transferred any funds to the Earlville Fire Department.

With no further public comment, Trustee Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. July 26 in the Village Office.