

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

Dec. 11, 2007
7:00 pm

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Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, Gerald Hayes and Kim Boomhower. Trustee Amy Clark was excused. Also present were Village Clerk Christian Vischi and approximately eight members of the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Hayes to accept the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2007 regular monthly meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, and it carried 3-0.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to accept Abstract #532 (Vouchers #5276 – 5300), seconded by Trustee Doeberl. The motion carried, 3-0.

Mayor Campbell asked for a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Trustee Amy Clark, effective Nov. 26. Trustee Boomhower made the motion, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 3-0. As per section 3 of New York State Law Village Law, Campbell then appointed and swore in William Excell to fill Clark's position until the March 2008 election.

With the board change, the trustee responsibilities were also amended to the following:

- Kim Boomhower: Fair Housing, FOIL Officer, Water Committee and Youth Recreation
- Mark Doeberl: DPW, Planning Board and Water Committee
- William Excell: Animal Control, Codes Enforcement and Judge
- Gerald Hayes: Adult Recreation, Civic Organizations and Fire Department
- Toni Campbell: Personnel

Codes Enforcement Officer Matt Van Heusen's report, read by Trustee Boomhower, included two new permits in the month prior, a scope of work package for the Earlville Opera House and research for a building project on South Main Street. Also, Van Heusen will be drafting letters to go to every owner of a public building (buildings both for the public and/or with public access). These letters will detail the upcoming village-wide inspections that are mandated by New York State law. The first inspections will be performed on or about Dec. 19 in the Village Office, Fire Department and Earlville Free Library, with the rest of the village inspections to commence in January 2008. A report of the village buildings inspection findings will come at the January 2008 trustees meeting.

Justice Frank Faulkner's report showed nine individuals were arrested under 13 statutes with three fines levied. Trustee Boomhower also reported that the state comptroller's check was for \$243.

The water committee will meet in January or February 2008, but no firm date has been set.

Trustee Doeberl said the DPW finished leaf collection and has been doing snow and ice removal. The new gazebo has arrived and been installed, and the DPW crew was instrumental in orchestrating it. The holiday decorations are up as well as one of the new banners; the rest will be put up soon.

The Planning Board met and voted on the following winners of this year's annual Village of Earlville Holiday Decorating Contest:

- First Place (\$100.00) – Thomas & Heather Oley of 25 South Main St.
- Second Place (\$75.00) – Margaret Hoefler of 57 North Main St.
- Third Place (\$50.00) – Margaret Buckingham of 22 South Main St.
- Honorable Mention: Joann Buell of 46 West Main St. and Brian Holt of 46 Fayette St.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to approve Resolution 27-48 "Monetary Awards for Decorating Contest Winners," seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it passed 4-0.

Trustee Hayes said he had nothing to report on cultural activities in the village, but added that he has been getting together with his department heads and discussing budgetary needs for 2008-2009.

As Animal Control Officer Francis Hilsinger has used a majority of his contractual budget, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to approve Resolution 27-49 "Transfer of Funds from Sidewalk Contractual to Animal Control Contractual," seconded by Trustee Hayes. The resolution was approved 4-0. The trustees said they were grateful for the work Hilsinger has been doing, and noted the shortage of the budget is not Hilsinger's fault but possibly a lapse in reimbursements. As the new animal control officer liaison, Trustee Excell will contact the Chenango County SPCA for clarification of the fees and reimbursement schedule of the new contract. Hayes suggested the board look at other possible locations for taking dogs, including the Wanderers Rest Humane Association in Canastota.

The first budget workshop is planned for Jan. 22, 2008. Mayor Campbell reminded board members to get real budget figures from department heads, including set annual and monthly expenditures.

Mayor Campbell reported that Justice Frank Faulkner had contacted the Madison County Sheriff's Office several times over the past decade to have the address of the Earlville Village Court changed from Fayette Street to North Main Street. However, if any police agency wrote the ticket for Fayette Street he was often dismissing the case. Mayor Campbell talked with Sgt. Elizabeth Wonka of the New York State Police and the automated TRACS system (the state-wide traffic ticket computer program) has been updated, with all area police agencies now notified of the change. Campbell also said with the new year, the board will be looking at revamping the local laws and fines structure to possibly generate more revenue.

Amrex Chemical Co. of Binghamton increased their monthly delivery rate to \$50 from the previous \$40 charge. Trustee Doeberl, Clerk Vischi and the Department of Public Works crew had been contacting area dealers of hypochlorite solution to see if local delivery was available, to reduce the monthly cost. All contacted local distributors only carry it seasonally, so Vischi will be drafting a letter to the Village of Sherburne about shared services purchasing.

With no significant contract changes, Trustee Boomhower made a motion to accept the CCSPCA 2008 contract as presented, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it passed 4-0.

As the justice's contractual budget is in the red with six months of the fiscal year remaining, Mayor Campbell asked Clerk Vischi to look into the cost savings with reducing the justice's phone lines to one. Vischi will present the anticipated monthly cost at the January board meeting.

El Dorado Softworld has sent a bill to the village for technical support for the year. The annual renewal is \$190, which provides updates and technical phone and Internet support for the village's water billing software. Trustee Boomhower made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Mayor Campbell said she received an e-mail from Brian J. Skidmore of Barton & Loguidice, P.C. He said he just received a pre-eligibility determination package from Rural Development and is in the process of reading through it and determining what needs to be done on the village's end. He requested authorization from the board for Clerk Vischi to act as the village's agent, along with B&L, to put together and submit an application for a Rural Development pre-eligibility determination. Trustee Doeberl made a motion to approve Clerk Vischi in such capacity, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, and it passed 4-0.

Trustee Boomhower moved, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, to approve the one-month renewal of a \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit from water funds that will mature on Dec. 24; and to transfer \$40,000 from a recently matured CD plus \$137,000 from savings to a new one month CD maturing on Jan. 24,

2008. The motion carried 4-0. Trustee Doeberl moved, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, to close municipal account 7000908325 at NBT Bank, N.A. as it has maintained a zero balance for years. The motion carried 4-0.

The turnout was good for the annual Winterfest and Mayor Campbell said she has received a lot of positive feedback from the public.

Hayes had a question on the six-month financial report, specifically four items that have been paid but not debited from their respective budget lines. As they fall under prior year's expenses, their cost will be attributed to the roll over from the previous fiscal year.

With no further business or public comment, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Trustee Hayes. The motion carried 4-0. The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 8, 2008, followed by a budget workshop at 7 p.m. Jan. 22, 2008.