

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall**

**June 12, 2007
7:00 pm**

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Village Trustee Mark Doeberl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Kim Boomhower, Amy Clark and Gerald Hayes. Mayor Toni Campbell was excused. Also present were Village Clerk Christian Vischi, DPW Crew Members Bernard Thayer and Kyle Saltern and approximately 13 members of the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Clark to accept the May 15 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hayes. Discussion commenced and Trustee Clark amended the motion (seconded by Trustee Boomhower) with the board voting 3-0 to accept the minutes with the following change: the resolution that was adopted by the board (4-0) for four parking spaces to be reserved in front of the Earlville Opera House for a wedding should have read a date of July 28, not June 8 as printed. Hayes also suggested including the Water Committee Members names in the May 15 minutes, but it was decided to include them in the current, June 12, minutes.

Trustee Doeberl made a motion to accept Abstract #525 (Vouchers #5085-5111), seconded by Trustee Hayes. With no discussion the motion carried, 3-0.

Trustee Clark read Fire Chief Bob Tracy's department report:

- The siren has arrived, is currently at the bus garage and should be up and running in approximately two weeks.
- The Opera Block Move Up will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 15, with the village center closed during that time. A detour around the center of town will use Williams and Nowers Roads. A request was made for the clerk to create signage detailing the detour.
- The Fire Department thanks the DPW for scrapping and painting parts of the Fire Department and Village Hall Building.
- Two EMTs will be graduating in a couple of weeks.
- There has been no recent news on the FEMA grant.
- The annual Fire Department banquet will be held on Oct. 27 at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton. All trustees are invited to attend.
- A request was made for a garbage receptacle for use by the library. The DPW has a Holden's Haulers bin at the DPW Garage and a suggestion was made to transfer the bin to behind the library. After discussion with DPW personnel, it was decided that they would pick up the garbage and take it to the garage on a daily basis.

Trustee Doeberl aired two comments of thanks. First was to Douglas Smith for helping the DPW to catch up on work. He said the village is shaping up and looking good. A thank you was also expressed to Kate Steiner who handled the purchasing, transportation or and planting of the village flowers.

DPW Crew Member Kyle Saltern gave the board an update of DPW work over the past four weeks:

- The library ramp and walkway have been repaired and a new concrete connector has been poured between the sidewalk and curb on North Main Street.

- Trees have been removed at the well heads, along with a large tree at the water tank.
- DPW Contract Member Douglas Smith has been scraping and painting windows, footings and moldings on the village building.
- Saltern also said in addition to the “never ending brush pick up, mowing and trimming,” the DPW has made repairs to the village back hoe and a couple of water meters.
- Water meter reading will begin next Monday, June 18. (rev. 6/13 Begin June 13)

With the absence of Mayor Toni Campbell, Trustee Clark made a motion to table discussion of the water district until the July 10 regular board meeting, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried, 3-0.

Trustee Clark reported no FOIL requests for the preceding month. She also said with the Skate Lite AM on order the skate park will soon be taken care of.

Trustee Boomhower gave Justice Frank Faulkner’s Court Report for the month of 11 total cases, with a fines and fees collection of \$420 sent to the State Comptroller (See attachment 1.1). A public comment was posed as to the number of speeding tickets processed, and Trustee Boomhower responded that two were.

Trustee Boomhower read the following Village of Earlville Water Committee Report for their meeting of June 9 held at 1 p.m. at the Village Office:

The Village of Earlville Water Committee held a public meeting on Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. at the Village Hall. Present for the meeting were committee members Kim Boomhower, Amy Clark and David Levitt, along with approximately four members of the public.

After introductions were performed, the committee members reviewed and discussed the draft report from the engineering firm Barton & Loguidice. The discussion centered around educating the public on the water issue.

Copies of the draft report will soon be available for the absent committee members, and further discussion will take place at the next Water Committee Meeting.

The members also decided to begin contacting county and state government officials to determine possible funding avenues and the flow rates of area municipalities.

The members approved the next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 at the Village Office, open to the public. The meeting was then adjourned.

Trustee Clark said she would like to encourage the public to attend as they will be voting on it and it will directly impact them. She urged them to become informed. Trustee Clark asked that Water Committee Meetings be announced in the Mid-York Weekly and The Evening Sun.

After brief discussion about the engineering report, Trustee Clark asked the clerk to contact Brian Skidmore to find out if five additional copies of the engineering report can be obtained and what the cost for those copies would be. She also asked the clerk, if the Water Bill Software Program can figure such a request, what is the average water bill?

At Trustee Clark’s request, DPW Crew Member Saltern will get contact information for the DPW Superintendents and Water Superintendents for the villages of Hamilton and Sherburne.

Trustee Boomhower presented the attached report from Code Enforcement Officer Matthew Van Heusen (See attachment 1.2).

Public comment came from John Van Dauber who raised a concern about his neighbor harboring livestock. Trustee Clark said this was the first that she had heard of the issue. She said the first step would be to contact the appropriate trustee liaison with a village concern. If satisfactory resolution is not reached, the second step is to put your concerns in writing and bring them before the board.

The board decided to table the possible issuance of a variance for livestock in the village until the July 10 meeting. Resident David Wright will be put on the agenda. Code Officer Van Heusen's request for job clarification in dealing with livestock complaints will also be addressed at the next village board meeting.

Trustee Hayes reported no new cultural events, but reminded the board and public of the Library Open House and Reception for the Mid-York's Circulation Desk installation from 5 to 7 p.m. June 21, and the Library Book Sale on July 14, coinciding with Earlville Community Days.

Trustee Doeberl briefly reported on the Street Scape Project, announcing that it had gone to the engineers. He said he has received no answer for how long it will take prior to going out to bid, but he said it has taken the next step and Trustee Doeberl hopes it will be bid and completed this fall.

A rough draft of the Planning Board-drafted Community Survey was reviewed by the trustees, with Trustee Doeberl announcing that the plan was for the trustees to approve the survey with the noted changes so that the planning board could begin mailing them out on Monday, June 18. The proposed return date of the postage-paid anonymous surveys would have been July 6. Copies of the survey, for residents that do not receive one, would be available in the village office. Trustee Doeberl also requested print publicity of the community survey. Trustee Clark asked for a return date of July 13 because of graduation. Trustee Boomhower made a motion to approve the Community Survey with a return date change to July 13. No trustees seconded the motion before further discussion arose of the need for more comment sections, rather than one at the end, and Trustee Clark aired concerns with overlapping issues. She suggested more time to review the survey was needed and made a motion to bring the issue back to the July board meeting. Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

Trustee Clark made a motion to approve and sign the Madison County Board of Elections Pollsite Lease Agreement, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. It carried 3-0.

Trustee Doeberl announced that the Madison County Health Department will sponsor a free car seat check from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 20 at the Grand Union Parking Lot, Hamilton.

A new business item request was made by Trustee Clark for the board to look around the village streets to identify speed limit signs or lack thereof, and for the board to be prepared to discuss possible modification and/or speed limit decrease at the August board meeting.

During public comment, a village resident, who just recently purchased property in the village, approached the board requesting a variance for livestock. The individual said that prior to purchasing the property he had contacted the former village clerk requesting the Village of Earlville Ordinances and Local Laws pertaining to the keeping of livestock in the village proper. He said he had no plans for their numbers to increase or to use the livestock for business purposes. The individual handed out a variance request (See attachment 1.3) and noted that a privacy fence of four feet of solid wood with two additional feet of cedar lattice would be constructed. Trustee Clark made a motion to table the discussion until the July meeting, to give the board time to review the variance request, with Trustee Hayes seconding the motion. It carried 3-0.

Mr. Mike Kicinski asked for an update on police coverage and Trustee Doeberl said it was his understanding that verbiage with the village attorney and the Madison County Sheriff's Office has held up the process.

Mr. David Young asked about the completion of the Village Hall roof project and Trustee Doeberl replied that it was completed on or around May 25 with an accompanying eight year warranty. Mr. Young also inquired as to how many of the public Water Committee Members attended their meeting held on Saturday, June 9. Trustee Boomhower said only one of the seven came from the public. Trustee Clark said those in attendance discussed whether to table the meeting or continue, and they decided to hold the meeting rather than reschedule. Trustees Doeberl and Clark then reiterated that the public is invited to attend the open meetings.

A question from the public was raised about burning garbage in the village and in essence the following was aired by the village clerk pertaining to the June 1963 Ordinances and Local Laws for the Village of Earlville (Article 6, Section 4):

Rubbish Fires: No fire shall be ignited in the Village of Earlville for the purpose of burning trash or rubbish unless it is constantly attended until extinguished and water is applied on the ashes and unburned debris.

Trustee Doeberl requested the village clerk to contact NYCOM to determine if there is a more recent state regulation pertaining to village burning.

Public discussion resurfaced about a policing presence, and members of the board fielded mostly comments about what the Sheriff's Office Field Station would entail. Trustee Clark said while we are awaiting the final contract, the village has seen increased patrols.

With no further public comment, Trustee Clark made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Trustee Hayes. The vote carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. July 10 at the Village Hall, with Trustee Clark excused.