

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall**

**May 15, 2007
7:00 pm**

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Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Board members present were Trustees Kim Boomhower, Mark Doeberl, Amy Clark and Gerald Hayes. Also present were Christian Vischi Clerk/Treasurer and approximately 12 village residents. Fire Chief Bob Tracy was absent with notice.

A motion was made by Trustee Hayes to accept the April 10 minutes as presented with no changes, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The vote was carried 4-0. Mayor Campbell thanked Trustee Clark for assembling the minutes from that meeting.

Trustee Doeberl made a motion to accept Abstract #524 (Vouchers #5059-5083), excluding Voucher 5080 (voting machine set-up) which was believed to have been paid last month. A second was offered by Trustee Clark. Clark raised a question about the Cingular bill pertaining to state and county tax. It was decided to pay the bill, withholding said taxes, and work to correct future billings. The vote was carried 4-0.

Trustee Clark gave the Fire Department Report, noting new members received included two in the fire department and one in the EMT. The Scott packs have been serviced. The village's portion of the siren is \$2,000 and the fire company should be billing the village for that portion. The kitchen renovation continues. The village clerk was asked to get a copy of the fire department insurance policy to see how and if the Explorers are covered under the policy. No further report.

Trustee Clark updated the board on skate park needs. At a May 12 Youth Meeting, it was discussed the condition of the skate park and repairs that would soon be needed. Trustee Clark noted that between the materials (mostly wood) and the usage, that the ramps have sustained damage. The suggestion was to use \$5,000 to resurface and repair them using Skate Lite AM, with the \$5,000 going toward 26 sheets of said material (cost of \$109 per sheet), six sheets of plywood, and the remainder going toward extra sheets of Skate Lite AM. Trustee Clark noted that a guesstimate of usage is from two to 40 youth, averaging 25-30 from Earlville, and though the Skate Lite AM product only carries a one-year warranty, she said it typically lasts for many years (citing the Canastota ramps as reference). Trustee Clark said the only unknown is freight charges; labor would be donated by parents and youth. Ultimate goal is for a \$25,000 grant to complete park; Trustee Clark said this work would go toward proving intent for potential future grant funding. A motion was made by Trustee Clark to transfer \$5,000 from Account 3120-00.100 (personnel services) to Account 7310-00.400 (youth account), seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion was carried 3-0-1, with Trustee Hayes abstaining.

Trustee Boomhower noted the Code Enforcement Officer's schedule: 10 a.m. May 17, 10 a.m. May 22 and 10 a.m. May 30. The next Water Committee Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. June 9 at the Village Hall. After brief discussion, Trustee Clark made a motion to amend the Water Committee make-up from five persons to seven persons, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Doeberl updated the board on DPW matters. He noted brush collection and street sweeping will continue next week (May 21-25), and cold patching has begun with 1.5 loads available to the

village at no charge. The “sink hole” at 110 North Main Street has been filled in. The second DPW laborer, Kyle Saltern is tentatively scheduled to begin May 21.

The municipal building’s roof has been completed and carries an eight year warranty.

The Community Service Survey (to be mailed to approximately 461 residents) will come before the Village Board at the June meeting for review prior to being mailed to the public.

Trustee Hayes requested a resolution for four parking spaces to be reserved July 28 in front of the Earlville Opera House for a wedding. Trustee Doeberl seconded the resolution, and it carried 4-0. Trustee Hayes also updated the board on cultural events in Earlville: June 3 – Earlville Opera House Instrument Petting Zoo and Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m. in the village park; June 21 – Library Open House and Reception for the Mid-York’s Circulation Desk installation from 5 to 7 p.m.; July 14 – Library Book Sale, coinciding with Earlville Community Days.

Mayor Campbell discussed a letter from the Earlville Opera House (EOH) citing a budget shortfall and a request for funding of \$7050.00. The village currently provides \$1,000 for youth programming. Mayor Campbell said the board needs to look at what the EOH does for the community in terms of the people it brings in for the various events held there. Trustee Hayes said if \$5,000 is to be earmarked for skate park improvements and more people visit the EOH throughout the year, then the board should assist with the EOH budget. He made a motion to transfer \$2,600 from Account 3120-00.100 (personnel services) to Account 7989-00.400, seconded by Trustee Clark. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Campbell read a request for the village to support Collateral Source Bill A.2989/S.4161. She said given the support of other communities in Chenango and Madison Counties that it was “imperative” for the village to provide support. Trustee Doeberl requested a resolution to support the bill, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The resolution passed 4-0. A letter was drafted and will be sent this week (May 14-18).

A Department of Transportation project (requiring one month of work) will be completed this summer on Route 12B between Sherburne and Earlville.

The status of an order to remedy a violation is being checked on.

Mayor Campbell recently met with FEMA and SEMA representatives, discussing issues such as what to do in an emergency and how to receive state involvement. She also met with Jack Miller, Planning Director of Madison County, who has sent the village the Madison County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trustee Doeberl will pass the plan on to the Planning Committee for review and to incorporate elements of it into the Chenango County Plan.

The village was sent a notice from Beautify Chenango County about having volunteers come to perform indoor and outdoor work (i.e. sweeping, debris clean-up, leak-raking). Mayor Campbell said the village should take advantage of this free service and will make contact with the organization.

Trustee Clark made the motion to sign the SPCA Contract for kenneling stray dogs at a cost of \$75 per animal, with no changes to the contract from the 2006 contract. Trustee Boomhower seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mayor Campbell made a request for village funds for registration for the NYCOM Conference June 10-13. The cost of registration is \$230 per member. Lodging is an additional \$215-\$255 per night, which she said she would cover. Mayor Campbell said the conference is a great opportunity to network over similar municipalities’ interests, and the conference offers great sessions/classes and speakers. Trustee Doeberl made the motion to use funds from Account 3120-00.100 to pay for the mayor’s registration, seconded by Trustee Clark. The motion carried 4-0.

Trustees are asked to participate in the Memorial Day Parade if schedules accommodate.

July 14 was announced as this year’s Earlville Community Day date.

Kate Steiner has generously taken care of the flower barrels in the past, the mayor noted, and she will be contacted to see if she would be willing to do it again this year. Trustee Doeberl will contact her. Mayor Campbell has some flowers available if needed.

Mayor Campbell said after speaking with Project Engineer Brian Skidmore and an Albany-based attorney, that their suggestion was to hold a session with each supervisor to discuss the process of establishing water districts. She said they told her it was imperative to have formal written agreements with the towns boarding the village. Trustee Hayes asked how many water customers would this affect, and Mayor Campbell estimated 20 to 30 customers. He questioned necessity for so few customers, but Mayor Campbell said the problem is without a written agreement, the village by law cannot perform repairs on the water infrastructure outside the village. Trustee Clark said with the amount the village pays NYCOM that they should be consulted. Mayor Campbell said she sent an e-mail today (May 15) and is awaiting a reply. Trustee Clark also made a request that if a meeting is held that information be requested from the area townships on their existing water district agreements. Trustee Clark requested the resolution to hold the meeting with each supervisor, seconded by Trustee Boomhower; it carried 4-0.

During Public Comment Mr. Mike Kacinski asked for an update on police coverage. Mayor Campbell said they are waiting for county and village insurance to make sure all liability issues are covered between the two policies, since the new department will be a field station. Asked if the high-speed Internet line (which Mr. Kacinski asserted was approved in 2006) has been installed, Mayor Campbell said no. Mrs. Carol Lee asked if the village still owned a police vehicle and if insurance and registration were still active for the vehicle. Mayor Campbell said there is one vehicle with insurance but no registration. The insurance is in the event the vehicle is damaged while in its current parking location.

At 8:24 p.m. the board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The board returned to Public Session at 8:44 p.m. and appointed Christian L. Vischi as the new village clerk at a rate of \$11.50 per hour for 25 hours per week. The village will also allocate \$2,000 per year to the New York State Retirement System. The motion was made by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Boomhower and carried 4-0.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. June 12 at the Village Hall led by Trustee Doeberl in Mayor Campbell's absence (NYCOM Conference).

The motion was made by Trustee Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0.