

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

May 8, 2012
7:04 PM

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 April 11, 2012.

Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 5-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Corey, Hayes, Moore and Chapman. 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.

Mayor William Excell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore, Sara Chapman and Margaret Corey. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, and 4 members of the public as well as the fire chief and Sherburne Town Councilman Ed Meyer

Abstract 668 as presented for Board approval included General Fund Voucher's #7098-7019 totaling the sum of \$9,054.32. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Chapman and approved 4-0, Abstract 668 was approved for payment. Abstract 669 as presented for Board approval, included Water Fund Vouchers W39-W43 totaling \$602.16 was approved on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Chapman, 4-0. Abstract 670 as presented for Board approval, included Trust & Agency Vouchers TA4-TA5 totaling the sum of \$1,180.65 was approved on a motion by Moore, seconded by Chapman, 4-0.

Meeting minutes for April 10, 2012 were approved on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Moore, 4-0. Meeting Minutes for the Public Hearing on April 30, 2012 were approved on a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0. Meeting Minutes for the Special Meeting on April 30, 2012 were approved by Hayes, seconded by Moore, 4-0.

In the Trustee reports, Hayes reported that the fire department auxiliary is having a plant sale at the Fire Department on May 12, 2012. This was approved unanimously. The Fire Department is planning on hydrant training every month on the 4th Wed of the month. Signs will go up stating "hydrant flushing tonight". The DPW will be flushing East and West Main once a month. Radio frequencies are being changed for both Madison Co. and Chenango Co. The Fire Department is currently borrowing Chenango Co. equipment. The Museum opened last Saturday for the first program of the month. The Opera House has a lot going on...a kids art show is currently going on until Saturday. On April 12, Hayes went to the Hamilton Town Board meeting. The new assessor, Rochelle Harris, expects the equalization rate to be 100% this year. The Town Planning Board is planning to start a group to address issues with the gas drilling. They would like to have someone from the village of Earlville on the board. Hamilton residents seem to be concerned about the windmill project. The next phase is coming south down RT12B Hamilton reports there are a lot of residents against it. Hayes had nothing to report from the seniors or Animal Control. Moore stated that the seniors have been informed that the legion would be sold. No time frame of sale was given. The Town of Hamilton will be having a clean-up day on Saturday June 2nd where residents will be allowed to turn in electronics, etc.

Mayor Excell reported that he attended the village of Sherburne's last board meeting. He spoke with Mayor Acee about where they obtain their fuel. Acee stated that Sherburne contracts with BOCES and invited Earlville to check with BOCES as well. Excell was approached by Lance from Cossitt Concrete who is more than willing to help with the Clyde Street Project. Lance would build a road with no cost to the village if Cossitt can use the road. Excell does not know the laws regarding letting them use the road. If the village can do it, he feels it should be done. It would eliminate the dump truck traffic and save on village roads. There is a right of way there now. The subject must be looked into further. The Fire Co. sent a very nice card thanking the village for getting gravel from the dump and filling in the road to the little league field as well as fixing up the bleachers. There will be a benefit of \$7.00 propane tank fill up on May 19th at Ferrell Gas. All proceeds will go to the food pantry.

Trustee Corey reported that the Event Planning Committee handed out a schedule of events for Earlville days as well as music in the park. A copy is attached to the meeting minutes. The next meeting for the Event Planning Committee will be Tuesday at 2:30.

Trustee Moore reported that he had no foil requests and no report from the judge.

Trustee Chapman had nothing to report.

Sherburne Town councilman Ed Meyer reports that as of last meeting the Time Warner contract still is not signed. Their Web site is up and running, but continues to be a work in progress. Webb Road and Rt. 80 is now open and running. He stated that it's not complete, but it is an improvement. The Planning board is working on their comprehensive plan.

Chapman was out walking and seen a car doing burn outs at the skate park. The people in car the took off so she asked the kids in the park who it was. The kids that were in the car later went to Sara to apologize and she invited them to the board meeting to apologize for their behavior. The kids were present and did apologize for doing the burn outs. Board members thanked the boys for coming in to acknowledge their behavior. Excell stated that he has spoken to contractors about improving the skate park blacktop. Adults were riding 4 wheelers on village property down East Main St. the other night. It was addressed.

In Old Business, Mayor Excell asked a resident how his water was now after the hydrant flushing (he has had brown water). The resident stated that there was no change. The same resident asked what had happened to the fence at the skate park as it is no longer there. Excell explained that the fence was torn down and sold for scrap as it needed extensive repairs and would cost the Village too much money to repair. Another resident stated that pipes were left sticking up in his lawn after the Water Project work was finished in the fall. Excell explained to him that the workers were coming back to correct the issues.

In new business, the ramp in front of the library / office needs some repair...Excell will talk to DPW and see if it can be put into the next budget. Chapman suggested obtaining a grant and Excell said she could be the one to look into it. Commercial water rates were discussed. Moore stated it is wrong for a renter to pay commercial rates for their home; if the landlord was paying the bill then they would be making a profit, however the tenants are the ones paying. Chapman stated she has had residents complain that the landlords have raised their rent as well as having to pay the debt service- it was stated that is between the tenant and the landlord. The Clerk-Treasurer clarified that \$1,950.00 would be lost currently in water revenue if the Commercial rates were discontinued. The issue was tabled until next month. Excell has spoken to the Fire Dept. There is no parking out front for firefighters as it takes up space for residents. Excell brought up pet clean up. People walking dogs around the Village are not cleaning up after them. It is felt that an ordinance for pet clean-up is needed. Moore wants to table the subject until it can be looked into. A resident at 44 No. Main St. would like his late fee on his water bill dismissed as he was unaware of where the drop box was located. After much discussion, on a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, 5-0 it was agreed that the late fee would not be dismissed as the payment could have been mailed in or dropped off prior to the due date. Chapman suggested a complaint form be created to direct complaints away from the clerk-treasurer. This was discussed in length and it was decided that there are not that many complaints on the whole, and the clerk-treasurer would still hear the complaints regardless of a form as she is readily available to the residents. Water charges for the library, Fire Dept. and the Village Office were discussed. Presently, water is not being charged to these buildings. The State frowns on giving away services, therefore every building/business needs to be billed for water services. It was decided that since there is no way to hook up 3 separate meters for each entity using the water, to bill the Library, the Village Office and the Fire Dept. the Debt Service Charge and divide the water usage between the three. The Fire Chief asked about charging the Fire Dept. for filling and washing the Fire Trucks. He was advised that they could get water from the river if they want to avoid excessive water bills. Excell stated that the Fire Dept. would be charged but the general fund would be paying for the water usage. A meter will be installed in the municipal building and the charges will be divided evenly by the village office, library, and fire dept.

In public comment, a resident asked again about grass re-seeding. He was advised that they will be back to reseed the lawns.

Hayes received a phone call stating that there was someone interested in buying the Fire Truck for \$8,000.00 and that there were two other parties interested. They may be able to get a higher price from them. The Fire chief stated that the truck has been parked for years and will need batteries. Moore stated he received a call from Smyrna asking what the less the village would take for it. Excell said the minimum

the Village will take is \$8,000. Moore motioned to accept the first \$8,000 that is given for the truck. This was seconded by Sara, 4-0.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes and carried 4-0.

"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 10, 2012."



Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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