

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

June 10, 2014
7:00 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 May 13, 2014.

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 Daniel Piliero. 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 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Henry Moore, Margaret Corey and Daniel Piliero. Trustee Gerald Hayes was excused. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Town of Sherburne Councilman Ed Meyer and two members of the public.

TOWN COUNCILMAN REPORT

Sherburne Town Councilman Ed Meyer reports that their last Board Meeting was held on May 14th. The dog control officer has resigned; Rick Crowell has been appointed as the new dog control officer. The Town is in the process of accepting resumes for the Highway Superintendent position. Meyer noted that it is an elected position, however because the present Superintendent is retiring in the middle of elected term, the position will be filled by appointment for the remainder of the year. The Historic Park Building is in progress.

Chenango County Sales Tax was down 4% with the Town. The Town of Sherburne's next meeting is June 11th at 7:00pm.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Corey reported that the Events Committee meets on June 11th. Planning for Earlville Days (to be held July 19th) is going smoothly. J & M Amusements will be present with rides and games. The Events Committee would like the Village Board and Mayor to be in the Earlville Days Parade. Corey reports that Music in the Park is all set; Cassidy Lynn is scheduled to be the final performer this year. Corey asked if there is law or rule for commercial property to have a sign hanging out over the sidewalk. After a brief discussion, it was determined that there is no law or rule known regarding this. Excell stated that two Sheriff Deputies will be on hand Friday night for the Block Party; one sheriff from Chenango and one from Madison from 6:00pm-11:00pm Friday night. Corey reported that the band playing before the fireworks on Saturday is Larry Will. Mayor Excell asked about positioning the stage differently. Excell would like to hire a deputy for all day Saturday to patrol during Earlville Days. It was agreed that up to \$500 could be spent on patrolmen for Saturday July 19th.

Trustee Moore read the Code Enforcers report. One remodel permit has been issued, 3 projects inspected, one violation issued and the previous months violations are being addressed by homeowners. Van Heusen requested that the Mayor and Board Members direct questions or concerns to him to handle in regards to violations issued. He feels that "When I issue a violation or other notice and the property owner contacts the mayor or other board member who then contacts me to ask what to do is becoming a problem. When this happens, they are hoping that the Board member will make it go away and they will not have to do anything. When someone contacts you about something code related your response has to be to ask if they have talked to me and if not to get ahold of me." Piliero stated that he agreed, the Code Enforcer should not be undercut it is his job to oversee this area, not the Board. Moore spoke to Van Heusen this morning regarding code violations

and lawn mowing. Van Heusen explained once again that he could issue violations; however with no recourse (can no longer levy mowing charges on Village Tax bills) there was nothing in place to enforce the violation.

Most properties in the Village that are not being mowed have been foreclosed and belong to banks. Mr. Meyer suggested writing a formal letter to the banks advising of the charge for mowing the lawns. As agreed after a short discussion, lawns in the middle of the Village will be mowed by DPW and a bill will be sent to the banks.

Trustee Moore stated that he has emailed NYCOM regarding the Board having to sign separate vouchers for every bill. He feels that the signing of the main voucher report should be sufficient. He is waiting for a response from NYCOM. Mr. Meyer stated that the Town of Sherburne rotates on a monthly basis so only one board member signs for the month but the supervisor must sign every voucher.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Rydzy from Rydzy's Store attended to discuss the issue of needing a Police Department in the Village. He understands that forming a Police Department will cost Village taxpayers a significant amount of money in their taxes- not only for patrolmen's salary and benefits but also for a vehicle for them to patrol from. Mr. Rydzy would like to form a Citizen Neighborhood Watch; Rydzy hopes that people walking around the village will deter the suspected drug actions in the Village and it will give a better idea of whether there is an issue that needs police monitoring. Mayor Excell stated that it is a good idea if enough people would participate; that having a neighborhood watch would be a piece of mind for the residents. Excell will contact the Undersheriff to see if they would be willing to do a presentation on neighborhood watch. Excell said the Village could put neighborhood watch signs up also.

Another resident arrived at the Board Meeting at 7:09. She stated that drugs are an issue- Sherburne kids are coming to Earlville for drug deals; that many residents feel the need for a Police Department within the Village. She doesn't feel that calling 911 works fast enough, by the time the deputies get here; the people have already left the area. Excell stated that even if a police department was formed, they would only be on duty for around 20 hours a week. Mayor Excell suggested sending a petition around on whether the residents want a police department and would be willing to pay for it in their taxes. Moore stated a sir charge could be applied called a safety tax but every property will have to pay the charge on their taxes. Excell explained that retirement and pension costs would increase on top of salary and vehicle needs for a police department- village residents would have to pay for the increase through their taxes. Excell stated the Village could also look into contracting with Madison County once again. Excell explained that the Village is also talking about installing cameras at the skate park to monitor the activity.

Same resident stated that the spreading of manure on Abbott is getting very bad. They are spreading up to the property line- Excell agreed that it does smell bad. Piliero stated that it is his acreage he does have the right to fertilize it. Excell stated he would talk to the farmer, but he wants to know the law and his rights. Excell will contact NYS Conservation. Resident asked why the No Parking signs were put on Abbot; Excell explained that all side streets were going to be no parking on one side. Resident left at 7:25, Mr. Rydzy left at 7:30.

Mr. Sergei Domashenko left a letter to be read at tonight's meeting asking that a crosswalk sign be installed at the crosswalk on Fayette Street and Route 12B. He wrote that he had "witnessed several situations where kids were almost hit by cars in this crosswalk area". After a brief discussion, all Board members agreed that as Route 12B is a state highway, the Village cannot put a crosswalk sign up, it must be done by the State.

Cathy Miller had called into the Village Office and stated that she thinks it is time that the Village Ordinance Booklet -1963 is updated. Excell stated that the Board Members have already started to look into the ordinances.

The 2014-2015 Earlville Free Library Contract was received. Said contract was accepted unanimously by Board Members.

Three full time employees are interested in Dental Insurance through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, paid fully by the employee. It was agreed by all Board Members that the employees could pick up Dental Insurance at their own cost, the Village will not at this time pay any part of dental insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

The Animal Law discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

Clyde Street is closed until further notice. Excell stated that they did a great job on the cement work and it just needs to harden now with no vehicle weight. He reminded everyone that Cossitt paid for the street repairs including the steel and concrete.

The DPW Pickup is getting closer to its pickup date. They are just waiting for the plow to come in now. Delivery will be accepted when everything has been installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE

There was no executive session.

Trustee Moore then ended the meeting by a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:27, seconded by Trustee Corey, 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 June 10, 2014."

Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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