

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

April 8, 2014
7:00PM

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 March 12, 2014.

Tonight's meeting minute Dotes: 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 Excel] called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore and Margaret Corey. Newly elected Trustee Daniel Piliero was excused. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, CEO Matt Van Heusen, John Fontaine, Jeremy Shaw, and Jim Doyle from the Fire Department, Sara Chapman Duval and Gerald Hayes's granddaughter.

Mayor Excel welcomed the new elected members of the Fire Department and introduced them to the Board. The new Fire Chief is John Fontaine, the new 1st Assistant Chief is Jeremy Shaw and the new 2nd Assistant Chief is Jim Doyle. Hayes asked Fontaine about the purchase of a new truck that the Fire Company is looking into purchasing. Fontaine explained that the Fire Company has come up with the \$30,000 purchase price for the truck, so the Fire Department will only need to pay for the decals and equipment on the truck out of their budget. Fontaine, Shaw and Doyle left at 7:06pm.

Motion #1-4.8.2014

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey, Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Motion #2-4.8.2014

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey, the Public Hearing/Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Motion #3-4.8.2014

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey, Abstract 740 which included General Fund Vouchers totaling the sum of \$24,248.93 was approved unanimously.

Motion #4-4.8.2014

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey, Abstract 741 which included Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$3,399.03 was approved unanimously. Motion #5-4.8.2014

MOTION #5-4.8.2014

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey, Abstract 742 which included Trust & Agency Fund Vouchers totaling \$10,230.52 was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Moore reported that he has been in contact with a Trustee from Cazenovia regarding the contract for the Skate Park equipment. They have changed the contract to state "This agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year terms unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew the Agreement prior to the expiration of the term then in effect". Board members agreed unanimously to accept the contract; there is no monetary exchange involved. Moore stated that the Trustee has also mentioned that they have some other Skate Park equipment and would the Village be interested in purchasing them? Trustee Moore stated that he is going to try to get up to Cazenovia to look at the pieces. The Board agreed that Moore should inquire as to how much they would like to sell the equipment for. Excel stated that he is trying to find more funding for the Skate Park. Trustee Moore stated that something has to be done with the Half Pipe presently at the Skate Park. Board Members have discussed many times about getting it repaired, however nothing has been done. Moore feels that if this piece of equipment is not going to be repaired, then it needs to be removed from the Skate Park as it is a major safety hazard. He feels that perhaps if the village removes it, it will motivate people to step up and take an interest in restoring the Skate Park; community involvement is needed to make this happen. Mayor Excel will contact some contractors to get estimates on repairing the Half Pipe.

Matt Van Heusen gave his Code Enforcement report. One permit was issued this month for remodel work on Clyde Street. Van Heusen reports that he has noticed that quite a few residents have been doing work on homes (as well as businesses) without contacting him to see if permits are needed. Van Heusen thinks that the Village should come up with a way to remind residents and business owners that there are rules that govern work done on property and they need to contact the Codes Enforcement Officer prior to starting any work.

Van Heusen has been in contact with Ruth Boyd from the Madison County Health Department regarding backflow prevention. Ruth has sent him the State Laws on backflow prevention and he is in the process of reviewing those. At this time, it is his understanding that if the wells are not hooked to the village water system, they do not need a backflow valve; however, he needs to investigate further to verify this. They also discussed the three known private wells that are located within the Village. According to Ruth, since they are already in place, there is not much that can be done, unless they are also hooked to the Municipal water supply; which they are not. Testing is required to verify that the wells are potable water sources. Mayor Excel urged the Codes Enforcer to check further into the laws, because it was his understanding that the private wells cannot be used for drinking water, the water could only be used for non-potable purposes. Mayor Excel believes that the Village can grandfather two of the existing wells, the third one is allowed as it is more than 200 feet away from the Village's Water lines. Mayor Excel asked the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Attorney Getman to find out if two wells can be grandfathered in.

Van Heusen has obtained a copy of the law stating that any waste generated in Madison County has to go to the Madison County landfill. Excel asked if Chenango County had the same law as Madison County. Van Heusen was unsure about Chenango County Laws and needs to contact Chenango County to inquire. Van Heusen noted that the Code Enforcement Law needs to be updated. He asked that the Board consider a good time to discuss this. A copy of the law was handed out to Board members and they were asked to review it again for discussion at the next Board Meeting on May 13th.

Trustee Corey reported that the Events Committee met today. They are working on Earlville Days and have most everything lined up for the event. Excell asked if they have talked about charging vendors a fee; Corey was unsure if that has been discussed.

Trustee Hayes reported that he attended the March Town of Hamilton Board Meeting. They are still considering combining the Town DPW building with other operations in Hamilton. The Codes Officer for the Village of Hamilton is going to retire soon, no details on whether he will stay part-time with the Town. The Opera House has many programs running and is very busy.

The Museum held their Board of Directors meeting. They have lost 3 members and are actively looking for new people to get involved. The Museum plans on opening on the 17th of May and will be open on 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month through the summer. Excel asked if all of the Village Board Members have been in the museum yet, if not they really should visit as it is pretty incredible. Excel asked who was in charge of the museum at this time; Hayes stated he was unaware, what with the recent change in members. Excel stated that he would like to volunteer. .

Hayes attended the April 3rd Annual Fire Company meeting. The wiring in the municipal building was discussed. The Fire Co. suggested that the Village get an

engineer in to determine what needed to be done. Excel will contact Travis Dubois to see if he would be willing to come in and advise. Hayes talked about the planned purchase of the new fire truck. Trustee Moore asked who would own the truck since the Fire Company is purchasing the vehicle, but the Fire Department is buying the equipment and decals to go on the truck. It was stated that the company is making the purchase, so the vehicle would belong to the company. The Fire Company asked Hayes who the Village is looking at to do the Skate Park resurfacing because they would like to talk to them about repairing the parking lot next to the bus garage. It was noted that the Fire Company will be paying for the repair of the parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Excell stated that part of Chenango and Clyde streets have been shut down. Cossitt will be starting the repair work on the street as soon as it dries out. The drainage issue is going to be fixed, but the road needs to be fixed first. The road had been dug up previously and the drain was broken then.

Hayes reminded Trustees that Excel had asked them to think about the Animal Law of 2007 and does not feel that the issue should be postponed anymore. Hayes suggested inviting Village residents to a meeting to bring ideas on changing the law. Excel asked that at next month's meeting, all trustees bring some ideas and they will be discussed. Then the Village can organize another meeting to include residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Hayes noted that Judge Ron Hailston had been invited to tonight's meeting to swear in Daniel Piliero and Margaret Corey; however Mr. Piliero was called out of town due to an emergency. Excel advised the Clerk-Treasurer to get a hold of judge Hailston and set up a time for him to meet Piliero and Corey in the Village Office for their swearing in. Excell thanked prior Trustee Chapman for her time and dedication during her term as trustee. Hayes stated that Chapman put forth a lot of effort and dedication during her time as trustee.

Sara Chapman mentioned that there were a lot of branches and brush piled up at a residence on North Main Street. She didn't think it was fair to the DPW workers to expect them to clean it up as the branches were not cut to size and there was a lot of it. Hayes stated that he has gotten some compliments on the work being done by the DPW. It was decided that bagged leaf pickup would last until May 15th this year and a reminder that branched needed to be trimmed to no longer than 3 feet.

At 7:56, on a motion by Mayor Excell, seconded by Trustee Moore, Executive Session was entered to discuss "matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation." The clerk-treasurer and the CEO were invited into the executive session. At 8:15 on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey the meeting was returned to public session. No decisions were made in the executive Session.

Trustee Hayes then ended the meeting by a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:16, 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 March 11, 2014."



**Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer Village of Earlville**

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