

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

April 14, 2015
7:00 PM

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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 March 10, 2015.

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 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 was Trustees Margaret Corey, Henry Moore and Daniel Piliero. Newly elected Trustee Nicholas French was present as well. Also present was Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Cora Fuller, Ed Meyer, Fire Chief John Fontaine, Justice Ron Hailston, and 9 members of the public.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the swearing in of Mayor William Excell, Trustees Henry Moore and Nicholas French and the Clerk-Treasurer, Kelly Beach.

Motion #1-4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, the Meeting Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Public Hearing Budget was approved unanimously 4-0.

Motion #2-4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, the Meeting Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Public Hearing Local Law #1-2015 was approved unanimously, 4-0.

Motion #3-4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, the Meeting Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting was approved unanimously, 4-0.

Motion #4- 4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, Abstract 776 General Fund Vouchers totaling \$27,462.30 were approved unanimously, 4-0.

MOTION # 5-4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, Abstract 777 Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$6,008.68 were approved unanimously, 4-0.

MOTION #6-4.14.2015

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, Abstract 778 Trust & Agency Vouchers totaling \$12,787.18 were approved unanimously, 4-0.

TOWN COUNCILMAN REPORT

Ed Meyers reported that the Town of Sherburne Board met on April 8th. During the meeting, the Highway Department gave its report on finances; the Board discussed the mandated Consolidation plan between the Village Town and County. There was a recent retirement in the highway department and a Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed Meat Packaging plant.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee French had no report as liaisons have not been assigned as of yet.

Trustee Piliero had nothing to report on in regards to FOIL or Youth.

Trustee Corey reported on the Events Committee; they are very busy working on plans for the July Earlville Days. Food vendors have been set up. Corey reported that they are having a hard time getting an amusement vendor that can supply more than bounce houses. She explained that the Events Committee would like to extend the event to 3-4 days, as most vendors will not commit to less than that. This is still in the discussion phase however. Music in the Park is scheduled for four weeks in July. Corey had a list of concerns from the Events Committee; these were given to Mayor Excell. Excell stated that he would like to have a Deputy on hand from 9:00am until after the fireworks for the event. Mayor Excell reminded everyone present that the Events Committee is still actively looking for volunteers.

Mayor Excell asked Ed Meyer if he was able to arrange a meeting with the Town of Sherburne Supervisor; nothing has been set up yet. Excell reported that Madison and Chenango Co. Sheriffs are working on a plan that will allow them to cross the County lines within the Village to issue traffic violations. This will not apply to criminal violations.

Trustee Moore had nothing to report on, asking Judge Hailston if he would like to address anything. Hailston asked Board Members about the Village financing a chair lift to assist disabled residents unable to climb the stairs up to the second floor for court. Mayor Excell stated that the Board would need time to discuss this and asked Hailston to have patience.

NEW BUSINESS

Peggy Booth from Mange Insurance was present to discuss Health Insurance renewal for full time employees which go into effect June 1, 2015. There is a 13% increase in Health Insurance Premiums. Excell would like to discuss with employees before any decision is made.

Trustee French stated that some of his friends are local musicians and they would like to present a special Music in the Park on May 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm. After a brief discussion, it was approved 4-0.

Trustee Piliero asked about the half-pipe at the Skate Park; area kids would like to know if it will be repaired or replaced as it has deteriorated to the point of being unsafe. Excell stated that the Reorganizational Meeting will be held next week- Trustees will be assigned to Committees and whoever is assigned to the Youth Committee will have to figure this out. Excell did however agree that the half-pipe is in bad shape and he does not feel that it can be repaired.

The Reorganizational Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 6:00p.m. at the Village Office.

Mayor Excell stated that the purchase of a new tractor for the Village will not happen this year.

Excell explained that due to the extreme cold this past winter, there were several water lines in the Village that froze. As far as the Village knows, all of the residential lines that were frozen were frozen from shut offs to homes, therefore the residents responsibility per the *“WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS” section 6 “RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER: Every person whose property is supplied with water by the Water Department shall be required to properly maintain – at his or her own expense – the service pipe from the curb stop valve to his or her premises, including all fixtures there in provided for the delivering or supplying water for any purpose. “Properly maintain” in this instance shall mean that all water that passes through the curb stop valve shall pass through the water meter and that no water shall leave the service pipe prior to its route through the meter. In any case, where such service and fixtures are not so kept in repair, the Supervisor or their authorized representative will notify the owner of the property that water service will be*

terminated two (2) weeks from the notification date if satisfactory repairs are not completed. The Water Department will perform no repair to services between the curb stop and the house.

Excell stated that he had a complaint from a resident on Green Street that their water was frozen under the street and therefore the Villages' responsibility to unthaw. Excell advised them to hire a person to verify that the lines under the street running to their shut off valve were in fact frozen. The resident also complained that he could not afford a contractor and that it was unfair as DPW had been seen helping other residents unthaw their water. Excell spoke to Tucker about this and was told that the Bowling Alley and Lighthouse Church had frozen water, however both hired their own contractor, DPW only located the shut off for them. The resident contacted the Observer Dispatch and legal aide, who contacted the Village Office. Mayor Excell advised both that the resident was advised to hire a contractor; if they determined that the water was frozen under the street then the Village could take steps to unthaw. Nothing more has been heard from the resident.

Excell explained that there had been an ongoing issue with vandalism at the DPW; cameras were installed and the person was caught on camera in the act of unplugging heavy equipment outside of the DPW building. The person was arrested and charges were pressed.

Excell received a complaint on the sidewalks on South Main Street between Taylor and Abbott. Sections are crumbling very badly and need to be repaired or replaced. Excell stated that the Village is aware of this and is looking to replace these sections in the summer. The Robertson's have issues with the sidewalk and mud in front of their house on Bentley Ave. The big trucks turning there to get to the box factory are creating quite a mess and would like something done with it. Excell asked the Board to think about the issue and discuss it at the next Board Meeting.

The Fire Department will be holding their annual Banquet on May 9th at the Canasawacta Country Club. Invitations to Board members will be going out soon.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT


No public comment.

EXECUTIVE

No Executive Session.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore then ended the meeting by a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:46pm, 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 April 14, 2015."



Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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