

## VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Village Hall

October 13, 2020  
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 September 9, 2020.

*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 Graybill, Taylor and Hayes. The "Village Office" is the Village of Earlville Municipal Office located at 8 North Main Street.*

Mayor John Muhlfeld called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present was Trustee Gerald Hayes, Trustee Jacob Taylor and Trustee Jessica Graybill. Also present was Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Sherburne Town Councilman Ed Meyers, and one resident. It is noted that Mayor William Excell passed away on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 from cancer. Deputy Mayor John Muhlfeld was appointed Mayor by the Board at the Reorganization Meeting at 6:30 October 13<sup>th</sup>. Swearing in of Jessica Graybill and Jacob Taylor, Trustees, John Muhlfeld as Mayor and Kelly Beach Clerk-Treasurer occurred at the Reorganization Meeting as well.

### Motion #1-10.13.2020

On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Graybill, the Meeting Minutes from the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting was approved unanimously 3-0.

### MOTION #2-10.13.2020

On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Hayes, Abstract 975 General Fund Vouchers totaling \$32,938.36 were approved unanimously, 3-0.

### MOTION #3- 10.13.2020

On a motion by, Hayes, seconded by Graybill, Abstract 976 Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$6,509.91 were approved unanimously, 3-0.

### MOTION # 4-10.13.2020

On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Hayes, Abstract 977 Trust & Agency Fund Vouchers totaling \$15,212.78 were approved unanimously, 3-0.

## TOWN COUNCILMAN REPORT

Sherburne Town Councilman Ed Meyers reported that the Sherburne Town Board met September 9, 2020. Meyers reported that the gasoline bid went to Mirabito; the Palmer Road bridge will be opened back up soon. The Town approved the SPCA contract. A new Code Enforcer has been hired. The Village still has one Justice and they have approved the tentative budget.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mayor Muhlfeld reported that there was an informal meeting today at the Village Office to gather information on the idea of constructing a new building to house the Fire Department, the Village Office, and the Justice court. Present were Laura Nowack, Trustee John Muhlfeld, Fire Chief Jim Doyle, Justice Henry Moore, Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach and David Bensley participated via ZOOM. This was an informational meeting only where Laura explained funding sources and the steps needed to begin the process. Mayor Excell was working on making this come about prior to his death and Muhlfeld wants to see it happen. Muhlfeld would like to get grants and funding that will not affect Village Taxes.

Trustee Hayes had no report.

Trustee Jacob Taylor had nothing to report.

Trustee Graybill reported on Earlville 4 Earlville. She asked if the Village would take on the cost of posters or mailers to get information out to the residents. A lengthy discussion on different options and means to get the news out followed. Mr. Meyers suggested submitting an article to the Sherburne News. Muhlfeld suggested Graybill or Taylor look into the cost of submitting to the papers and get back to the Board at next month's meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The 2020 Village Tax Levies are to be returned to the counties. Chenango County unpaid taxes in the amount of \$8,882.84 (\$6,544.56 base amount plus water levies of \$1,784.72 plus interest and late fees of \$553.56) and Madison County unpaid taxes of \$17,256.60 (\$14,021.85 base amount plus \$2,059.00 water levies plus \$1,175.75 fees and interest).

Trustee Hayes asked what the procedure for filling the vacant Trustee position was. Mayor Muhlfeld stated that the Trustees should talk to residents and get the word out that a Trustee is needed. If anyone was interested in being a Trustee they should direct them to the Village Office or himself. Village Law § 3-312 sets forth the procedure for filling vacancies that occur in village offices. Vacancies in elective or appointive offices that are not caused by expiration of the term of office are filled by the mayor, except that the board of trustees fills any vacancy in the office of the mayor. The mayor's appointment to fill a vacancy pursuant to Village Law § 3-312 is not subject to board approval, however historically the Village Mayor has chosen to present his/her chosen appointment to the Board for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

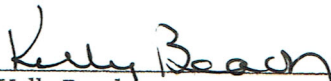
Taylor stated the Library Board has reviewed the Wi-Fi usage records for the hours after midnight. They don't feel there are enough people using the Library's free Wi-Fi after midnight to warrant shutting it off. At last month's Board Meeting Excell had asked the Board to shut off the Wi-Fi after midnight as it encouraged kids to hang out in front of the Village Office and there was no reason for kids to be out on Village streets alone after midnight.

#### EXECUTIVE

No executive session was needed.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Taylor ended the meeting by a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes and carried 3-0.

"I certify this document is a true and accurate description of the regular board meeting of the governing board of the Village of Earlville October 13, 2020."

  
Kelly Beach  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Earlville

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