

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

March 12, 2013
7:07 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 the February 13, 2013.

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 7:07 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Henry Moore, Sara Chapman and Margaret Corey. Trustee Gerald Hayes was excused. Also present were Village Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beach and 3 members of the public.

Meeting minutes for February 12, 2013 were approved on a motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Corey, 3-0.

Abstract 702 as presented for Board approval included General Fund totaling the sum of \$22,013.29 which included previously paid items. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Chapman and approved 3-0, Abstract 702 was approved for payment. Abstract 703 as presented for Board Approval included Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$5,424.30 were approved on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Chapman, 3-0. Abstract 704 as presented for Board Approval included Trust & Agency Fund Vouchers totaling \$10,634.55 were approved on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Chapman, 3-0

Trustee Chapman reported that she had nothing to report for FOIL or the Skate Park.

Trustee Corey reported that Earlville Days will be 7/20/13 and the committee is busy with planning. They are also working on Music in the Park. It is scheduled to run for 5 weeks; from July 9th through August 6th from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Earlville Village Park.

Trustee Moore reported that the CEO had no building permits issued this month, a complaint was received and investigated, the issue was resolved as the tenant had been evicted and moved out. Another complaint was received regarding a vacant home with plastic blowing all over the place. Upon investigating, he found no issues and did not see anything new within the last year. The CEO has answered some questions on an upcoming project and had to do some research- This was in reference to handrails for a handicap ramp, which does require them on both sides. The CEO completed an inspection of the Village Office and Fire Department. The last inspection was done 5 years ago; Mayor Excel asked why it has not been done since. Moore stated that he didn't believe it had to be done on a yearly basis for village buildings. Moore had no monthly report from the judge.

Mayor Excell reported that he went to the March monthly meeting of the Fire Department. There were no issues to report on. DPW has been keeping busy. After the snow gear is put away, Hamilton will come down and help put the brushes on the new machine so DPW can clean up. The dog signs will be put up. Excell reminded the Trustees that they need to start thinking about using salt brine rather than salt this coming winter. The price of salt will be increasing and the cost of salt brine would be \$300-\$400. On especially cold days, chloride magnesium could be used. Lebanon is presently using this in their sand. Excell asked the committee if they had been in touch with NYSEG about moving the electrical meter in the basement. Chapman reported that only one estimate has been received so far from electric contractors.

In old business, the library will be replacing the existing ramp and installing handrails. Chapman stated that many people have approached her regarding dogs defecating on the sidewalks as well as public areas and the owners not being responsible enough to clean it up. The signs have been ordered, and DPW will be putting them up. Mayor Excell reminded everyone if they want to sign a complaint with Judge Hailston, he would be the one to issue fines and violations. Moore stated that he knows a certain dog is

going on his lawn, but he has never actually seen it, which is the case for most; it is hard to prove which dog left the mess.

At 7:23, Trustee Moore motioned, seconded by Trustee Corey, 3-0 to enter Executive session to discuss "matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation". Invited into executive session was Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach. At 7:35, Chapman motioned to return to public session, seconded by Moore, 3-0. Mayor Excell announced that Trustee Moore will be added to the Village's Facebook page as an administrator in addition to the Clerk-Treasurer so as to assist her in monitoring the page for unsuitable content.

In new business, the Clerk-Treasurer explained that the latest Water Billing had not gone smoothly. A large number of bills did not get to the customers through the Postal mail system. The same number of bills had been mailed out as previously, however for whatever reason, they were not received by the recipients. The Clerk-Treasurer re-mailed the original bills to the accounts still unpaid as of the due date, however she does not feel it would be fair to the customers to charge late fees or have the scheduled shut off on March 17th. The Clerk-Treasurer asked for a decision from the Board members regarding late fees and shut offs. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Corey, 3-0 it was agreed to waive the late fees and cancel the shut offs scheduled for March 17th. All outstanding charges will be added to the next billing and late fees/shutoffs will resume with that billing.

Trustee Chapman discussed setting recycling containers out around the Village this summer. She would like to see bottles and cans be recycled for the \$.05, with the money going to the Village. After a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to check with Holden's Haulers to see if they recycle.

Trustee Chapman would like a sign purchased and installed so that people know where the Courtroom is located, as many people go to the library looking for entrance. It was pointed out that there currently are paper signs on the door of the Village Office and the Library advising where the Courtroom is located. It was decided that a sign would be looked into in the near future, during the next budget year.

Mayor Excell stated that there is a need to put a peep-hole or intercom system at the door to the Courtroom; currently the sheriffs keep the door locked as a safety precaution when they are in the office and there is no way for them to know who is looking for entrance. Moore noted that wireless intercoms are now available. No decision was made to purchase a peephole or intercom at this time.

Trustee Chapman mentioned that April is Autism Awareness Month. A resident had previously purchased blue lights to be put on the gazebo for this purpose, had they been installed yet this year? Mayor Excell will remind DPW to put the lights on the gazebo.

In Public Comment, Brad Phillips stated that they would like to bring the Crop Walk to Earlville. Phillips stated that he is trying to get signatures from the Sons of Legion and Legion members so that Lucas Fetzko can bring the memorial currently at the Legion's location to the Village Park. Mayor Excel stated that at last month's Board Meeting, Fetzko advised the Board members that the Legion had denied permission to move the Memorial, therefore Lucas had decided to move on to another project to obtain his Badge. Excell believed that Fetzko had already spoken with Mark Monroe about assisting with the rebuilding of the Skate Park.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 7:56 pm, 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 12, 2013."



Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Earlville

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