

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

March 10, 2009
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 prior and the same posted on the 14th day of January, 2009.

Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, William Excell, Gerald Hayes and Kim Boomhower. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi, Fire Chief David Baird, Brian Skidmore of Barton & Loguidice and several members of the public.

The minutes of the Feb. 10 regular board meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Doeberl and a second from Trustee Excell. Trustee Excell then made a motion to accept the Feb. 26 public hearing minutes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Abstract #562 (Vouchers #5817-5838) was accepted by a motion from Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Justice Faulkner's February court report included fines, fees and surcharges of \$1,605. This represented his presiding over 13 individuals with 13 statute violations. ACO Hilsinger relayed that one dog was taken to the SPCA and one black lab was returned to its residence in February. Trustee Excell will discuss with Hilsinger the current practice and will request that future local law and ordinance violators are ticketed. Presenting the CEO's report, Trustee Excell said the CEO is awaiting response from the business and apartment owners he recently mailed to about setting up inspections. CEO Van Heusen has also been addressing code violations, permit issuance and possible court appearances.

There were no reports from Trustee Boomhower.

The DPW is beginning spring cleanup. Brooks Contracting gave an estimate of \$125 to repair the railing of M. Burton Marshall property on East Main Street and Trustee Doeberl will contact Marshall's office to see if this is an acceptable remedy. Doeberl will report at the March 16 meeting.

The Village of Hamilton will be contacted about sweeping the village streets.

After a brief discussion on purchasing five-gallon pails of cold patch or by the ton, DPW was authorized to purchase two tons at \$100 per ton.

On a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 3-0, Michael Doyle was approved for membership in the Earlville Fire Department. Trustee Excell abstained. Two individuals will be taking 12-month leaves of absence from the EFD – Andy Jones and Kerri Mikalunus. The election of offices for the EFD will take place next month.

Trustee Hayes said he has spoken with Dick Eades and they believe a joint effort between the EOH and the Quincy Square Museum could design a display for the Madison County Fair July 9-12.

The second and final public hearing on the village's re-application of a "Small Cities Community Development Block Grant" in the amount of \$400,000 with the Office for Community Renewal will be held at 7 p.m. March 12 in the Village Office. The purpose of this hearing will be to furnish those in attendance with information concerning amounts available, the range of activities that may be undertaken, the Village's proposed re-application and the views of the citizens of the Village on community development needs. Mayor Campbell will not be in attendance as she will be in Norwich for

a meeting with Chenango County municipal officers to discuss potential co-oping, cost-sharing and shared services.

The next budget meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 16.

The village received a thank you card from the family of the late Sally Morrone.

The final version of Madison County's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been received and the trustees will peruse it for discussion and approval at the next board meeting.

Trustee Excell was appointed to audit Justice Faulkner's records in anticipation of a similar request from the Unified Court System in July 2008.

Trustee Doeberl will have the DPW apply for permission from NYSEG for forwarding on to the NYSDOT for a permit for the banners on Route 12B.

On a motion by Trustee Hayes and seconded by Trustee Excell, Mayor Campbell and Clerk-Treasurer Vischi will attend NYCOM's 2009 Main Street Economic Development Conference in Canandaigua on April 30. The cost is \$190 and some of the topics pertinent to Earlville include: "Criminal and Civil Enforcement of Property Maintenance Laws," "Dealing with Rental Properties and Absentee Landlords Using Inspection and Agent Registration Programs" and "Dealing with Tax Exempt Properties and the Burden They Place on Our Communities."

Syracuse University will host a conference titled "Smarter Management for Small Communities" April 14-16 in Syracuse. The cost is \$250.

Nothing has been received to date from the letters sent to SOMAC and the Shasta Snowmobile Club.

On the pumper truck, an application for funding has been sent to USDA RD and the ESRLF application is awaiting input from the Earlville Fire Company.

The Barton & Loguidice Contract was presented by Skidmore. He also presented an updated project timetable for the trustees now that the agreement for services of the project has been drafted. The trustees will review the contract and continue discussion at Monday's meeting.

Resolution 28-32 was adopted on a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0, to "Enter Into Contract With Official Payments for Credit Card Payments of Taxes & Water." The resolution reads that: "the Village of Earlville enters into contract with Official Payments Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("OPC"), authorizing OPC to accept electronic check payment and processing transaction services and credit/debit card payment transaction services through an Internet interface over the web and an interactive telephone voice response system ("IVR") for Village of Earlville Tax Payments and Water Billing Payments. Village of Earlville residents shall now have the option of paying village taxes and water billing via one of four methods:

- Personal check, money order, certified check;
- Cash;
- Electronic check payment; or
- Credit/debit card payment.

There is no cost to the village. There is a convenience fee to the taxpayer of \$3.00 to have their taxes paid by electronic check or 3 percent to have them paid by credit card. The credit card fee for water bill payments would be \$4.95. All payments would be deposited into the village account within three days of the transaction, excluding weekends.

On a motion by Trustee Boomhower and seconded by Trustee Hayes, businesses in Sherburne, Hamilton and Norwich will be solicited for sponsorship of the Earlville Softball League and the Summer Music in the Park series. The motion carried 4-0.

Village Elections will be held from Noon to 9 p.m. March 18 in the Village Office.

Trustee Hayes motioned and Doeberl seconded the return of water bills to payers that did not meet the deadline and did not include the late fee. The motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Excell voiced concern over a website that makes false accusations against the board.

Dode Page said she has been formulating ideas for this year's Earlville Community Days celebration, July 10-12. In an effort to boost youth activities, she asked if old-fashioned games could be played at the former school on Fayette Street and the board agreed.

Trustee Boomhower's resignation was accepted. He has served on the board since 2005 and Mayor Campbell thanked him for his service to Earlville. She then appointed Henry Moore to closeout Boomhower's term through March 31, 2009, and gave Moore the oath of office.

The next public gathering will be the CDBG public hearing at 7 p.m. March 12 in the Village Office. The next Budget Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 16 also in the Village Office.

On a motion to adjourn by Trustee Doeberl, the meeting was closed at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0.