

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

Aug. 14, 2007
7:00 pm

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Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Amy Clark, Kim Boomhower, Mark Doeberl and Gerald Hayes. Also present were Village Clerk Christian Vischi and approximately 10 members of the public.

Trustee Hayes made a motion to accept the July 10 regular board session minutes with the following changes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl: correct Earlville Fire Department member David Baird's name and change the second sentence of the fifth full paragraph on page two to "He *said* the variance...". The motion carried 4-0.

After correcting the members present for the July 30 special board meeting to include Amy Clark as present, Trustee Clark made the motion – seconded by Trustee Boomhower – to accept the minutes from said meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

A brief discussion was held in reference to the voucher for Code Enforcement Officer Matt VanHeusen (#5171). Trustee Clark then made the motion to accept abstract 527 (vouchers 5154-5170), seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried 4-0. Trustee Boomhower will relay to CEO VanHeusen that the accepted mileage expenses for his position are trips around the Village of Earlville, court appearances and any trips to the village outside of his regular hours.

Trustee Boomhower gave the monthly report for CEO VanHeusen. A new computer was purchased from Colgate surplus and VanHeusen is in the process of transferring files from the old system to the new one. He also reported the following building permits having been issued: septic, two swimming pools, solar energy system, new roof and a new deck. A permit is also being reviewed for partial demolition of a house and extensive renovation. A verbal warning was given to an individual for burning garbage.

Justice Frank Faulkner's monthly report was also presented by Trustee Boomhower. He reported that the justice oversaw nine cases, including two resulting in fines, one in probation and one being arraigned to another court. A check was generated to the state comptroller for \$235 for fines and mandated surcharges.

The Aug. 15 water committee meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a future date. The board of trustees was presented with an informational flier that the water committee would like input on and approval from the trustees prior to mailing. After brief discussion by the board, Trustee Clark said she will implement the suggestions from the trustees and give the trustees a revised flier prior to the September board meeting.

Trustee Doeberl said there is no new information on Streetscape.

The Department of Public Works report, presented by Trustee Doeberl, included the following work for the month of July: painted the police office, flushed hydrants, trimmed brush, changed out a water meter, cleaned storm sewers, cold patching on several village streets, trimmed trees, hauled sand for and rototilled the infield of the softball fields at the Fayette Street former Earlville school, mowing, and identified and addressed a water leak near Borden Road. They also reported that Madison County is expected to be in town on Aug. 16-17 to sweep the streets in anticipation of street repair work on Aug. 20-21.

Trustee Doeberl said the DPW is not planning an immediate purchase, but the board should be thinking about a new solution to sidewalk clearing in the winter. The sweeper currently used for clearing sidewalks of snow is fine for light precipitation, but is not useful for heavy or wet snow. The DPW usually uses two \$200 brushes per season, with the best results only coming from light snowfalls. A new angled blade will run approximately \$1,600-\$2,000.

Trustee Hayes reported there were no cultural programs in the immediate future, but asked Dick Eades of the Quincy Square Museum to give the board an overview of two programs at the museum. Eades reported that Chuck D. Imperio, author of *Great Graves of New York*, will be speaking on Aug. 18, and a dedication ceremony will be held on Sept. 8 for the donation of a Parsons Lowdown Wagon from the Shelburne Museum of Shelburne, Vt. For both programs the museum will open at 1:30 p.m. with the program to follow at 2 p.m. Historian Rose L. Wellman will also speak on Sept. about the Parsons Lowdown Wagon Company.

Trustee Clark said she has received one FOIL request. Reporting on the fire department, she said:

- The new siren is installed and working well
- The department has received applications for two new members seeking firefighter status
- The move-up went well and they are awaiting plans from the state fire inspector
- The department will be selling hot foods at the Aug. 18-19 local softball tournament
- A Fire Contract Advisory Board meeting was held Aug. 9 at the Village Hall, Earlville.

Mayor Campbell requested the board think about where the Street Scape project is headed and requested it be placed under old business for the September board agenda. She said \$3,200 was budgeted for architectural and construction management costs and currently \$5,000 has been allocated. She said \$14,000 has been spent in administrative costs with the village not in receipt of new trash receptacles or benches.

Captain Matthew Episcopo of the Madison County Sheriff's Office gave Campbell an update on municipal police coverage, saying the fiscal agreement is now in the Madison County attorney's office.

Under new business, the board unanimously approved (4-0) a resolution for a memorandum of understanding that three inches of property on the south side of 5 East Main St. are owned by M. Burton Marshall and can be used by him for a handicap-accessible ramp. The resolution was made by Trustee Boomhower and seconded by Trustee Clark.

Discussion of village speed limits and signage was commenced by Trustee Clark. She said there are problems with signs on Fayette Street. Trustee Doeberl said there are village signs are that do not adhere to the state law of six-foot six inches from the ground or one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of distance between them. They said other issues include signs to close to the end of streets and discrepancies of speed (i.e. 15 miles per hour and 30 miles per hour on Fayette Street). The New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials told Clark that it is up to the village's discretion to make a one-time change to speed limits and signage. Clark will contact NYCOM to determine exactly what the specifications are for posting, and whether changes need to be approved by resolution or motion. She will also call to see if the counties are still producing signs, or approximately how much new signs would cost, and if state financial resources are available to help offset the cost.

As Mayor Campbell was asked to speak at a Sept. 11 remembrance service, she requested the board change the date of the next meeting. Trustee Clark made the motion to change the date to Sept. 12, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 3-1. Trustee Hayes voted no.

With 162 returns of the more than 425 community surveys sent out, Trustee Doeberl said the Planning Board did not compile the data from their board meeting the night before. The results will be tabulated and presented at the Sept. 12 board meeting.

Mayor Campbell said Earlville Fire Department Pumper 152 will soon not be meeting National Fire Protection Association standards. Although the initial thought was to rechassey the 20+ year old Pumper 152 for a cost of between \$200,000 and \$220,000, Campbell said the Fire Contract Advisory Board – working with the towns from the Earlville Fire District – may be able to locate a new commercial pumper for between \$200,000 and \$230,000. Fire Chief Bob Tracy and the Fire Contract Advisory Board are gathering information on commercial pumpers and will give a report in the future.

The clerk is awaiting information from Madison County about elections administration.

Dick Eades, who had requested to be on the agenda, thanked the board for its financial support of the Quincy Square Museum and gave an update of museum highlights, including new exhibits, cemetery records and a map of the cemetery – with a list of veterans; a donation of a Parsons Lowdown Wagon and many pieces of Carrie Doyle material; various on-going genealogical projects and research; upcoming programs; and membership of approximately 100.

A Local Law exception was discussed pertaining to the 1963 ordinance prohibiting livestock within the village. The 2003 variance that was issued was not a proper procedure and the board discussed ways of correcting the error. Trustee Hayes made a motion to approve the exception of Mike Kicinski and David Wright to article 9, section 3 of the June 1963 Ordinances and Local Laws. Without a second to the motion, Hayes rescinded the motion. After further discussion, Trustee Clark made a motion to table the issue until a special meeting to be held at 7p.m. Aug. 28 at the Village Office, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion passed 3-1, with Trustee Hayes voting no.

The Chenango County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held – for Chenango County residents only – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Chenango County Highway Garage, located at 79 Rexford St. in Norwich.

Mayor Campbell read aloud a thank you letter from Earlville Opera House Executive Director Patti Lockwood-Blais inviting all fire department personnel involved in the July 15 Move-Up exercise to the Aug. 25 Jeffery Broussard & the Creole Cowboys concert for free.

Mayor Campbell also announced the state comptroller's brunch for Sept. 3 and reminded the board that registration could still be placed. As she will be out of town Aug. 23-26, Deputy Mayor Doeberl will respond to immediate village needs during that time.

Two former DPW employees had taken water classes at the expense of the village as per their employment contracts. As neither individual satisfied their respective contract with six months of employment beyond their water class, Trustee Hayes made a motion to request reimbursement for the water classes from both individuals (\$400 each), seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Hayes asked if CEO VanHeusen was not available, who should be contacted. Mayor Campbell said either the Town of Hamilton or Town of Sherburne code enforcement officers could be contacted for immediate code violations.

Trustee Clark said the wood to repair the skate park ramps was on order.

Mayor Campbell reminded residents of Village of Earlville Dog Local Law Section 4b: "No dog shall be permitted to cause damage or destruction to property, or commit a nuisance, or to defecate upon the premises of a person other than to or upon the premises of the owner or persons harboring such dog." A violation of this local law is punishable by a \$25 fine for each violation.

During public comment Mike Kicinski made a FOIL request to FOIL Officer Clark. The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program was also discussed.

With no further public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and a vote of 4-0.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Village Hall.