

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

Nov. 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 in advance and the same posted on the 28th day of October, 2009.

Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, William Excell, Gerald Hayes and Henry Moore. Also present were Fire Chief David Baird, Brian Skidmore of Barton & Loguidice, Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi and three members of the public.

Minutes from Oct. 13, 2009 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0 with the following correction:

- Change from “Inserting the following on page 30: ‘Employees are allowed an unpaid 30 minute lunch break. Lunch breaks generally are taken between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.’” to “Inserting the following on page 30: ‘Employees are allowed an unpaid 30 minute lunch break. Lunch breaks generally are taken between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.’”

Abstract 584 (Vouchers #6122-6134) was approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Doeberl and a second from Trustee Moore. Abstract 585 (Vouchers #6135-6155) was then approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Moore with a second from Trustee Doeberl.

Trustee Moore relayed that Justice Faulkner presided on one civil case resulting in civil fees of \$15. There have been no animal complaints in the past month.

Trustee Excell said the codes issues with 4 Madison Street have been resolved after a court date. A reassessment of the library’s occupancy load has been completed. The CEO has also been keeping abreast of potential code violations around the village, and nothing major has been found.

One FOIL request was received, and FOIL Officer Doeberl has addressed the issue. Leaf pick up will end on Nov. 20 and brush pick up will take place for the next week only. A water main break on Fayette Street has been taken care of. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet next Wednesday.

Trustee Hayes said he has nothing new to report on the issues between the owners of the former Earlville Mastitis Lab and the Quincy Square Museum. The fire department has requested and received permission (the board voting 3-0, motion by Trustee Hayes, second by Trustee Doeberl with Trustee Excell abstaining) for two events:

- Ladies Auxiliary annual Poinsettia Sale from 9 a.m. until sold out on Dec. 5, to replenish funds for unknown fire or medical emergencies;
- Fire Department Roast Pork Dinner on Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the Earlville Fire Company’s General Fund

The board discussed the Employee Policy Manual pages 51-81 and made changes to sections pertaining to General Practices, Educational Assistance and Schedule of Reimbursement. Next month the board will discuss pages 82-94.

Discussion of the potential local law: “A Local Law Regulating and Controlling the Storage of Junk Within The Village of Earlville” included questions related to whether this is an immediate need, about what it would take to have it placed as a referendum in March 2010, and what the state laws

cover. Chief Baird added that with the water improvement project the potential exists for an influx of residents in the next couple of years. This potential local law would help maintain a quality of life. Trustee Moore said that by distilling the state laws into one local law, even if it is not needed it would not hurt any residents by having it.

On a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Doeberl, the board approved 3-1 sending the law to the village attorney for review. Trustee Hayes voted nay.

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and approved 3-0 (Trustee Excell abstained), the 2010-2011 Earlville Fire Protection District contracts were approved. The budget is \$78,967.71, representing an increase over the current year of 2.575 percent.

Brian Skidmore discussed the water project to date, including the 50 percent completion of design phase drawings; draft technical specifications; the completed environmental review of project; and the trees in the right of way. A quote for tree removal is being sought, as trees within a major project area can only be removed between Oct. 16 and March 30 because of the Indiana bat. Skidmore reiterated that construction will probably not begin until June 2010.

In preparing for the formation of the County Route 14 Water District, a public information meeting will be held Nov. 30 at the Earlville Opera House mainly for town residents that receive village water. It's an informal event to inform people about what the water districting means and to answer any questions.

Winterfest will be held Dec. 4 through 6 and a schedule of events is posted in the newsletter; has been sent to the area newspapers and online media outlets; and is available on the village website. New York State Police will lead the annual parade and Neil Egerer Jr. will be lighting the tree.

The annual House Decorating Contest will take place with judging by the Earlville Planning Board members on Dec. 16. The announcement of first, second and third place, along with honorable mention, will take place at the January 2010 regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Moore will peruse this year's CCSPCA Shelter Agreement to see how and if it differs from the 2009 version.

No overnight parking is allowed on village streets between Dec. 1 and April 15 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. A letter from the village to downtown area property owners will state this. Madison County Sheriff's have been informed of this and the right to give out tickets.

A meeting was held with representatives of the Sherburne Summer Rec Program. The information requested by the village still has not been provided.

A proxy ballot was sent to Earlville by Energy Cooperative of New York for their Nov. 20 meeting.

A letter sent by Brian Skidmore to Kathleen Goodman of USDA RD on comments received by the Village on the water project is available for the board to review.

The employee Holiday Party will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Earlville Opera House Arts Café. The meat course will be handled by Trustee Excell. The other trustees will bring a dish to pass and Mayor Campbell will bring dessert.

Senator David Valesky will be in the village for a tour and catered lunch with the Earlville Senior Citizens Group on Dec. 14. The tour will begin at the Paper Box Company and then move on to other village businesses.

To be on the safe side, the DPW will try to get another load of salt from the Town of Hamilton.

On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Hayes and carried 4-0, the board entered executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. At 8:51 p.m. the board reentered public session on a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0. No action was taken in executive session.

Trustee Hayes made a motion to enter into discussion with the Town of Hamilton regarding shared services between the Village and Town Justice Departments. Trustee Moore seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was carried 4-0 at 8:53 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Excell and seconded by Trustee Moore.

The next regular monthly board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Village Office.