

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

Dec. 8, 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 16th day of November, 2009.

Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, Gerald Hayes and Henry Moore. William Excell arrived at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Brian Skidmore of Barton & Loguidice, Fire Chief David Baird, Assistant Fire Chiefs, Earlville Library Director Shari Taylor, Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi and five members of the public.

Minutes from the Nov. 10, 2009 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 3-0.

Abstract #586 (Vouchers #6156-6159, 6161-6162) was accepted by a motion from Trustee Doeberl, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0. Trustee Hayes made a motion to accept Abstract #587 (Vouchers #6160, 6163-6191), seconded by Trustee Doeberl. During discussion, Trustee Doeberl withdrew his second of the motion. Mayor Campbell said Fire Department Purchase Orders 521 and 522 were not signed and could not be approved. A question was asked about PO 522's expenses and the fact that \$2,803 was charged without board approved. Fire Chief Baird said the \$2,803 went toward items needed to put 151 in service. The trustees aired concern over whether the items over \$300 were solicited for bids and who authorized the bid. After discussion, Mayor Campbell asked the board to authorize the fire chief for spending cap of \$5,000 – not including tonight's vouchers – for equipment and service required to put 151 in service. On a motion by Trustee Hayes, and seconded by Trustee Doeberl, the board approved the spending cap 3-0, with Trustee Excell abstaining. Abstract 587 (Vouchers #6160, 6163-6191) was then approved on a motion by Trustee Doeberl, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0.

Trustee Moore relayed that on Nov. 5 the Animal Control Officer responded to stray dog at the former pizzeria, but no dog was found. On Nov. 9 he was called on a complaint of a barking dog on Abbott Avenue, but there was no cause for action. The judge's November court docket included 13 individuals with 13 statute violations for a total of fines, fees and surcharges of \$745.

Trustee Doeberl asked if the Fire Department could relocate the yellow sign to accommodate snow plowing. The Planning Board will be voting on house decorating winners at their next meeting.

Trustee Hayes reminded the board of the Earlville Opera House Holiday Sale running the next two weekends and the EOH's "The Clancy Legacy Celtic Christmas Concert" at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 in the Catherine Cummings Theater on Lincklaen Street, Cazenovia. Noah Huff will be doing an Eagle Scout Project soon in relation to the EFD, and the department has permitted the New Life Christian School to store their soccer posts in the bus garage this winter. Pierce will be giving foam training on 151 on Dec. 20. OSHA training will be given by the department in January.

The Employee Policy Manual pages 82 to the end will be discussed at the January board meeting. Trustee Moore is awaiting more information from the Chenango County SPCA on their 2010 Shelter Agreement before the board approves it. On a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0, the board approved sending an additional \$500 to the EOH.

Upcoming events:

- **Employee Holiday Party from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 at the EOH Arts Café;**
- **State Senator David Valesky will tour the village at 9 a.m. Dec. 14;**
- **The first 2010-2011 budget meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in the village office;**
- **The Village Office will be painted sometime after Dec. 15;**
- **The Village Office and DPW Garage will be closed Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1**

Alex Orellano has taken the water course and will be reading meters with the DPW this January toward his certification.

There have been three known break-ins in the area. The suspect(s) were identified and Mayor Campbell said speaking with state police and the sheriff's they believe they were isolated incidents.

A legal notice was received from Time Warner stating their intent for broadcasters and channels.

The resignation of Justice Faulkner will be effective Jan. 3, 2010.

Trustee Hayes and Excell will schedule a meeting in the spring to discuss concerns with New Life Christian School that were aired by the manager of the former school on Fayette Street, relative to parking.

Brian Skidmore discussed tree removal for the water project, noting that trees must be felled by March 2010 because of the Indiana bat. Because the amount will likely exceed the maximum municipal limit, the job will have to be put out for bid. USDA Rural Development has a short-form bid package; all the necessary documents have been prepared; and the state engineer has approved the bid package. The trees to be removed at the tank site are outside the boundary of the current tank site and B&L is working with Wissenbach Land Surveying on acquiring easements. A motion to establish a bid opening time and date of 11 a.m. Dec. 28 in the Village Office was made by Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Moore and carried 4-0. The awarding of the bid will take place at a special board meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 in the Village Office. Bid packets will be available in the Village Office on Dec. 10.

The Water District Meeting had residents from all four townships in attendance. The Town of Sherburne will be moving forward with a public hearing in January.

Trustee Hayes made the announcement that petitions for the March 2010 elections are available from the Board of Elections.

A motion was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0 at 7:50 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. At 10:28 p.m. the board reentered public session on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Hayes and carried 4-0. No action was taken in executive session.

A 60-day appointment will be made to Justice James W. Peptis of Sherburne, commencing Jan. 3, 2010, while the village works on a shared services contract with the towns of Hamilton and Sherburne. The Resolution 29-10 "Appointment of James W. Peptis to Village Justice for 60 Days" was adopted 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Doeberl and seconded by Trustee Excell.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0 at 10:33 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Village Office.