

# VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Village Hall

March 8, 2011  
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 1st day of March, 2011.

*Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 4-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Excell, Hayes, Moore and Taylor. 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.*

Village Mayor Mark Doeberl called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members present were Trustees William Excel, Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore and Tom Taylor. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, Jeff Beaver for the softball tournament, and twelve members of the public, plus one member of the media.

Abstract 629, as presented for Board approval, included Vouchers #6665-6698 totaling \$15,849.50 to be tentatively split \$14,881.35 from the General Fund and \$968.15 from the Water Fund. On a motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Moore and approved 4-0, Abstract 629 was approved for payment. Of the \$15,849.50, \$3, 78.44 had been paid prior to tonight's Board meeting.

Fire Department PO's 0588-0592 in the amount of \$5,416.77 was approved for payment on a motion by Moore, seconded by Excell, 4-0. There were no Capital Project Abstracts presented for Board approval

Trustee Taylor made a motion to accept the Feb 8, 2011 regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Excell and approved 4-0 with a correction by Hayes that 2 animals went to the shelter, not three.

In the Trustee Reports, Trustee Taylor stated that the DPW have been very busy with snowplowing/snow removal. A question was raised about purchasing a snow blower for sidewalks instead of using our current plow. This will be talked about at a later time. Taylor stated that the planning board is looking for new ideas for the Spring/Summer events. A question was raised about whether the Huff Brae needed to purchase permits for the Block Party. It was advised that yes, permits are required and can be purchased from the Village Office. The Planning Board was wondering if the Village Board would consider buying a banner for the Earlville days. Mayor Doeberl asked what kind of banner they had in mind; Taylor replied the kind that hangs up over a building or across the road. Doeberl suggested they need to call DOT for information on that kind of banner. Trustee Excell suggested perhaps they could use the Fire Department Billboard to advertise the event. There was also a question on whether local artists could do a fine art show on the village greens. There would be no judging and no cover charges, just let the artists set up and show their work. It was discussed on whether this would interfere with other displays and determined that there should be plenty of room for all. The Planning Board was curious on whether there was any money left over from last year to go toward this year? He was advised that all funds from last year had been exhausted.

The Time Warner Franchise contract is up for renewal. The contract was originally forwarded to Mike Caton from Computel Consultants who has written up a proposal of suggestions to

improve the contract to the Village's benefit. Trustee Hayes reported that he met with Computel regarding the Time Warner franchise contract and stated that there was no rush in completing the contract. Computel will be talking with other municipalities regarding their contracts with Time Warner and will let us know if others are interested in partnering with the Village of Earlville so as to have more negotiation leverage.

Trustee Excell had nothing to report from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Trustee Moore reported that the Sheriff's Department now has a car stationed in Earlville since there is an empty bay at the bus garage. It was noted that the officer has started her patrol. There was a discussion on news that the Madison County Sheriff's Department will be setting up a radar trailer after the weather breaks.

Resolution 30-60 "Increase Municipal Solutions, Inc. Contract by a Fee Not to Exceed \$15,000 plus Expenses" was approved on a motion by Excell, seconded by Hayes and carried 5-0. The increase is necessary as Municipal Solutions is preparing and submitting the annual financial reports required by the New York State Comptroller in order to borrow on a Bond Anticipation Note for the Village's Water System Improvement Project. The Fiscal Services - Amendment #2 outlines the items to be completed under this contract amendment and the potential maximum cost.

Jeff Beaver, the softball tournament organizer asked if they would be allowed to use the fields for the season. Doeberl explained to him that the Village is not allowed to reserve the field; that it must be on a first come first serve basis as the fields are public property. Beaver had questions on the operations of the Tournament, which in reply, Doeberl stated the Village would need a list with every thing that is needed for the field. It was recommended that local vendors be utilized. Doeberl reminded everyone that the Village is not allowed to profit from the Tournament, what money is made from the tournament, must go back into the tournament. Beaver asked about the sheriff patrolling the area when games are in session and was advised that we could request it. Everyone was again reminded that concessions need to obtain a permit from the Village Office and food vendors need a Madison county health certificate. May 16 is the projected start date. March 27 is the tentative final meeting for the softball planning team, they were asked to have their final plans to us by the Villages April 12th board meeting. With nothing more to discuss regarding the softball tournament, Jeff left the meeting at 8:43pm.

On a motion by Excell, seconded by Taylor it was approved 5-0 that Village Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Beach attend a training session in Marcy, NY scheduled for the dates April 13-15<sup>th</sup> which is being hosted by the Office of Comptroller for General Fund Accounting.

Mayor Doeberl advised that the AUD for 2009-2010 has been submitted to the New York State Comptrollers office by John Savash from Municipal Solutions, Inc.

Sheri Taylor commends the DPW on their efforts in snow/sidewalk cleanup, but stated that handicapped parking is a problem. Sheri is concerned that snow is not being moved to allow for the handicapped patrons of the Library and the Village Office proper and safe entrance. Also, from the Village Park to the red light, it is not being plowed. Shari questions who is responsible for snow cleanup- the library or the DPW? Mayor Doeberl replied that the DPW is responsible; however the library may need to clean sidewalks occasionally when the DPW are not present. Doeberl reminded everyone that the DPW has been cleaning sidewalks as a courtesy, however; residential and commercial owners are responsible for snow removal on the sidewalks, not the Village. It was suggested and discussed that perhaps the DPW needs to come out during the night, and that for the fire department especially, snow needs to be removed more frequently in case the Fire Trucks have a need to go out. It was mentioned that perhaps the DPW should have split shifts so that they are present after 2:30 pm. This will be discussed at a later date. Doeberl advised that the DPW will be working on moving the piles of snow from the road side on Wednesday & Thursday. The discussion turned back to Handicapped parking and Excell recommended another handicap spot be added, perhaps in the end spot where there is no curb. It

was advised that the village must go through the state to do this. Taylor stated he will talk to DPW and have them call the state to see what needs to be done to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> handicap parking space or if the existing one could be moved to a better location.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Excell motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 8:32pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes, and carried 5-0.

“I certify this document is a true and accurate description of the regular board meeting of the governing board of the Village of Earlville on March 8, 2011.”

Kelly Beach  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Earlville

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