

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall**

**Feb. 12, 2008
7:00 pm**

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Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, Gerald Hayes, William Excell and Kim Boomhower. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi and approximately 6 members of the public.

Trustee Hayes made a motion to accept the Jan. 8 regular monthly minutes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0. A motion was made by Trustee Doeberl to approve the Jan. 22 special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Excell, and it passed 4-0. Trustee Boomhower then made a motion to approve the Feb. 5 emergency meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to accept Abstract #534 (Vouchers #5217, 5344-5362) – withholding voucher 5351 for clarification from Justice Frank Faulkner – seconded by Trustee Hayes. The motion carried, 4-0.

Trustee Excell relayed that there was no Code Enforcement Officer report and he will remind the CEO that a monthly report needs to be in Excell’s mailbox prior to the monthly board meeting.

Excell presented Justice Faulkner’s January report, which included fines of \$310 and mandatory surcharges of \$270 for a total check to the state comptroller of \$580. This represented his presiding over 11 individuals with 14 statute violations.

Trustee Boomhower said there were no reports from his departments.

Trustee Doeberl said the Department of Public Works was performing routine duties. He said the DPW has requested board permission to purchase at least one case of new meters. Boomhower suggested purchasing more to save on the freight charge. Mayor Campbell said the village is losing revenue with broken meters, estimated readings and inaccessible indoor meters. Two dozen meters will cost approximately \$2,400.

Trustee Hayes noted that his water usage was estimated even though he has an outdoor meter. He asked how many other outdoor meters were estimated. It is unknown to the clerk how many or which meters are outside readers, but a total of 49 bills were estimated for the February water billing cycle. Trustee Excell asked if the DPW could update the manual that identifies the location of the meters.

On a motion by Trustee Boomhower to purchase two dozen meters, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the DPW has been approved to do so, 4-0.

There have been some complaints that the DPW has not been very active, Trustee Excell relayed, and he encouraged anyone with that mindset to visit the shop on Fayette Street to see the work they have accomplished there.

Trustee Hayes said the Fire Department has been searching for a truck to replace 152 and they have looked at two trucks in the \$206,000 to \$222,000 price range. They have been moving equipment into the back room and they have scheduled a Pancake Day for this Saturday.

He also said the Earlville Opera House has new art exhibits of photos and paintings. He attended Sherburne-Earlville’s fifth grade classes’ 12th annual D.A.R.E. Program graduation ceremony Jan. 14 and said there were 95 students graduating.

Trustee Hayes met with Clerk Vischi and Brian J. Skidmore of Barton & Loguidice, P.C. to discuss the estimated \$3M water project of which \$500,000 could come from a Rural Development grant.

The Water Committee is planning to have a meeting toward the end of the month.

Mayor Campbell has spoken with Kelly Pinney of Mang Insurance and Pinney will be meeting with the clerk soon to review the village's current plan and discuss alternative options. Pinney will be in attendance at the March 11 regular board meeting to present these choices. We are not necessarily looking to cut coverage, but look at savings through comparison shopping, Campbell said.

After reviewing the judge's budget, and having made interfund transfers to cover coverage, the clerk proposes putting the phone and fax on one line and terminating the Frontier Internet service. Another local ISP source can be reached from his office and these two changes will result in a cost savings of approximately \$125 per month. Trustee Boomhower made the motion to purchase a wireless router, cancel the DSL Static IP for the judge and terminate one phone line to his office, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Two residents, one on Abbott Avenue and one on West Main Street, continually place brush curbside. As the DPW only performs this task spring to fall, a letter will be drafted to both residencies letting them know of this policy.

Under new business, Trustee Boomhower made a motion, seconded by Trustee Excell to approve Resolution 27-56 "Citizen Participation Plan." The motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Hayes moved, seconded by Trustee Doeberl to approve Resolution 27-57 "Removal/Addition of members to Fire Department Roster." The motion carried 4-0, removing Preston Lessley and Brian Shaw from the Fire Department Roster and adding Susan Huff.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion, seconded by Trustee Doeberl to reimburse NYMIR \$747.41 for an overpayment made to the village; it carried 4-0.

The village received a letter from the Department of Labor notifying us of Kilts Enterprise Tree Experts' \$12,000 in arrears with the DOL. If Kilts Enterprise services are utilized by the village their wages and/or contract are to be garnished to the DOL.

Trustee Boomhower will be representing the Village Board at the library's Spelling Bee.

The next public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant will be at 7 p.m. March 13 at the Village Office. The next budget workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Village Office.

Mayor Campbell spoke with David Craine about the village possibly sponsoring a softball league. Craine said the current insurance was adequate but also recommended taking out a Sports Activity Policy for \$500 per year. She said the league could be beneficial for the village; if 15-20 teams participate it will generate commerce in the village. She said it would be a minimal cost to run the league as the bases have already been purchased, softballs are purchased by and umpires are paid by the teams. The registration fee in Norwich is \$250 per team and \$625 in Hamilton. Trustee Hayes asked who would administrate this league. Paul and Kim Panzo would work with Trustee Boomhower and Dana Campbell to set up and run the league. The DPW would maintain the fields other than mowing. Protective fencing and cementing the benches into the ground may be needed. Trustee Boomhower asked if there was a time constraint on this. Mayor Campbell said advertising needs to begin soon and an organizational meeting needs to be held. At this time six teams are willing to commit. Trustee Boomhower made the motion for the village to support a softball league with a \$150 team registration fee, seconded by Trustee Excell, and the motion passed 3-1 with Trustee Hayes voting nay.

The mayor accepted and signed the 2007 annual report prepared by Justice Faulkner.

Trustee Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Trustee Excell. The motion carried 4-0. The next meeting will be a budget workshop at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Village Office. The next regular board session will be at 7 p.m. March 11 at the Village Office.