

# VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Village Hall

May 13, 2008  
7:00 pm

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Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, William Excell, Gerald Hayes and Kim Boomhower. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi and several members of the public.

The minutes of the April 8 reorganizational meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion by Trustee Hayes and a second from Trustee Boomhower. Trustee Hayes then made a motion to accept the April 8 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, and it carried 4-0. The May 8 special board meeting minutes were approved 4-0 from a motion by Trustee Hayes and a second by Trustee Boomhower.

Abstract #540 (Vouchers #5393, 5420-5436, 5438, 5447) was accepted by a motion from Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, and it carried 4-0. Trustee Boomhower then made a motion to accept Abstract #541 (Vouchers #5396, 5437, 5439-5446, 5448-5450, 5452-5459), seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0.

Justice Faulkner's April court report included fines and civil fees of \$1,050 and mandatory surcharges of \$880 for a total check to the state comptroller of \$1,930. This represented his presiding over 19 individuals with 23 statute violations. Trustee Excell also gave the code enforcement officer report for April, noting two mobile home permits issued, a complaint on a septic system has been resolved and a court appearance ticket has been issued.

It was noted that several cats have been removed from a village residence and taken to the CCSPCA by the animal control officer.

Trustee Boomhower reported he had received one FOIL request. He also stated the skate park needs attention and he will discuss those needs with the DPW.

The annual water quality report was mailed out with an informational flier and Trustee Boomhower said he has received a lot of responses via e-mail.

Trustee Doeberl said the Planning Board has been busy working on revising local laws, which they will continue on at their next board meeting. With a couple of vacancies on the Planning Board, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to accept Bob Tracy into the ranks, seconded by Trustee Excell and it carried 4-0.

The DPW will begin hydrant flushing next month and Trustee Doeberl said a calendar of the next several months' flushings will be left with the fire department to coordinate schedules.

The in-ground heating oil tank for the municipal building had its quinquennial testing this morning, and though it passed inspection a replacement will need to be looked at in the near future.

Street repairs of Fayette, Clyde and others needing final work from last season should be completed in one to two weeks, depending on weather, Trustee Doeberl said.

Trustee Hayes reported the EOH has released its listing of programs and art shows for the year and presented to the board a flier on upcoming events. Hayes then introduced Dick Eades, president of the Quincy Square Museum Association, to give a brief overview of their 2008 season:

The museum will be open on Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m., commencing on May 17 – on Saturdays when the museum hosts a program the doors will open at 1:30 p.m., with the program to begin at 2 p.m. The first program of the season will be on May 31 when

**Emma May Hunter, historian for the Town of Lebanon, presents a program on “Cemeteries in Lebanon: Known and Unknown.” More information about the programs of 2008 and the museum can be found online at <http://quincy.earlville.net>. The board meets on the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m.**

**Trustee Hayes said there has been no recent news on a potential pumper purchase for the fire department. In other FD news, former chief Bob Tracy is still actively researching pumper options and a grant has been submitted to the DEC for funds for dry hydrants. The village has also applied to the governor’s office for possible grant funding of several FD needs.**

**Mayor Campbell said we need to have specs drawn up on 152 for an appraisal of sale. Fire Chief David Baird said he will call a meeting with the vehicle search committee and they will have photos and vehicle specs done by Thursday and Fire Trucks Plus of California can expect them by the end of the week.**

**Russ Lura of the Southern Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps, in place of SOMAC’s Chairman of the Board of Directors Mike Ogden, said his organization is facing fiscal difficulties and needs approximately \$38,000 to provide a part-time medic. The village’s portion would be \$3,200 and this will help during the summer, when the end of the Colgate’s academic year means leaving students – who are the bulk of SOMAC’s volunteers trained in advanced life saving techniques – create a large hole in SOMAC’s corps. The \$38,000 is for coverage from June 1-Dec. 31, 2008. SOMAC is looking to create an ambulance district (a special taxing district), but it would not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2010.**

**Trustee Doeberl asked and Lura said the village and town of Hamilton have agreed to the increase and he heard that Lebanon approved it. SOMAC will still bill insurance companies; the \$38,000 will strictly be used for advance life support service. Fire Chief Baird said SOMAC is fundamental to 80 percent of his department’s calls. On a motion by Trustee Boomhower, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, the board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution 27-95 to transfer \$3,200 from Snow Removal Personal Service to the Contingency Fund.**

**Mayor Campbell, Clerk Vischi and representatives of the Earlville Senior Citizen Center met to discuss alternative sites for their three-time-a-week lunch meetings. Shari Taylor suggested the possibility of using the library and other sites will be discussed at the June trustees meeting.**

**With street drainage issues on the Clyde and Chenango intersect, Parsons and Abbott, the DPW will be installing concrete dry wells to correct the problems. Trustee Doeberl said the estimate is \$2,500 for the dry wells with a project figure of approximately \$25,000. It would be eligible for CHIPS funding of which \$10,400 would be available. Resolution 27-96 was approved from a motion by Doeberl, second by Trustee Boomhower, to transfer \$25,000 from the Capital Fund to Street Maintenance Contractual for the correction of drainage issues; it passed 4-0.**

**Trustee Doeberl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hayes, to approve Resolution 27-97 for the transfer of \$3,500 from Police Contractual to Shade Trees for the removal of six trees and three additional stumps. It was approved 4-0 and the same individual from the fall 2007 will do the work.**

**Trustee Doeberl also made a motion to use up to \$5,000 from contingency funds to excavate and brick the small lawn in front of the library, seconded by Trustee Excell. The project was approved 4-0 and OM Jones of Earlville, being the low bidder, will get to do the work.**

**DPW will contact Sherburne about having the brush pushed back at the Village Dump.**

**As the Skate Park is in need of surface repair, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to approve Resolution 27-98 to transfer \$700 from Sidewalks Contractual to Parks Contractual for work to be done by the DPW; Trustee Boomhower seconded and it carried 4-0.**

After brief discussion, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to approve Resolution 27-99 to transfer \$1,000 from Police Personal Services to Parks Contractual for purchasing fencing for the ball fields at the former school, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The vote was 3-1, with Hayes voting nay.

Resolution 27-100 was approved on a motion by Trustee Doeberl, seconded by Trustee Excell, to transfer \$2,000 from Police Personal Services to Parks Contractual for the purchase of a commercial striper. It carried 4-0.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to approve Resolution 27-101, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, to transfer \$300 from Police Personal Services to Parks Contractual for the purchase of new rims and nets for the outdoor basketball courts at the former school. It carried 4-0.

Two picnic tables will be purchased from LT Tables for \$338 each on a motion by Trustee Excell, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, to approve Resolution 27-102 for the transfer of \$680 from Police Personal Services to Parks Contractual. It carried 4-0.

The final budget transfer came from a motion by Trustee Boomhower, seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0, to approve Resolution 27-103 to transfer \$5,000 from Police Personal Services to Buildings Contractual for painting supplies.

A part-time hire will assist DPW with maintenance of the village for six weeks at a rate of \$10 per hour on a motion by Trustee Doeberl, second by Trustee Excell and carried 4-0.

On a recommendation from Village Attorney William Getman, a lease agreement will be drawn up by the village clerk to use the parking area of the former school from May to October.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to accept the draft plans for new signs at the entranceways to the village, with the wording changed to Smalltown USA, seconded by Trustee Excell. It passed 3-1 with Trustee Hayes voting nay. The cost will be paid from unexpended grant money held by the PCD.

The Teddy Bear Tea hosted by the Earlville Free Library was wonderful, Mayor Campbell said.

The Memorial Day parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. from Quickway, traveling to the cemetery for a 10 a.m. ceremony on May 26. Board members are asked to participate in the parade and ceremony.

A farmer's market will return to Earlville on Friday nights beginning at 3 p.m. Admission will be free for sellers and purchasers.

Senator David Valesky will be in Earlville this summer on his tour of the region.

The village has fulfilled its obligation to the Emergency Services Revolving Loan Fund and 153 is fully paid for.

On a motion by Trustee Doeberl, seconded by Hayes and carried 4-0, Ike Thayer will be carrying over 20 hours of sick time and 40 hours of vacation to the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

A special board meeting will be held on May 27 at 7 p.m. to go over end of fiscal year numbers.

William Excell and Trustee Doeberl will be meeting next month to discuss police coverage.

Dean Mullenax aired concerns about services not justifying his taxes. Mayor Campbell said the goal of the board is to increase services while decreasing taxes, which occurred for 2008-2009.

Eades said he was pleased to see the PDFs online for past meeting minutes.

With no further business, Trustee Excell made a motion to adjourn at 9:51 p.m., seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and it carried 4-0. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. June 10.