

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall
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May 29, 2012
7:30

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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 April 11, 2012.

Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 5-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Corey, Hayes, Moore and Chapman. 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.

Mayor William Excell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore and Margaret Corey. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach. One resident arrived at 7:34. Trustee Chapman arrived at 7:39.

Abstract 671 as presented for Board approval included General Fund Voucher's #7020-7035 totaling the sum of \$9,696.01. On a motion by Trustee Corey, seconded by Trustee Hayes and approved 4-0, Abstract 671 was approved for payment. Abstract 672 as presented for Board approval, included Water Fund Vouchers W44-W47 totaling \$318.02 was approved on a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Moore, 4-0.

Meeting minutes for May 8, 2012 were approved on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Moore, 4-0. Meeting Minutes for the Special Meeting on May 8, 2012 were approved on a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, 4-0.

In the Trustee reports, Hayes reported that the Town of Hamilton is having a clean-up day on June 2nd at the Poolville Transfer station. Hayes is working with the town of Hamilton on shared services for heating fuel oil. There is a Madison county summer youth program being offered for summer jobs. Participants must be Madison County residents. Mayor Excell would like a trustee to attend the Town of Lebanon Board Meetings since they do pay a large percentage of the Fire Department budget. He also feels establishing a liaison with them will benefit the Village.

In Old Business, Mayor Excell is waiting for one more contractor bid on the Preston St project. Chapman asked about specs and whether it had been put out to bid. She was advised that specs were received a few months ago and the bid was put in the official paper.

Hayes mentioned the skate park and whether or not the pipes left sticking up have been removed; Excell advised that they have been removed and the area is now safe for the skaters.

The Justice Grant has \$516.90 left to spend. Ron would like to purchase an air conditioner for the courtroom. Excell will stop to Lowes and call Wal-Mart for prices. The courtroom also still needs electrical outlets and the phone line run to the new office. A contractor will be contacted.

Excell brought up the subject of changing 911 addresses. This is an ongoing issue that a resident has previously brought to the Board. Addresses on Abbott Ave. are out of order and this particular resident was given 10 1/2 by the Village, however 911 and the county have the address as 12. Excell spoke with Jones today, they seem to think that the Village can just re-number Abbott Ave, but Excell would like to do Abbott Ave. and Taylor Ave.; if they subdivided the large lot, it will make the address situation even worse. Hayes suggested Excell speak with Rochelle Harris, as she seems to think the village can do it themselves.

New speed limit signs need to be ordered as well as signs on Fayette needing to be changed from 15-25mph. Excell will speak to DPW about placing the order. Chapman asked about Main St., expressing concerns that there is a lot of speeding through the Main part of the Village. Excell stated that the Village cannot change the speed limits on the main roads, however he is hoping that the police cars parked out front of the Village Office will help with the speeding. Excell advised chapman to call the police dept. and complain. Chapman said she has called numerous times and her calls have been ignored. Excell stated that if she cannot get results within a reasonable time, to call him and he will call them himself.

The no-parking on East Main St. in front of the Opera House was brought up. There are 3 parking spots that are no parking do to the poor visibility while exiting the side street; Excell feels they should be parking permitted. On the days that the Opera House has activities going on, there are elderly people who have to park way down the street. Hayes pointed out that the museum has 1 activity a month; it is not a daily issue. Moore stated the other option is to turn the three parking spaces into handicapped parking as there are only 2 handicapped parking spots currently within the Village. Excell suggested checking with the Opera House to see if they feel a need for more handicapped parking for their business. Moore would like to put at least 1 handicapped parking spot in front of the block. Chapman asked if the Village had any land that the Village could convert to a parking lot. At this time, no. Moore made motion to remove the no-parking signs on the block in front of the Opera House, seconded by Hayes, 4-0. Excell asked Chapman to look into the house on the corner of Madison and East Main St that may be going up for auction, as that may be a good candidate for her suggestion.

It was discussed whether to change the Board Meeting in July and August to the 2nd Monday of the month, was determined that it should not interfere with Music in the Park and vice versa. The Board Meetings in July and August will stay the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Corey suggested that if Music in the Park is found to interfere with the July meeting, then the August meeting can be changed at that time.

In public comment, Sherri Taylor, present on behalf of the library, brought up the ramp and the refurbishing of it. Sherri asked about the responsibility of the work and cost; the library or the village. Excell questioned who maintained the library; the library pays for the maintenance of the Library building. Excell agrees that it is a shared responsibility as it is a shared entrance. The Library will contact a contractor to get the specs on what is needed for the repair. They will then let the village know what needs to be done and go from there. There was a brief discussion regarding the Codes Enforcer. Sherri reported that a bag of pot was found Sunday night on the front step of the Village Office.

Excell asked if the Village wanted to hire a part-time deputy thru Madison County for the block party. On a motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 4-0 the Village will contract with the Madison County Sheriff's office to hire a part-time deputy for 3 hours during the Block Party at the Huff Brau.

Sherri brought up the charges for water to the library. Previously it had been agreed to split the basic service between the Village Office, the Fire Department and the Library, plus charge the debt service charge to each entity. Sherri did not feel that charging the Debt Service Charge to each entity was fair or legal as there would be only one meter for all three. Sherri also questioned splitting the water usage charges evenly as the Fire Department would use considerably more water than the Village Office or the Library. It was agreed that if use the water use is over the minimum then the excess will be charged to the Fire Department. It was agreed that one debt service charge will be paid by village. There was a brief discussion regarding the part-time DPW position that will be filled through the summer. Chapman suggested a yearly evaluation of employees. Corey brought up VACRI- does the money that was withheld in the fall have to go to VACRI or can the DPW do the required work that still needs to be completed? VACRI sent down a team of workers that were hand seeding one lawn. It appears that VACRI did not feel that the required amount of work is as extensive as the Village does. Excell had contacted Brian from B&L who suggested that the Village go after the Bond Company. Matt Thomas from B&L called VACRI and advised such, he later received a phone call back from VACRI, who stated that a new company will be down and they have the ok by VACRI to do whatever needs to be done to make the village happy. Chapman brought up damage to the sidewalk caused by Burt Marshall's crew as they were installing the new driveway. Board members were going to go down after the meeting to see the damage.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 9:02pm, seconded by Trustee Chapman and carried 4-0.

"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 May 29, 2012."

Kelly Beach

Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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