

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

April 10, 2012
7:04 PM

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 March 13, 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 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.

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. Trustee Taylor was not present. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach, and 6 members of the public as well as the three new fire chiefs, Sherburne Town Councilman Ed Meyer and Judge Ronald Hailston.

Abstract 665 as presented for Board approval included General Fund Vouchers #7074-7097 totaling the sum of \$22,832.77. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey and approved 3-0, Abstract 665 was approved for payment. Abstract 666 as presented for Board approval, included Water Fund Vouchers W34-W38 totaling \$645.11 was approved on a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Hayes, 3-0. Abstract 667 as presented for Board approval, included Trust & Agency Vouchers TA4-TA5 totaling the sum of \$128.38 was approved on a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, 3-0.

At 7:07, on a motion by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Moore, 3-0 it was agreed to go into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Invited into executive session were: Fire Chief Tim Huff, 1st Asst. Chief John Fontaine, 2nd Asst. Chief Jeremy Shaw and Clerk-Treasurer Beach. There were no action items taken in executive session. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Hayes and carried 3-0 at 7:21 p.m., the Board re-entered public session.

Meeting minutes for March 13, 2012 were approved on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Corey, 3-0 with the correction in the meeting minutes of the Truck discussed was a brush truck, not a water truck.

In the Trustee reports, Hayes reported that the fire department has elected their new officers, as well accepting 4 resignations. Amber Excell, Robert Tracy, Vicky Tracy and Kerri Mikalunas will be removed from the Fire Dept. roster effective 4/5/2012. Hayes mentioned that people should be careful of picking up 2 liter soda bottles lying along the side of the road as they have been found to contain a vinegar and Pepsi mixture. Hayes reminded everyone of the Hydrant training every 4th Wednesday of every month and that the DPW have changed the road signs so they no longer state a specific time of the flush, just that there will be a hydrant flush "today". Excell stated he was concerned about riled water, however Moore thinks perhaps the frequent flushing will clear the water up. During Earlville Days, the Fire Department will host a Pork BBQ from 11a.m.-3p.m on Saturday. Hayes had nothing to report from the Museum. The Opera House is hosting an art show from 4/14-5/12th featuring TeensArt. Mayor Excell asked Hayes about the fire truck that is up for sale...Hayes stated that he has been in contact with the selling company and was told they have had some inquiries and are following up on them. The Fire Truck is being listed at \$15,000 or best offer.

Mayor Excell reported that the DPW are still installing water meters. DPW has picked up a lot of brush and it was noted that some residents are not putting leaves in bags. Trustee Hayes reported that a resident has complained about leaves not being picked up, but when Hayes checked in to it, he found that they are not bagged. Excell commented on the excellent working relation the Village has with the Town of Hamilton. The Mayor is looking into shared services with Sherburne regarding employee Health Ins. Trustee Corey will be going to the next Town of Sherburne Board Meeting. Excell reported that there was nothing new with the Codes Enforcer.

Trustee Corey reported that the Event Committee's next meeting will be April 11, 2012. A question was asked about the Garden Tractor pull. This event is scheduled for 1:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. at the old school. Electricity will be available at the old school for vendors that need it. So far, there are 3 food vendors lined up.

Trustee Moore reported that there were no foil requests. Judge Hailston spoke of the grant he received for the courtroom.

Trustee Taylor had nothing to report.

In Old Business, Trustee Hayes asked about the 911 addresses. Bill stated he has spoken with Chenango County, who stated they will do it, but the whole of Chenango county side will need to be redone, not just one road. They will be calling Bill to discuss this further. Also, the Judge applied for a grant, bid was accepted and work has been started. They are about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way finished at this time. Hayes asked Hailston about needing a new computer and was told no, he did not need a new computer, but if down the road he did that he could turn to the State for office equipment.

In new business, Judge Hailston swore in the William Excell as the new Mayor, Margaret Corey and Sara Chapman as new Trustee and Kelly Beach as Clerk-Treasurer. Mileage has been set up so that each vehicle has its own gas card and can only be used on that vehicle. The object of this is to be able to track use and mileage better, which was mentioned by the State Auditors at the time of the Audit. Excell introduced the conversation of the Skate Park. The boys have gotten it cleaned up again and Excell would like to take fence down as a big section is missing. At this point he feels that the Village either needs to put money and time into the fence or take it down and sell for scrap. A resident commented that the Village should cover or flip the ramps over at the end of the season. Also, there was a sign at the skate park that stated that helmets were needed; resident says the sign was torn down. A child fell and was injured recently- he was not wearing a helmet. Excell spoke with Linda Demuro who stated that if the village had a shed, someone could sit in the shed to monitor the park. The father of the child hurt over the weekend offered to donate his time to sit in a shed and monitor the Park. Excell has called Madison Co. Sheriff and has arranged that the kids will be told to leave after 10:00p.m. at night as the park is closed. If they do not leave, they will be arrested. Hayes stated that the fence was put up for a tennis court; what if the Village were to consider turning the area back into a tennis court later on? Excell stated he does not see a tennis court being put back into use as it would cost more money to refurbish than what the Village would be able to afford. Trustee Moore made a motion to remove the chain link fence surrounding the skate park and sell said fence for scrap. Hayes seconded, 3-1, with Chapman nay.

Six out of nine of the Court Room windows were included in the Judge's Grant for replacement at \$400.00 apiece. Excell would like to spend the additional \$1,200.00 to replace the remaining 3 windows in the court room as the contractor stated that he didn't know if they will be able to hold those prices for much longer. It was stated that it would be nice to do it all at once, because if the Village waits, how much more will it cost at a later date. Moore stated the price of \$400.00 was a very good price and the Village should invest the money now. Trustee Moore made a motion to spend \$1,200.00 for three more windows to be installed in the Court Room. Hayes seconded 4-0.

Excell feels the Village will need the extra help this summer with DPW working on the planned pavement project. Excell would like to hire 1 person, preferably a resident just out of high school, on a part time basis to help DPW with the mowing, brush-pickup, trimming and debris clean-up around the village as well as sanding, painting, general maintenance and preservation, and garbage removal. On a motion by Moore, seconded by Corey, 4-0 it was approved to hire a part-time summer worker to help DPW with mowing, brush-pickup, trimming and debris clean-up around the village as well as sanding, painting, general maintenance and preservation, and garbage removal. This position will last from June 25th thru August 31st as needed. The payrate for this position will be \$8.50 an hour.

Sherburne Town councilman Ed Meyers reports their next meeting is April 11th. Trustee Corey is planning to attend. The Town is working on legalities of whether the town can receive donations for the historic park. The Summer Recreation contracts have all been signed and returned. The Town has more work to do on their web site. The Village of Sherburne holds their Board meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month.

In public comment, resident suggests background checks be done on whoever is monitoring the skate park. Excell will check with Madison County to verify that checks are done prior. Another resident commented that kids are over there doing spin outs with their vehicles all hours of the night. Excell stated

to call 911 when this happens, or call him and he will go over. Bill would like to install cameras at the Skate Park, the Village Office and the Library so that this behavior could be monitored. However, the Village would like to look into getting grant money to pay for it. The same resident then commented on the driving on Fayette Street during the softball league period; people have driven erratically and over lawns in the past. He stated that if they don't want to obey the laws, they should not be allowed to have the games in Earlville. Another resident stated that the skate park should not be shut down as there is nothing in Earlville for the kids to do. Someone suggested forming a skate park committee. Excell scheduled a meeting for April 17 at 7:00p.m. at village office about the Skate Park. All skate Park users and parents are invited to attend.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Moore motioned to adjourn the Village of Earlville Board Meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Trustee Hayes 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 April 10, 2012."



Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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