

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

July 10, 2012
6:55 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 June 8, 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 6:55 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore, Sara Chapman and Margaret Corey. Also present were Village Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beach, Michael Shetler and 7 members of the public.

Michael Shetler applied for a Vendor permit to sell hot dogs during the Music in the Park and the Softball games during the week. Board members approved the Vendor permit effective tonight. Shetler left at 7:00pm.

Abstract 675 as presented for Board approval included General Fund Voucher's #7036-7049 totaling the sum of \$31,679.81 which included previously paid bills of \$7,482.45. On a motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Corey and approved 4-0, Abstract 675 was approved for payment. Abstract 676 as presented for Board approval, included Water Fund Vouchers #W42-W49 totaling \$1,755.40 was approved on a motion by Trustee Corey, seconded by Trustee Chapman, 4-0.

Meeting minutes for June 12, 2012 were approved on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Moore, 4-0.

In the Trustee reports, Chapman had a concern regarding skating in the pavilion and basketball court. There may be a need to limiting the area that skaters and bikers can ride. Chapman reports that people are doing drugs at the Skate Park and playground; the Village should consider getting volunteers to monitor the area. Mayor Excell stated that he believes the village can get a grant thru Homeland Security to obtain camera's to monitor the area as well. Excell cautioned Trustee Chapman about the parking lot not belonging to the village. Mayor Excell stated that he will start pushing for the Madison Co. program in which they send people down to monitor for the Village. Hayes suggested that people start calling the sheriff and notifying them when drug sales are in process or suspected.

Trustee Moore reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has issued 2 permits this month; one for a septic system and one for a new trailer. He has answered questions on a few projects and performed inspections on work in progress. In his report, Van Heusen asked the Board if they had any issues with him concerning the job that he has been doing for the Village as he noticed in the June Town of Lebanon Board Minutes that Trustee Chapman had attended the Towns' Board meeting and inquired if there were many complaints against Mr. Van Heusen, because the Village of Earlville has problems also. (Reports attached) Mayor Excell stated that the Codes Enforcement officer is not acting in a timely matter when residents try to contact him. That Van Heusen can take several days to return telephone calls or follow up on work needed. Mayor Excell also reminded Chapman that the Lebanon Board Meetings were recorded and that perhaps she should have recommend that the discussion go into executive session.

Trustee Corey reported on the event committee; they are working very hard on getting ready for Earlville Days. The Huff Brau is ready for the block party. Music in the park started tonight and goes thru August 21st. Corey reported that there was one more committee meeting before Earlville days and one afterwards to discuss the event. Trustee Moore stated he ran into Jeremy Stopford from the Baptist church and he asked permission of the board to block off West Main Street to Fayette Street for an outdoor concert on July 22nd from 4 to 8 pm. Excell stated that the Village made the Huff Brau go around and ask all the neighbors before approving the Block Party and it would only be fair to expect the same of everyone else who requests it. Hayes asked if they would have enough room on their property. It was unanimously

approved that if they asked the neighbors and they were okay with it, it was approved to close West Main Street to Fayette Street for an outdoor concert on July 22nd from 4 to 8 pm..

Trustee Hayes had nothing to report from Animal Control or the Seniors. There are 2 new Fire Dept. members; on a motion by Hayes, seconded by Chapman, 4-0, James Holmes and Bruce Jones have both been approved by Board members as new members of the Earlville Fire Department. Baird is leaving in July and has been changed from active duty to honorary member. Hayes stated that Fire Trucks Plus reported that they are still actively trying to sell the truck. Hamilton is looking into other options for as far as heating fuel contracts; Hayes asked if Earlville should tell them we are interested also? Excell stated yes, tell them the Village is interested in joining with them on a heating fuel contract, it could save both them and us on costs when signing a contract. Still need to find out what a state bid would be and then take bids from other vendors. The Town of Hamilton Board meeting was brief as most of the board members were not present.

Mayor Excell reported that he went to the Town of Lebanon board meeting last night. Excell brought up the subject of shared services for heating oil. He reported that they also discussed shared services for other services as well. The Town of Lebanon will allow the Village of Earlville to use a set of rollers for the tractor pull during Earlville Days. Excell stated he offered Lebanon the use of the Earlville Fire Department for the upcoming hydrofracking meeting as Lebanon is worried that they will not have a large enough space to hold the number of people that they expect to attend.

In Old Business, Hayes met with a contractor to view the upstairs courtroom and obtain specs for the planned sheriff's office. The contractor advised Hayes that the electrical work should be done by an electrician. Hayes has not received any specs from the contractor as of yet.

Excell reported that Yacono has been notified that he got the bid for the work on Preston Street. After Earlville days, the sidewalk work will begin. If we can borrow 2 men from Hamilton to help, that would be useful. The road project should start sometime in August, after the sidewalk project is finished.

Chapman suggested that the metal ramps be removed and stored for the winter. As a result of concern for the youth's loss of interest if they were removed, Excell suggested a list of materials be provided so he could then contact Curtis Lumber. Someone suggested the use of synthetic wood, but that is not safe. Moore suggested investing the money in pressure treated wood and the ramps would last much longer. The topic was tabled until next month.

A Resident brought up that if the village still had a police department, there would not be as much trouble in the Village as there is now. Excell explained that he is more than willing to do a public referendum regarding adding a police department to the Village of Earlville and let the residents decide whether they want to increase taxes to support the cost. Chapman and Corey suggested doing a public poll to see if there is any interest in having a police department again.

There have been a few issues with kids skateboarding on Village streets & sidewalks. Mayor Excell would like to pass a local law prohibiting the use of skateboards on Village streets and sidewalks. Mr. Piliero pointed out that type of law would be very general and would include all activity. The hours of operation for the Skate Park, pavilion and playground were discussed. It is currently posted at the parks that the hours are from 8:30 am to 8:30pm in the spring and summer months. It was suggested that the hours be changed to 9:00am to sunset from April 1st to November 1st for the Skate Park, pavilion, and playground and tennis court.

It was reported that someone had used the pavilion over the weekend and left it a mess. Excell thought there was a sign-up sheet; however the Clerk-Treasurer is not aware of one. Excell would like a sign-up sheet created and a deposit required to use the pavilion. Excell asked Chapman to contact the Village of Sherburne to see how they handle their pavilion and park use.

Excell would like to adopt a Pet Clean-up Local Law that states "Dog Local Law Section 4 Restrictions- H. Prohibited Acts"; "It shall be unlawful for any dog owner or person having possession, custody or control of any dog to allow such dog to defecate on public or private property unless each dog owner or person having possession, custody or control of such dog immediately removes any feces left by his dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, grassy area between the street and the sidewalk, park, schoolyard or other public or private property and to dispose of same in a safe and sanitary manner". ...on a motion by Corey, seconded by Moore, 5-0 it was approved to pass the local law. (It has since been found out that in order to pass a local law of any kind; it must go in front of public hearing.)

Trustee Corey brought up the subject of water quality. Corey gets water from NBT every night to water the flowers in the Village and the water is always dirty. Corey also owns property on E. Main St. In which the water is totally unacceptable, the showers are stained orange from the water. People are complaining that it is worse than it was prior to the water project. What is being done to correct the problem? Mayor Excell stated that they were told when the project started that people may need to replace the pipes from the main to their homes. Moore stated that he had copper lines running for his and he still has brown water on occasion. A resident stated she had a water problem as well; it is brown and it smells: 2 weeks ago a hydrant flush was done and then it was brown and smelled bad- it has not gone away. It was asked what could be done to let the public know about the hydrant flushes? A resident asked why the time of flushes was changed from 10pm to earlier. The time of the flushes was originally changed to coincide with the Fire Dept. hose testing. Excell stated that on the 4th Wednesday of the month there will be a hydrant flush at 10pm.

Excell reported that Caitlynn Adams was hired as a summer part-time office helper.

In new business Trustee Chapman would like recycling cans to be set out around the village. Excell will have Ike get a couple of cans to set out.

The gazebo in the park has been having some issues with kids messing around. Spindles have been broke and were missing; they have been replaced by DPW. Moore stated that there was a need to be more watchful of kids messing around and parents should be held responsible for their children's actions.

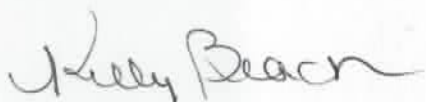
Resolution 31-32 "Authorizing Items needed for the Closing of the Water Project". After much discussion, on a Motion by Moore, seconded by Hayes, 5-0 was approved. Trustee Chapman had a question regarding the cost of meters; Moore stated that only non-working meters should be replaced right now. Excell suggested that we should be able to buy 5-10 meters a month.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the 2011-2012 CDLM, LLP Independent Audit was complete and copied of the audit were handed out to the Board members.

In Public comment a resident asked about basketball nets at the basketball court. Moore stated he felt nylon nets are better the metal mesh since people would be less likely to try to hang from them. Someone also commented on the possibility of the theft of nets. Excell received a check from the sale fence that will go towards the funds for the Skate Park.

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



Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Earlville

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