

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Regular Monthly Meeting
Village Hall

Sept. 12, 2007
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 Amy Clark, Kim Boomhower, Mark Doeberl and Gerald Hayes. Also present were Village Clerk Christian Vischi, CEO Matt Van Heusen and approximately seven members of the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Clark to accept the Aug. 14 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Doeberl, and the motion carried 4-0. Trustee Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes from the Aug. 28 special meeting with the change of Doeberl giving the second to the motion to adjourn. Clark gave a second to Hayes' motion and the measure carried 4-0.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to accept Abstract #528 (Vouchers #5182 - #5203), seconded by Trustee Clark. With no discussion the motion carried, 4-0.

Village Justice Frank Faulkner's report was presented by Trustee Boomhower, which was summarized by five actions, \$150 in fines and \$55 in surcharges, for a total payment to the state comptroller of \$205.

As CEO Van Heusen was present he gave a report of the previous 30 days for code enforcement. He said he had issued three permits and updated the building permit fees to include the application fee rather than have it as a separately added item. He also has four permits awaiting final approval.

Trustee Clark reported no FOIL requests this month. On the skate park front, she said Camp Pharsalia inmates would be replacing the wood at the skate park and adding the ramp armor within the next several weeks, supervised by a local contractor.

The Fire Department Banquet will be held Oct. 27 and is open to all fire department and village board members. The FD pumpers were also in Norwich this evening for their annual pump test. Upcoming on the FD agenda is Disaster Incident Command Training being offered in November. Van Heusen added that it is imperative that the board members who have not attended do so as the training can affect potential grant money for the village.

Trustee Clark also reported that Fire Prevention Week will be Oct. 7-13 and the Earlville Fire Department will host an open house, having smoke detectors available for families that need them.

The board approved tabling two membership roster changes for the fire department until next month: the addition/return of Travis Whitmore, and the addition of associate members Toni Campbell and Vicki Tracy.

Trustee Clark asked the village clerk to obtain information on referendum guidelines.

The Fire Department thanked the village board regarding the village budget and also announced proceeds of \$485 from the inaugural Earlville Softball Tournament. Trustee Clark updated the board on the volume and the specific tones generated by the newly installed siren.

Mayor Campbell and Trustee Clark will meet with the fire department about the potential future purchase of a new vehicle.

Trustee Doeberl said there is no update on Street Scape and reported the Department of Public Works is performing routine end of summer duties. The roads have been oiled and stoned, the leaf vacuum has been tuned up and is ready to go. He also said the DPW is requesting a decision on repairing the plow truck and purchasing a straight blade for snow for the small tractor.

Though several residents have requested arbor remediation, Mayor Campbell said only \$4,000 has been budgeted for tree removal. She requested the DPW provide a prioritized list of applicable parcels (those that have a sick/damaged tree between the sidewalk and curb).

Trustee Hayes said the programs at the museum were well attended last month. He said \$1,500 had been approved by the village for expenses related to the softball tournament and the actual cost was approximately \$1,350. Since the village purchased them, the bases, benches and extra softballs will be stored by the village at the Fire Department-owned garage at the former Fayette Street school. Mayor Campbell applauded Trustee Hayes and said he did a great job managing the project, as local businesses benefited and it was a success. Trustee Hayes recommended starting the planning process much earlier than the first week of August next year.

Mark Taub gave a presentation on the Street Scape project. After lengthy discussion, Trustee Hayes said he was inclined to stop sinking money into the project that has not, and possibly could not, return any results. He made the motion to remove the Village of Earlville from participating in the Main Street Grant for the Street Scape project, seconded by Trustee Clark. The motion carried 4-0. Grant monies may still be available for benches and trash cans and Taub will look into it.

Mang Insurance Agency Vice President L. David Craine gave the board a policy renewal update on the village's NYMIR insurance. The NYMIR rate stayed stable, within approximately \$200 of last year, Craine reported. That rate plan also included an increase of between 4 and 5 percent for property values, and maintains the village's \$1 million liability limit. Craine requested that the fire chief review the fire department's schedule of vehicles.

Speed signage around the village will be discussed at the October meeting.

The next Water Committee meeting will be in October, with a date to be announced.

Mayor Campbell said she will ask the Partnership for Community Development for a breakdown of expenses incurred for construction management.

Mayor Campbell announced the following upcoming events:

- NYCOM will host a DPW Training School Oct. 22-25
- There will be a Shared Municipal Services Workshop meeting held Oct. 18 in Binghamton
- The Central New York Regional Planning Development Board training session will be held Sept. 25 in Syracuse. Earlville's Planning Board members will be informed of this session.
- The Chenango County SPCA will host their 100th anniversary and open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in Norwich.

With one payment left on the fire truck – due April 2008, Trustee Clark made a motion to move the \$11,839 in a non-interest bearing savings account to a certificate of deposit, seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried 4-0.

Upon the recommendation of the village clerk, Trustee Boomhower made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the village savings account into a one-month CD, and \$30,000 from the village savings account into two-month CD. Trustee Clark seconded the motion and it carried, 4-0.

As the board members had just received the community survey results from Paladin Strategic Communications – compiled by consultant Christian Peck, they will discuss the results at the October board meeting.

Christmas Wreaths were discussed, but no motion was made.

A member of the public asked why the front of the Little M building was not rehabilitated like the rest of the block. Mayor Campbell said the owner was approached about the Main Street Grant program and did not want to participate.

After brief discussion about the downtown flower barrels, Trustee Boomhower made a motion to approve the DPW purchasing and planting chrysanthemums at a cost not to exceed \$16 per barrel, seconded by Trustee Clark. It was approved 4-0.

A member of the public asked about police coverage and Mayor Campbell said the village is waiting for the agreement to come back from the county. She said the insurance is prepared and the village attorney has signed off, the village is simply waiting for Madison County's approval. The trustees will discuss at the October meeting how they want to proceed.

With no public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Boomhower, and a vote of 4-0.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Village Hall.