

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF  
WELLSVILLE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES ROOM OF THE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 156 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK

PRESENT: Mayor: Judith Lynch  
Trustees: Frank Knight, Pete Cook, Tom Hayden, Jamie Herman  
DPW Dir: Bill Whitfield  
Treasurer: Earl Johnson  
Attorney: Dan Synakowski  
Police Chief: Timothy O'Grady

VISITORS: Donald LaForge, Town Council Member, Brian Quinn, Wellsville Daily Reporter,  
Timothy Joyce

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag led by Mayor Judith Lynch.

Bill Whitfield introduced Tim Joyce to the Trustees as the Village's Electric Distribution Technician.

Mayor Lynch announced the first order of business would be the approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting held on September 22, 2014. On hearing no corrections to the minutes, Trustee Herman made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Cook seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Lynch opened the floor to the visitors. Mr. Tink LaForge thanked the Chief of Police, Tim O'Grady, for whatever efforts the police officers are doing in the park, it has lessened the complaint calls that the Town has been receiving.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Lynch announced Halloween will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
2. Announced receipt of a letter from the Salvation Army requesting street closure on October 31<sup>st</sup> on East Pearl Street from North Main to Loder Streets for their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Block Party from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mayor Lynch was concerned about the street closure during the period of time requested and asked Chief O'Grady to speak to the party involved. Trustee Herman made a motion to approve the request contingent upon the Chief working out the hours. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Mayor Lynch requested approval of a resolution eliminated communication shifts in the WPD Dispatch Center except shift one.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, after due deliberation, notes that Communication Technician shifts in the WPD Dispatch Center, other than the Shift One, represents an opportunity for consolidation of services as the county dispatch center duplicates that service, has decided to eliminate any additional shifts; and

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that hereafter all other Communication Shifts in the WPD Dispatch Center, other than the Shift One, are eliminated.

This resolution shall take effect October 13, 2014.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville by roll call 4 Aye and 0 Nay on September 8, 2014 after discussion at the regular meeting.

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Kathy Kinder  
Village Clerk  
Village of Wellsville

4. The Mayor requested executive session for personnel and contractual matters.

### TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

#### HERMAN:

1. Trustee Herman voiced a concern about the B-1 district having no restrictions in the law about first floor apartments. Trustee Herman feels the Planning Board should look into this. Jo Fenske, Planning Board and Code Enforcement, to get with Dan Synakowski regarding the law.
2. Trustee Herman stated the need to increase revenue. Trustee Herman will reach out to the Town of Wellsville, the County and the School to put together a tax abatement council for discussion.
3. Trustee Herman announced the Fire Department had asked the county for permission to use the county's radio frequency.
4. Trustee Herman stated the Fire Department has requested to get onto the Village's internet connection. Bill Whitfield stated he would look into this matter.
5. Trustee Herman also stated, by Labor Law, the fire department is required to have emergency escape systems. The emergency escape system would consist of a rope ladder in a back pack. Only the fire fighters that are certified to enter a burning building will be equipped with the escape system. The cost for prox 23 packs will cost about \$23,000.00.

Trustee Herman will speak to the Fire Chief for more information and then speak to the Town of Wellsville to come up with a plan.

6. Requested executive session for contractual and legal matters.

HAYDEN:

1. Trustee Hayden made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Trustee Herman seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Hayden made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2014. Trustee Herman seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Hayden made a motion to accept and approve the Financial Statement for August 2014. Trustee Herman seconded the motion. Carried.
4. Trustee Hayden requested the discussion and approval of the Bond Resolution allowing borrowing through BANS and an eventual Bond for the Electric Fund Capital Project. (see SEQRA note) (see attached Resolution) 4 Ayes 0 Nays
5. Trustee Hayden suggested the removal of the parking meters behind the library. Trustee Herman suggested the Village should bag the meters. After discussions, Trustee Hayden will talk again with the Library and make parking tags to be used.
6. Trustee Hayden requested approval of a resolution creating a full-time Code Enforcement position (currently Deputy Clerk position will be filled on a PT basis so the change is revenue neutral) The Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville adopted the resolution by roll call 4 Ayes 0 Nays on October 13, 2014 after discussion at the regular meeting.

KNIGHT:

1. None to report.

COOK:

1. Announced leaf pick up schedule will begin during October working in isolated areas as needed with full-time collection starting toward the end of the month as more leaves fall.
2. Trustee Cook mentioned the pot holes located on Scott Avenue. Mr. Whitfield stated the street crew is working that area and the holes will be filled.
3. Trustee Cook mentioned three trees behind the "old Super Duper" building that were rubbing against the roof and the side of the building. Mr. Whitfield stated it is actually the R/R's right away. Mr. Whitfield stated he would have his crew take care of the limbs.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady explained the 2006 SUV vehicle is out of commission. The Chief suggested he would like the lease to buy option for replacing the needed vehicle. The Chief stated it would be a way to go and allow the rotation of vehicles. The state bid came in at \$23,000.00. Trustee Herman made a motion to authorize the Chief to purchase a vehicle thru the lease program and not to exceed \$30,000.00 completed out fitted. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion. Carried.

2. Chief O'Grady announced the excellence of his police officers handling an assault case.
3. Chief O'Grady was asked by Mayor Lynch to look into a spot(s) for handicap parking. It was suggested to place a handicap spot in front of Hart's Jewelry store.

DPW:

1. Requested executive session for personnel and legal matters.

VILLAGE ATTY:

1. None to report.

On a motion made by Trustee Cook and seconded by Trustee Herman the Board moved out of regular session at 8:00 pm and into executive session. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Herman and seconded by Trustee Hayden the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:54 pm. Carried.

Trustee Herman made a motion to appoint Jo Fenske as the full-time Code Enforcement Officer effective November 3, 2014 at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion. Carried.

Trustee Herman made a motion to promote Val Sprague to the open Billing Officer Supervisor position at a rate of \$17.00 per hour conditional upon satisfactory scoring on the Civil Service Test scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> after grant her a leave of absence from her current Account Clerk Typist position. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion. Carried.

Trustee Herman made a motion to promote Glen Lowery to the Account Clerk Typist position contingent permanent at the grade 5 rate per Union Contract. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion. Carried.

The Village of Wellsville Board of Trustees approved a Resolution designating the Gabby Hayes Lane area as a Site Appropriate for Urban Renewal. Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014 by roll call 4 Aye 0 Nay

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm on a motion made by Trustee Herman and seconded by Trustee Hayden. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kinder  
Village Clerk

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