

**Village of Ilion Regular
Meeting
March 26, 2014**

Mayor Beth Neale called the March 26, 2014 regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Village of Ilion Municipal Building Board Room.

Present: Mayor Beth Neale, Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins, Trustee Joanne Moore, Trustee Charles Lester, Trustee Ted Gage.

Also Present: Village Clerk Linda Coffin, Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer MariJo Thompson, DPW Supervisor Jack Sterling, Water Distribution Supervisor Ken Scott, Village Attorney's Office Daniel Burgess.

Public: 18

Pledge: Said by all.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Neale addressed all present in regards to expected behavior during the Village Board meeting indicating that grandstanding would not be allowed. There has been a great deal of rhetoric outside and inside the board room. She encouraged residents and taxpayers to come in and discuss matters/issues/concerns/comments with her directly during the work day and after hours if necessary. Courtesies extended will be extended back to those who give it.

Appointments & Resignations:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to support the recommendation made to appoint Linda Whitmore to the Library Board for the unexpired term ending May 1, 2018. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Department Reports

DPW:

Report: DPW monthly report was filed as submitted.

4-10 Hour Days: MOTION made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to authorize the DPW Department to operate throughout the summer on 4- 10 hour days. *Discussion: DPW Supervisor Sterling provided the Village Board members with an explanation of the benefits of operating the 4-10 hours days throughout the summer. He also told the board that there are only a few times that any of the staff has had to be called in for overtime during the summer. The exceptions have usually been for bad weather.* The motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0	Nay	Absent 0 Abstain

Recycling Pavement Machine: DPW Supervisor Sterling spoke with the Village Board concerning a hot box machine that can be used to reclaim some millings that can be used for pot holes and patching of pavement. When the millings are heated they turn back to blacktop that can be put down on the streets. The machine would cost about \$18,000. He added that he has about \$22,000 in the vehicle replacement fund. The machine is available on state bid according to Supervisor Sterling. The board by general consensus agreed to consider the machine in the future.

Crosswalk- West Street- Catholic Charities: Mayor Neale indicated that the Catholic Charities had sent a letter to the Village indicating a pledge of \$500 towards the project of a crosswalk from their facility to the opposite side of the street. Mayor Neale inquired of DPW Supervisor Sterling what the actual cost of the crosswalk would be minus any of the DPW crew time, since they are already on the payroll when they would be working on the project. With there just being a need to provide for the material to complete the project and to acknowledge the great work that the organization does for the community a MOTION was made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Trustee Moore to acknowledge the contribution from Catholic Charities with thanks, but that the Village would be returning any payment received. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0	Nay	Absent 0 Abstain

John Roden-Tracy Equipment – Brine Making Machine Presentation: Information was distributed to the Village Board members regarding a brine making machine. He explained the processes, the value and comparison of salt use and the brine usage. He did add that every town-village-municipality deals with snow removal and safety concerns with road conditions in a wide variety processes. Mr. Roden was thanked for attending and providing information about the equipment.

Bandshell: Background on the Village’s bandshell was provided including how the bandshell was refurbished a few years back and as a result the Village Board voted at that time to allow the members of the Herkimer County Conference of Mayors’ to use the bandshell with a shared service agreement for usage but no payment. This should have been for one year. Last year information was distributed to the members to indicate that charges would be assigned this year for use. There was some discussion regarding the need to re-evaluate the charges for use of the Bandshell for all use. ACTION: DPW Supervisor Sterling was asked to prepare for the board the exact cost for transporting the bandshell to areas. The board will review and make a decision in an upcoming meeting as to what the charges should be.

Presentation Park and Recreation Commission: Mayor Neale presented to the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission the plaque and the certificates as present recently by HealthNet for the Village for a grant to complete a Russell Park Project which included replacement of playground equipment.

Water Treatment-Distribution- Operations:

Reports: Reports as submitted were filed.

Pictures from the work being completed at the well site on Clark Street were distributed and explained by Water Supervisor Bruce Morgan.

Village Treasurer:

Tentative Budget Change: MOTION made by Mayor Neale and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to change the funds on the tentative budget showing the amount from unrestricted fund balance from \$100,000 to \$200,000. *Discussion: This would be perfectly legal to do and would be using money that has been collected from taxpayers or has been money which has been returned to the village for funds expended. It represents the difference between revenue and expenditures. This will allow the tax rate to decrease to under 2% and keeps the Village under the tax cap levy.* Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye	X	Nay	Absent	Abstain	
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
VOTE TOTAL:	4	Aye	1	Nay	Absent	0	Abstain

Month End Budget Report: Was filed as submitted.

Abstracts: MOTION made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Trustee Gage to approve the payment of the abstracts as presented and reviewed.

Village AA: \$197,619.54; Electric EE: \$434,231.14; Water FX: \$46,565.13; HH02:\$18,580.00; Library LL: \$1,404.64; Small Cities \$456.75. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye	X	Nay	Absent	Abstain	
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain		
VOTE TOTAL:	4	Aye	1	Nay	Absent	0	Abstain

McDonald Engineering- Form E: MOTION made by Deputy Mayor Gookins and seconded by Trustee Lester to approve the payment of the invoice from McDonald Engineering in the amount of \$14,520.00 for work completed on the well project. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Village Clerk:

Minutes: March 12, 2014. MOTION made by Trustee Gage and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to accept the minutes of March 12, 2014 as submitted. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Humane Society Contract for Dogs: MOTION made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Trustee Gage to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement from the Herkimer County Humane Society for dogs. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Peddlers' Local Law Change: Attorney Burgess mentioned that there is a need to make a change on one of the pages of the Local Law being proposed, a typo occurred. The cost for the bonds, amounts to be charged will be provided where needed for presentation to the VB at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resident requested if the Village could take a look at the problems associated with flooding of sidewalks in the area of Second Street and South Fifth Ave. It was indicated that since the Village raised the road in that area, there has been much runoff onto sidewalks and lawns. ACTION: will ask DPW supervisor Sterling to look at the situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Mayor Neale and seconded by Trustee Moore to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding potential property sale and employees evaluations. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Water Treatment Supervisor Bruce Morgan and Water Distribution Supervisor Ken Scott were asked to attend.

MOTION made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Trustee Moore to exit the executive session. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Additional Business:

Dave Whalen Field Maintenance Worker: MOTION made by Trustee Gage and seconded by Trustee Moore to hire John Franco as the Dave Whalen Community Field Maintenance person at the same pay as the previous year and for the same period of time. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Litigation Amrex Chemical: MOTION made by Mayor Neale and seconded by Trustee Lester to follow the advice of Attorney Burgess in regards to the Village taking no further action in this matter at this time. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Water Maintenance Worker: MOTION made by Trustee Gage and seconded by Trustee Lester to accept the recommendation of Water Distribution Supervisor Ken Scott to hire Eric Graveling as a water maintenance worker starting at the \$15.03 as provided in the water department contract, to start as immediately as possible. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0 Nay	Absent	0 Abstain

Woods Tire: MOTION made by Mayor Neale and seconded by Trustee Lester to accept the purchase price of \$38,000 for Woods Tire with the stipulation that this business meets any criteria or non-use as set by the Department of Environmental Conservation. *Discussion: The DEC has released the property for sale.* Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0	Nay	Absent 0 Abstain

There being no further actions to be taken, A MOTION was made by Trustee Gage and seconded by Trustee Lester to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Aye	0	Nay	Absent 0 Abstain

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Coffin, Village Clerk