

**Village of Ilion
Village Regular Meeting
February 11, 2015-Amended**

Mayor Leonard called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Ilion Municipal Building Board Room.

Present: Mayor Terry Leonard, Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore, Trustee Fred Hartmann, Trustee Bridget McKinley, Trustee Kalman Socolof

Also Present: Police Chief Timothy Parisi, Fire Chief James Trevett, Village Attorney Mark Rose, Animal Control Officer Melissa Bennett, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy, Library Director Thomasine Jennings

Public: 7

Pledge: Pledge was said by all present

Department Reports

Library:

- Report filed as submitted
- Students will have February Break from school February 16-20 and the library will provide programs throughout the week.
- The Sweetheart bake sale starts Thursday, February 12th.

Fire and Codes:

- Report filed as submitted
- Discussion took place regarding overtime and manpower needed on ambulance calls. Chief Trevett was asked to provide reports on the breakdown of ambulance calls and personnel needed throughout the month.
- The Codes report was filed as submitted.
- Discussion took place regarding numerous Codes calls to one address and clarification was made by Chief Trevett.
- The Fire Workers' contract expires in June of 2015. Union negotiations will be scheduled.
- A question was raised regarding whether a volunteer firefighter has to live in the village of Ilion. Chief Trevett clarified the stipulations.
- The Mercedes ambulance is back in Syracuse for service. Discussion was held regarding the village's options on this vehicle and the purchase of a new ambulance. Deputy mayor Moore indicated her disappointment in the vendor's obligations related to this ambulance.

- A motion to allow Mayor Leonard and Chief Trevett to negotiate (up to \$60,000) a deal for a new lease on a new 2015 box ambulance was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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| Mayor Terry Leonard | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Vote Total: | | 5 Aye | 0 Nay | 0 Absent | 0 Abstain |

Police:

- Report filed as submitted
- Discussion was held regarding overtime. Chief Parisi clarified how some overtime is reimbursed through other programs such as youth activity, STOP DWI and others. Added events must be planned into each year's budget.
- The dispatcher contract expired in December of 2013. Negotiations will be scheduled soon.
- The painting in the building has been completed by the DPW staff. Flooring estimates are now needed. Rubber flooring is being considered to prevent cracking.

Court:

- Report filed as submitted

Animal Control Officer:

- Report filed as submitted
- Ms. Bennett has been in touch with local veterinarian offices for off-hours calls. The Board consensus is for ACO Officer Bennett to use her judgment to decide if the animal goes to a vet on off-hours and to have the village billed for services.
- A short discussion was held regarding how vets handle the call and the extent they will go for an injured or sick animal.

Village Clerk:

- A motion to accept the January 8, 2015 Public Information Meeting regarding the Buy-out Program minutes was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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- A motion to accept the January 28, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee Hartmann.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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| Mayor Terry Leonard | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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| Trustee Fred Hartmann | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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Vote Total: 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Old Business:

- Wetlands: Dave Paddock, Village Attorney Rose and Mayor Leonard held a meeting and decided that Attorney Rose should step in and help move the project forward.
- State IT Audit: 10 new computers have been ordered for the municipal offices. No formal IT audit report has been submitted yet. Discussion was held regarding internet issues internally and accessing emails from the village. IT Consultant John Cook will be called regarding the issues.
- Lester Avenue: The estimate that Mayor Leonard has received for the demolition of the 4 houses is \$84,350, so that action will not take place at this time. Attorney Rose contacted the county and was told that because of foreclosure procedures, no action could take place until 2017 if the landowners transfer the deed. Two of the four properties need abatement and two are clear. Waste Management will work with the Village. Attorney Rose will send letters to the property owners about blighted properties.
- Discussion about the Land Bank took place. MVEDD needs the approval of the Herkimer County Legislature to proceed. The Land Bank would cover an 11 county region.
- Duofold: Attorney Rose will make contact with the property owner. DEC has cited them for buried oil tanks. No updates for the property have taken place. Warren Cross has been hired as a caretaker and there have been fewer problems with illegal entry.
- Flags and Banners: Electric Department Supervisor Greg Day has suggested the purchase of 30 banners at \$69 each with 30 sets of hardware at \$75 each for a total of \$4,320. The banners will be placed on alternate poles with existing banners in the downtown area. A motion to allow Supervisor Day to purchase the banners and hardware at a cost of no more than \$5,500 payable through the Electric Fund was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley.
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- Village board Newsletter: The newsletter is ready for distribution and will be placed in a future billing cycle.
- Budget Workshops: Two dates have been decided: February 14, 2015 and February 21, 2015 at 1:30 in the Village offices. A third meeting date is to be determined.
- Smart Meters: The contract with Tantalus has been signed and work will begin in June, 2015 and be completed in the Fall of 2015.
- CDBG Update: The Neighborhood East sewer replacement project was discussed by Mayor Leonard. Discussion with Engineers Barton and Loguidice was held regarding whether the County or the Village had ownership of some of the sewer lines. It was discovered that the village owned them and work is proceeding.
- Buyout update: There were over 100 properties on the original list. The updated list targeted over 50 properties for the application, with 1 late entry being considered. The Village Board will consider all late entries on a case by case basis after the deadline. There was a brief discussion regarding contacting Senator Seward's office related to the buyout program.
- Electric substation transformer work will start on 02.12.2015.

New Business:

- Dolgeville Violet Festival Bandshell use request: Mayor Leonard will meet with Supervisor Sterling to check the contract on use requests. This action was tabled for a future Village Board meeting.
- Healthnet Invitation: Representatives from Ilion were invited to the 25th annual Recognition luncheon for Healthnet. Mayor Leonard, Deputy Mayor Moore, Trustee Hartmann, Village Treasurer Gagliardi and Supervisor Sterling will attend Friday March 6 at noon at Francesca's.
- Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful: The Village of Ilion will be honored at this luncheon. The date is March 25th at 11:30 at Francesca's. Mayor Leonard and Trustee Hartmann will attend. Discussion was also held concerning grants that Mohawk Valley Economic Development can offer.
- Tax Freeze: Mayor Leonard, Treasurer Gagliardi and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer attended a webinar on the tax freeze. Discussion was held on the criteria for homeowners to be eligible for the tax freeze reimbursement.
- Scout Invitation: Mayor Leonard and the Village Board received invitations to attend an Eagle Scout event and Mayor Leonard is looking into updating the Honor Wall of Eagle Scouts located in the Village offices.
- Safety Committee: Mayor Leonard was contacted by with the Worker's Compensation Board to develop a Village safety committee to lessen the claims. It is suggested that Mayor Leonard, Department Heads and other interested persons make up the committee.
- The Mohawk River Coalition is sponsoring an "Emergency Intervention Training" seminar. Supervisor Sterling will be notified about this training.
- There is an ice build-up above and below the dam and the situation is being closely monitored daily. A channel has been opened for ice flow below this site and more will be broken up.

- Clean Sweep: A clean Sweep event will take place on April 17-19 involving community groups cleaning up near the Canal area. More information will be published on the Village website and in the Herkimer Telegram.
- NYCOM seminar: Deputy Mayor Moore and Trustee McKinley attended the NYCOM meetings in Albany. Some of the topics discussed were: shared services, unfunded mandates and cities are allotted more money than villages. There will be another seminar in the Spring.
- A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and property issues was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann at 7:58 p.m.

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Adjournment: 7:58 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk