

Village of Iliion
Village Regular Meeting
March 11, 2015

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

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

Also Present: Fire Chief James Trevett, Police Chief Timothy Parisi, ACO Melissa Bennett, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 6

Pledge: Pledge was said by all present

Request for Appearance/Public Comment:

- Mr. Richard Hughes, Superintendent, Central Valley Central Schools: Mr. Hughes introduced himself to the Village Board and expressed his hopes for continued cooperation between the school district and the village. He also stated that he was here to help the district become the best in the area in order to draw people here.
- Ercola (Butch) Ventura- Union Negotiations: Mr. Ventura is a union negotiator with 35 years of experience. He has been involved in planned negotiations, public sector negotiations with DPW and other municipalities. Discussions regarding engaging Mr. Ventura will take place in Executive Session.

Department Reports

LIBRARY:

- Report accepted as submitted
- Library Supervisor Thomasine Jennings is excused from this meeting. The Library will be closed March 18th for preparation of painting of the Children's room. DPW and the Light Department will assist in the process. After that, there will be limited use of parts of the Library until completion.

FIRE/CODES:

- Reports accepted as submitted
- 41, 45 Spring Street: The owners of these properties have court dates tomorrow. The Village Court Justice has received pictures of the state of the properties. Letters have been sent to the property owners with no progress.
- Mayor Leonard will schedule tours of the village to address troubled areas for clean-up after the snow and ice are gone. A discussion was held regarding how citizens can assist

in the process of notifying the village of problem areas and what Spohn's responsibility is.

POLICE:

- Report accepted as submitted
- A discussion was held regarding the number of police calls to assist at Pathways Academy, the BOCES- sponsored school at the Remington School complex. Chief Parisi has had an initial meeting (with further meetings scheduled) with the Superintendent of BOCES to put a plan in place that will help lessen the Village police presence there.
- Discussion was held regarding replacing the computers in the police cars. Chief Parisi quoted prices for buying computers vs. lease-to-own programs that run for a period of 3 years. The options will be discussed and decided on in the budget process.

COURT:

- Report accepted as submitted

ACO:

- Report accepted as submitted
- ACO Bennett made a request to the Village Board to attend 2 training seminars. The first is a two-day training in Guilderland with a cost of \$50 for Registration plus mileage. A motion to approve her attendance at a cost not to exceed \$100 for that conference was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- The second training is a one-day State seminar provided by Criminal Justice Services and involves no expense and will be held in Albany. A motion to allow ACO Bennett to attend this training at no expense to the Village was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

Village Clerk:

- A motion to accept the February 25, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Deputy mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley. The amendment reflects the change to the resolution on the ambulance purchase with modifications.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- Resolution: Village Clerk Kennedy read aloud Resolution#2015-9: Resolution Approving Grant Awards for Case File #2015-9 in Connection with Village of Ilion Housing Rehabilitation Program. A motion to accept the resolution with changes to the wording was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- Community Rehabilitation Program: Mayor Leonard stated that there were still funds available in this program. Information about the rehabilitation program, applications, and requirements will be placed on the Village website.
- Resolution: Village Clerk Kennedy read aloud a Resolution to designate a representative to the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Municipal Utilities Association of New York State. A motion to name Mayor Terry Leonard as the Village of Ilion’s Representative was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- A motion to place a “help wanted” advertisement in the Herkimer Telegram for Ilion Marina Dockhands was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

Old Business:

- Electric Department Lineman Position: All applicants have been interviewed and this matter will be further discussed in Executive Session.
- Herkimer County Police Commission: A motion to indicate the Village of Ilion’s interest in continued talks on Police consolidation was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. A discussion took place regarding this topic.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

Mayor Terry Leonard	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Fred Hartmann		Aye	X Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Bridget McKinley	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Kalman Socolof	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Vote Total:		4 Aye	1 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

A motion to name Mayor Terry Leonard as Representative for the Village of Ilion with Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore as a second Representative in Mayor Leonard’s absence during continued consolidation talks was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley. Chief Parisi will also attend the meetings.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- Healthnet Grant: Supervisor Sterling wrote up a plan that would convert the existing tennis court area at the Montgomery Street playground to resurface and add basketball hoops at a cost of \$5,499. A motion to submit Supervisor Sterling’s proposal to the Heathnet grant was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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	Abstain

- Rotary Update: Supervisor Sterling submitted a plan to add an additional bathroom and new sinks to the building at Montgomery Street playground at a cost of \$4,000. A motion to allow Mayor Leonard to continue seeking funds from Rotary for this project was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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	Abstain

- Duofold Update: Mayor Leonard received an email from David Hanny stating that the owners of the property would be interested in further discussions with the Village. Village Attorney Rose will meet with DEC Friday. The email was for informational purposes at this time and no action is needed.
- Summer Recreation Program Director Discussion: Discussion will take place in Executive Session.
- Spring Clean-up Date: May 9th has been chosen for “Village Clean-Up Day.” Plans are being formulated with Boy Scout groups, Flower Clubs and other interested parties.
- NYCOM: The semi-annual meeting will be May 3, 4, and 5 in Saratoga.

New Business:

- Tax Cap Override: Continuation from the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm. A motion authorizing exceeding the tax cap as a cautionary measure was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

Mayor Terry Leonard	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Fred Hartmann		Aye	X Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Bridget McKinley	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Kalman Socolof	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Vote Total:	4	Aye	1	Nay	0
				Absent	Abstain

- Meeting with Remington Arms Union: Mayor Leonard asked for a consensus of the Village Board to meet with the Union officials at Remington Arms. Each member agreed.
- Federal Grant- Fire: Trustee McKinley has been in touch with Senator Schumer’s office in search of grant money for equipment. She will continue to research it.
- DPW Asphalt Recycler: Supervisor Sterling made a written request to the Village Board to purchase a used Asphalt Recycler to aid in filling potholes throughout the village. A discussion followed on the necessity and usefulness of such a machine. Funds would be taken

from the DPW current budget. A motion for Supervisor Sterling to pursue the purchase of this used machine at a cost of \$14,000 was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee Socolof.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- Harris Printers: There is a need for two Harris printers at the payment window in the Village offices to be replaced. Village Treasurer Gagliardi stated that there was money in the current budget for the replacement of these machines. A motion to approve the payment of two Harris printers at a cost of \$1,350 was made by Trustee McKinley and seconded by Trustee Hartmann.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

- Discussion: Parks Usage Agreement: A request from a group to use Russell Park was made. The event discussed is a wine-tasting event. A discussion followed regarding alcohol use and the containers that are allowed and banned.
- Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast: The breakfast will take place Friday, March 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Knights Inn in Little Falls.
- Meeting Announcements: Adirondack Bank will celebrate a “Business After Hours” St. Patrick’s Day celebration on March 12, 2015 at the Herkimer Elks from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm. Also, MVEDD/Gems is sponsoring a luncheon and discussion of grant opportunities on Friday, March 20, 2015 from noon to 1:00 pm in their Mohawk office.
- Central Valley Central School Department of Health Notification: The DOH notified the Village of Ilion that there will be an ongoing major project in each building in the district involving the kitchens. Water Supervisor Van Evera was notified due to involvement with water service to the schools.
- Central Valley Academy Volcano Run: CVA has notified the village that there will be a Volcano Run 5k fundraiser on Saturday, June 20, 2015 throughout the village.
- Steve Smith will attend the March 25, 2015 Village Board meeting to discuss Land Banks and blighted properties. Also, at this meeting, Ron Schoonmaker will update the Village Board on his group’s work with flood mitigation.
- Mayor Leonard received a letter stating that the tax payments are forthcoming. The amount is \$347,550. This is expected money in tax payments.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting and move to Executive Session for Union negotiations and personnel issues was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore at 7:58 pm.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

Adjournment: 7:58 pm

Executive Session

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

Also Present: Attorney Mark Rose

A motion at 9:07pm to exit Executive Session was made by Trustee Fred Hartmann and seconded by Trustee Kal Socolof.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

A motion to hire Alexander Benoit as an Electric Department Lineman, contingent upon his signing an employment agreement was made by Trustee Kal Socolof and seconded by Trustee Bridget McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

A motion to engage Mr. Ercola 'Butch' Ventura as a Union Contract Negotiator was made by Trustee Bridget McKinley and seconded by Trustee Kal Socolof.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm was made by Trustee Fred Hartmann and seconded by Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Terry A. Leonard

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk

