

**Village of Ilion
Village Regular Meeting
February 25, 2015**

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: DPW Supervisor Jack Sterling, Village Treasurer Connie Gagliardi, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 9

Pledge: Pledge was said by all present

Request for Appearance/Public Comment:

- Resident Beth Neale: wished to discuss DPW personnel and morale issues. Mayor Leonard suggested she put her concerns in letter form and set an appointment to discuss issues in person. There is no discussion of personnel in the public forum. There was also discussion on The Wetlands project and DEC orders. Mayor Leonard informed her that Attorney Rose was in touch with the DEC and National Grid, that cost estimates are still being determined, and that the village would be shovel-ready by April. The village has received no permission to enter the property yet from National Grid.
- Recreation Commission member Theresa Lozo: The Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring "Operation Gratitude" for the second year. The non-profit program Operation Gratitude originates in California and the goods collected in Ilion will be shipped there, to be shipped overseas to American troops. Flyers have been placed throughout the Municipal Building. The committee is looking for donations and for cash assistance to ship the boxes out. Mrs. Lozo asked if the Board can support the efforts made and the concensus was yes.

Department Reports

DPW:

- Report filed as submitted
- Supervisor Sterling reported on the ice problems in the creeks. The situation is no better or worse from the last report and it is hoped that there is a mild thaw in the Spring.
- Supervisor Sterling stated that salt supplies are adequate for now.
- All of the village's equipment is fine as of now.
- Supervisor Sterling was asked how many student bus stops were in the village and he approximated that there were 43.

- Herkimer County Healthnet: The last round of applications for the “Complete Streets” applications has come out with a 15% match or in-kind which can be used for playground improvements or trails improvements.
- The valley Rotary Organizations have combined and indicated that they would like to apply for a grant for youth activities through Rotary International. The possibility of improving the bathroom facilities at Montgomery Street playground was discussed with Supervisor Sterling. With the in-house work done on this project, that funding could improve the existing bathroom there. Discussion was held on repairing the bathrooms at Russell Park, but it was expressed that Montgomery Street playground was a better option.

Treasurer:

- Abstracts: The motion to approve the payment as submitted for the February abstracts was made by Deputy Mayor Moore 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
			0	Absent	0
				0	Abstain

Village General	\$165,575.59
Electric	\$342,910.69
Water	\$31,312.48
Capital	Water Project \$15,300.00 Paving \$0.00
Library	\$1,187.26
Small Cities	\$1,470.00
M&T One Card (ACH)	\$1,718.72
National Grid	\$2,765.04

- A motion to pay the McDonald Engineering invoice for well construction in the amount of \$8,175 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 pay the McDonald Engineering invoice for Reservoir #3 and #1 dams in the amount of \$2,035 was made by Deputy Mayor Moore 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
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- Fiscal Stress Monitoring: Mayor Leonard received notice from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli’s office regarding fiscal stress of villages and schools throughout New York State. To be fiscally susceptible to stress, a village must be between 45 and 54%. Ilion is at 6.3% as of May, 2014.
- Mayor Leonard had a security camera installed near the back entrance that was not previously being monitored.

Water:

- Report forthcoming
- There have been numerous calls to the water department due to the weather conditions and frozen pipes. Another reminder about allowing water to run/drip in residents’ houses during freezing weather was given.

Electric:

- Report filed as submitted

Village Clerk:

- A motion to accept the February 11, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes as amended to reflect the change in the flags and banners total cost as \$4,320 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

- A motion to accept the February 21, 2015 Budget Workshop meeting minutes 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
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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
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Vote Total:		5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- Resolution: Village Clerk Kennedy read aloud a resolution to purchase the 2015 E450 Ford ambulance. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley. A community member questioned the purchase of the new ambulance and Village Board members clarified that the need was due to the trade-in of the malfunctioning 2014 Sprinter ambulance.

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Old Business:

- Wells: Tom Bates sent an update to the village on the well field and the UV equipment. The well field is in service and receiving some minor punchlist items. Training has been received and the wellfield is now in the warranty period. The contract for the installation of the UV equipment at the filter plant will be out for bid and bids will be opened March 18, 2015. The work is expected to be completed by July, 2015.
- Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful: The date for the Canal Clean Sweep will be formalized in April. Residents can adopt a section of town for clean-up during this time. A short discussion was held regarding the power washing of areas in the Pedestrian Mall to continue the clean-up there.
- Trustee McKinley attended a KMVB meeting in Little Falls to receive more information on the topic of blighted properties and suggested inviting Steve Smith to a future Village Board meeting.
- Parks and Recreation: There will be no Hershey Track Meet in Ilion in the future. It will be replaced with a new program to be announced at a later date.
- Discussion was held regarding the \$3,000 historically received from the Town of German Flatts for youth activities. A motion to have Mayor Leonard draft a letter regarding the Town’s contributions for youth activities was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

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- Nixon Peabody: The law firm that does bond anticipation notes for the USDA project has requested a recommitment letter from the village. Attorney Rose recommended a letter be sent to Nixon Peabody requesting additional information on this request.
- Budget Workshops: Two budget workshops have taken place. A third workshop with the water department and the electric department will take place on February 26th.
- Violet Festival Bandshell use request: Discussion took place regarding the usage fee in the past and for the future. A motion to change the fee for all future users to \$500 was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

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Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Trustee Bridget McKinley	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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- Buyout Program update: Approximately 50 households have been accepted for the initial application. The application has been submitted and the village is awaiting notification back.
- IBEW: Negotiations have begun as of 2/24. Further discussion will take place in Executive Session.

New Business:

- There will be a Public Hearing regarding the Tax Cap Override on March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.
- There will be a Public Hearing regarding the Budget on April 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm.
- Drones: There is an informational meeting on Drone use on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at SUNY Poly for interested persons.
- Relay for Life: The Relay for Life kickoff party for 2015 will be Thursday, March 26th at Francesca's from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Spring Street Codes Violation: It was reported that an excess number of tires was on the property on Spring Street. Chief Trevett has been in contact with the property owner and a plan to clear the property is in place.
- Mayor Leonard will schedule Spring walkthroughs of village neighborhoods to identify codes violations. Discussion took place on property upkeep within village limits.
- Healthnet: A Complete Streets Symposium will take place in the Municipal Building on Friday March 27th, 2015.
- A resident brought concerns regarding Spohn's collection policies. Discussion followed. Trustee Socolof brought up his concern also. Supervisor Sterling will be in touch with Spohn's.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting and move to Executive Session for Union negotiations was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann at 7:50 pm.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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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: 7:50 pm

Executive Session

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

Also Present:

Public: 0

Executive Session:

A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss IBEW Contract Negotiations was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee Hartmann at 7:50 pm.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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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:		5Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

A motion at 8:30pm to exit Executive Session 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:		5Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

A motion to allow Mayor Leonard to contact outside union negotiators was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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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: 5Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent 0 Abstain

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm was made by Trustee Hartmann 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	0Nay	0Absent	0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Terry A. Leonard

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk

