

**Village of Ilion
Village Board Regular Meeting
May 27, 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: Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer MariJo Thompson, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 17

Pledge: Pledge was said by all present

This meeting is being videotaped. The person videotaping refused to identify himself (Michael Lucia.)

Request for Appearance/Public Comment:

- Bettyjean Postiglione (Ilion Days): The Ilion Days committee has offered 22 flower beds throughout the village to be adopted for the last 15 years. There will be a listing of the spots and their sponsors in the Ilion Days booklet and each adopted spot receives a sign designating “in memory of” or “in honor of.” Currently, the only spot available is around the monument on Otsego Street.
- Beth Neale/ George Gibilaro (Village of Ilion residents): Ms. Neale expressed concern regarding the hotbox for asphalt that the village purchased at the cost of \$14,000. She stated that there appears to be no serial number or insurance associated with this piece of equipment. Mayor Leonard and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Thompson assured the residents that the equipment was insured by the village. Ms. Neale went on to state that issues continue in the DPW department and with its personnel. Mayor Leonard stated that all issues are being addressed in the department. He encouraged Ms. Neale to put her concerns in writing and stated that personnel would not be discussed.
- Mr. Gibilaro requested to address DPW Supervisor Sterling. Mayor Leonard stated that all issues were to be addressed to the Village Board, and not directly to Department Heads. Mr. Gibilaro discussed the collection policies of Spohn’s and felt that Ilion DPW resources were used to make a last collection of green waste in October for two years in a row. Mayor Leonard assured him that the matter would be looked into. Mr. Gibilaro went on to question why the hotbox for asphalt was not listed on village equipment lists that he requested through FOIL. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Thompson clarified that it is under a different equipment policy and no record needs to be created where none exists. Mayor Leonard also encouraged Mr. Gibilaro to address his questions in letter form.

Appointments/Resignations:

- An inter-department transfer of Dan Welch has been completed. He has transferred from DPW to the Water Department.

Department Reports

DPW:

- Report accepted as submitted
- A motion to accept the recommendation of DPW Supervisor Sterling to make Christopher Reed a full-time employee after completing six months of a successful probationary period 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	0 Abstain

TREASURER:

- Abstracts: A motion to approve the payments for the Abstracts pending one additional signature was made by Trustee McKinley and seconded by Mayor Leonard.

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 General		\$172,046.82
Electric		\$309,104.76
Water		\$33,721.46
Capital	Water Project \$0.00	Paving \$18,301.29
Library		\$1,012.60
Small Cities		\$1,597.20
M&T One Card (ACH)		\$812.63
National Grid		\$2,271.91

- McDonald Engineering: An invoice was received from John McDonald Engineering for services conducted April 11-May 8 in the amount of \$8,465.00. A second invoice in the amount of \$114,727.83 to Central New York Construction for well construction was received. A third invoice in the amount of \$22,205.05 for electric to the wellhouse from Stilsing Electric was received. A motion to make these payments in the amount of \$145,397.88 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 Absent	0 Abstain

- Shelter Planning Billing Request: Three bills were presented regarding the Home 2012 Program for 10 Shull Street in the amounts of: Lead-based paint assessment: \$550, Shelter Planning: \$1,200, Energy Audit (MVCAA): \$400 for a total of \$2,150. A motion to approve these payments to Shelter Planning as billed 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	0 Abstain

WATER:

- Board Approval for Bid Awards: A bid opening for chemicals took place. Supervisor Morgan recommends accepting the Bid from Shannon Chemical for the Zinc Ortho- dry and liquid, Slack Chemical for the sodium hypo, and Amrex for the chelated copper. A motion to accept Supervisor Morgan's recommendations was made by Trustee Hartmann and seconded by Trustee Socolof.

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
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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- Cash Flow: Village Treasurer Gagliardi and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Thompson made a cash flow projection for the water department that is low. A surplus was anticipated, but has not come about. The Village Board will be holding discussions about water rate changes. Changes would become effective on January 1, 2016. A discussion took place on reasons for the cash flow problems. Supervisor Van Evera and Supervisor Morgan will submit a summary.

LIGHTS:

- Report accepted as submitted
- Discussion took place regarding the work on the West Main Street bridge construction and movement of light poles in relation to the construction, which begins in 2016.

VILLAGE CLERK:

- A motion to approve the 05.13.2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes with an amendment to include the name of the Crash Reports Company (Appriss) and the name of the person videotaping the Village Board Meeting (Michael Lucia) was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

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- Correspondence: The 8th Annual David P. Whalen Memorial Golf Outing will be on Saturday, June 20th, 2015 at Hidden Valley Golf Course. Sponsorships are available.
- Summary- Student Government Day: Village Clerk Kennedy summarized the positive outcomes of the 2015 Student Government Day that was held under the collaboration of the Ilion Elks, Central Valley Academy, and the Villages of Ilion and Mohawk.
- Resolution: Village Clerk Kennedy read aloud a resolution to close out the contract from McDonald Engineering regarding the Wellhouse completion. All actions regarding this resolution will be tabled until it has been reworded.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NOMAD cinema: Discussion took place regarding scheduling the services of NOMAD Outdoor Cinema. Mayor Leonard has included the Ilion Days Committee and the possibility of that committee using the services.
- Wetlands Update: A meeting took place with National Grid. Paperwork is in place with a scheduled beginning date of Monday, June 1st. A motion to appoint Les Stephens, as a temporary Village employee and at a rate of pay of \$25 per hour, as the Clerk of the Works for this project was made by Trustee Hartmann and seconded by Trustee Socolof. Discussion followed the motion regarding pay and a signed agreement between the village and Mr. Stephens.

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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- East Street Neighborhood Sewer Project: Bid Opening: Barton and Loguidice has recommended CCI be awarded this contract. A motion to accept CCI as the bid winner 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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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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- East Street National Grid Project: DPW Supervisor Sterling has sent letters to residents of the neighborhood informing them of the temporary disruptions that include blocked driveways and streets due to the ongoing project. He also thanked them for their patience throughout the length of the project.
- Cub Scout Request for Band shell: The Jamboree has been moved to the Town of Ava and the Cub Scouts have withdrawn their request for use of the Ilion Bandshell.
- Discussion of Codes: A lengthy discussion of Codes enforcement in the village took place. Mayor Leonard indicated that there will be continued work sessions on how to deal with the situation. He recommended that citizens who witness codes violations should place a call to his office or send an email and he would forward a list daily to Codes Chief Trevett. When no further actions are taken by a property owner, the village may step in and maintain a property, thereby billing the homeowner when work is completed.
- Summer Program: Rachel Atwater has been chosen as the Summer Program Director. Now the Commission would like to search for an assistant by posting the position in the newspaper and making contact with two applicants who applied for the Director position. The Board consensus is to contact those previously interviewed to see if there an interest in the Assistant Director position.
- Police: Mayor Leonard has learned that there will be a long-term disability in the police department (projected to be 6-8 weeks.) Chief Parisi estimated that it would cost \$20,000 in overtime. A motion to maintain the same number officers without the elimination of one position, as stated in the 2015-2016 budget, was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Email/Rackspace: Mayor Leonard and several village employees have experienced numerous spam emails that Quadsimia has been unable to deal with through their internet services. Quadsimia subcontracts through Rackspace. An outline by Rackspace of the expense would drop from \$20.99 to \$15.00 per month and the emails would cost \$1.75 per month per account. The village is searching for the best deal. Discussion continued on the issue. The consensus of the Village Board is to research other providers for the best services that can be offered at the best price.
- A sub-grant to Healthnet was submitted. Regretfully, Ilion was not selected for the grant. The Village of Herkimer and the Town of Webb were awarded the grants.
- Dean and Elaine Mabry will honor all Village employees with a hot dog cookout on Friday, June 12th at the Municipal Building. Flyers will be dispersed to all Department Heads.
- Negotiations are ongoing with the IBEW electric union, followed by DPW and Water Department negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Herkimer County Conference of Mayors
- Field Use Meeting
- Bridge Replacement Meeting
- C.O.P.S. Meeting
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues 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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Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore	X Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Executive Session

No actions were taken

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk