

**Village of Ilion Village  
Regular Meeting  
July 8, 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, Trustee Fred Hartmann, Trustee Bridget McKinley, Trustee Kalman Socolof,

**Excused:** Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore

**Also Present:** Fire Chief James Trevett, Village Attorney Mark Rose, Police Chief Timothy Parisi, Library Director Thomasine Jennings. Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

**Excused:** ACO Melissa Bennett

**Public:** 4

**Pledge:** Pledge was said by all present

This meeting was being recorded by Michael Lucia.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Leonard will be on vacation July 13-17, arriving back in time for the Doo Dah Parade on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel:**

- Electric Department: A motion to promote Ilion Electric Department employee Jason Boice to Level 4 Lineman was made by Trustee Socolof 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 |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore |   | Aye | Nay | X 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:                                    4 Aye                                    0 Nay                                    1 Absent                                    0 Abstain**

- Police Department: A motion to approve Dan Dichiera for a lateral transfer from the Frankfort Police Department to the Ilion Police Department, as recommended by Chief Parisi, was made by Trustee McKinley 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 |   | Aye | Nay | X Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann     | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley  | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |

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| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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**Vote Total: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

- Codes: A motion to approve placement of a newspaper advertisement for a new Codes Enforcer was made by Trustee Hartmann and seconded by Trustee Socolof.

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 |   | Aye | Nay | X 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: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

- Temporary DPW employee: The Board consensus was to table further discussion of hiring a temporary DPW employee.

Update Of Contract Negotiations: With the assistance of Butch Ventura, contract negotiator, the negotiations with the Water Department employees and the Clerical employee have concluded. The negotiations started and finished in one day.

Highlights of the water contract: the contract was extended for 3 years: 01.01.15 to 12.31.17; a 2% salary increase per year; and an increase in the standby rate of \$.10 per hour. Union members ratified the agreement. A motion to accept the new Water Department Union contract was made by Trustee Socolof 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 |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore |   | Aye | Nay | X 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: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

Highlights of the Clerical Contract: This contract is not a 3 year contract due to the employee's retirement in 2017. It contains a 2% increase in salary each year. Currently, the old contract expressed no coverage of health insurance into retirement, but the new contract will allow for coverage of 3 years until the current employee turns 65. The contract states that only full time clerical employees as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will meet that criterion. The employee will not be named in the contract. A motion to accept the newly drafted Clerical employee contract 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 |   | Aye | Nay | X Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann     | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley  | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |

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| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X            | Aye | Nay          | Absent          | Abstain          |
| <b>Vote Total:</b>     | <b>4 Aye</b> |     | <b>0 Nay</b> | <b>1 Absent</b> | <b>0 Abstain</b> |

### Department Reports

**LIBRARY:**

- Report accepted as submitted
- To date, 157 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program at the Library.

**FIRE/CODES:**

- Reports accepted as corrected
- ISO: Every 10 years, the Insurance rating company conducts a study to review the fire company records. The Village of Ilion Fire Department now has a rating of 5, a change from the previous rating of 4. Improvements are under way to return to the previous rating. Discussion took place regarding what qualifications go into each rating number.
- An agreement has been made between the Ilion and Herkimer Fire Departments. Any structure fire inside the village will allow for an automatic mutual aid dispatch to the other village.

**POLICE:**

- Report accepted as submitted
- A brief discussion took place regarding the categories of crimes that are listed in the Police Report to the Village Board each month.
- A discussion took place regarding calls placed from the school buildings in the Village. An officer walks through every building throughout the day.
- A discussion took place regarding the vehicle transfer of a Police Department vehicle to the Fire Chief due to mechanical problems of a Fire Department vehicle. A motion to approve the repair cost of \$600 for the Village-owned Dodge Durango, but allow Chief Trevett to use the Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe was made by Trustee Socolof 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 |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore |   | Aye | Nay | X 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 |

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| <b>Vote Total:</b> | <b>4 Aye</b> |  | <b>0 Nay</b> | <b>1 Absent</b> | <b>0 Abstain</b> |
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- Chief Parisi reviewed the current status of all patrol vehicles. The Village Board consensus is to allow Chief Parisi to research the purchase of a new vehicle. Payments for any vehicle purchased would not begin until the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**COURT:**

- Report forthcoming

**ACO:**

- Report accepted as submitted
- ACO Bennett will receive a preventive Rabies Vaccination at the cost of \$800.

**Village Clerk:**

- A motion to accept the June 24th, 2015 Village Board meeting minutes as amended to reword items in the past tense 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 |   | Aye | Nay | X 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: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

- A motion to approve Resolution #2015-20 naming Greg Day as the Village Delegate to the MEUA conference in September was made by Trustee Hartmann 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 |   | Aye | Nay | X Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann     | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley  | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
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**Vote Total: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

- Village Clerk Kennedy informed the Village Board that the Lombardo’s Liquor License will be renewed on 07.31.2015.
- Village Clerk Kennedy read a letter of correspondence from the Herkimer Telegram announcing the merge of the Herkimer Telegram and Little Falls Times and informing the Village Board of a slight change in pricing for the Legal Notices that are placed in the newly combined newspaper.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Habitat for Humanity Bandshell Request: Mayor Leonard and Habitat for Humanity representative Brad Haines discussed a reduced one-time fee of \$125 for the use of the bandshell in the Habitat for Humanity’s fundraiser in Herkimer. A motion to accept the one-time fee of \$125 was made by Trustee Hartmann and seconded by Trustee Socolof.

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| Mayor Terry Leonard       | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore |   | Aye | Nay | X Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann     | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |
| Trustee Bridget McKinley  | X | Aye | Nay | Absent   | Abstain |

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| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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- Police Consolidation: Mayor Leonard and Trustee McKinley have been in contact with the Village and Town of Frankfort’s officials regarding their consolidation efforts. It is too late for Ilion to be involved in this CFA application.
- COPS negotiations: Trustee McKinley updated the Village Board on the consolidation efforts involving multiple Police Departments. Phase One involves shared purchasing between departments and Phase Two involves merging personnel. State officials are encouraging villages to study consolidation to identify if consolidation will save money.
- Electric Arc Study: Neil Collins has been contracted to perform the Arc study. He has stated that the study will be completed by the end of July.
- Tantalus: Tantalus has stated that there will be an increase to the Village of \$300 a month for the use of cell service due to the inability to use wifi on the meter -reading project.
- Cash Payments Update: A brief discussion took place regarding cash payments being accepted at the Municipal Office window. At this time, there will be no change in the policy of not accepting cash for payment.
- Letter to Businesses re: beautify Village: The Village of Ilion has joined Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful, and in keeping with the theme of beautifying Ilion, the Village Board gave approval for Mayor Leonard to draft a letter to Village businesses encouraging the adoption of spots on or near their business for this purpose.
- Route 51 Bridge: The Village received a response from the State Department of Transportation regarding the Route 51 Bridge stating that a flood mitigation plan must be in place before plans for replacement can occur. Senator Seward has stepped in to help and Jessica Breiten has also communicated with the DEC regarding the bridge replacement. A meeting with Senator Seward is being planned.
- Buyout Program Update: The 44 properties that have been identified in the buyout application to the State have been sent to FEMA for review.
- Bike Racks Placed: The bikes racks provided through a grant from Healthnet have been placed in 4 locations throughout the Village: Montgomery Street Playground, near the gazebo, near Whalen Park and in Russell Park in the lower playground area.
- Email Update: Mayor Leonard updated the Village Board on the Quadsimia subcontracting of RackSpace to address the spam emails village employees deal with on a daily basis. The cost involved is as follows: Quadsimia would reduce the cost of \$20.99 per month to \$15.00 per month and emails would then cost \$1.75 per email account per month. A motion to pursue the utilization of Rackspace for Village email 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 |   | Aye | Nay | X      | Absent  |
| 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: 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Village Board Meeting Schedule: Discussion took place regarding a change in the the Village Board meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. No change will occur at this time. Further discussion will take place.

Due to the Executive meeting taking place before the Village Board meeting, no further business needed to be discussed. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Socolof 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          |
| Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore |   | Aye          | Nay          | X 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          |
| <b>Vote Total:</b>        |   | <b>4 Aye</b> | <b>0 Nay</b> | <b>1 Absent</b> | <b>0 Abstain</b> |

**Adjournment: 7:45 P.M.**

#### **Executive Session**

No actions took place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy  
Village Clerk



