

**Village of Ilion
Village Board Regular Meeting
August 26, 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: Police Chief Timothy Parisi, Marina Dockmaster Don Sterling, Village Treasurer Connie Gagliardi, Marina Commission Member Don Lamphear, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 10

Pledge: Pledge was said by all present

Mayor Leonard announced that the meeting was being audio taped by Village Clerk Kennedy. Videotaping may also be occurring with the prior knowledge of meeting attendees.

Request for Appearance/Public Comment:

- Donald White- Village resident: Mr. White requested more information on the ransomware incidents that occurred in 2014. A discussion followed and answers were given to his concerns. He also questioned the Village Board on what type of noise ordinances the Village had in regards to loud motorcycles and vehicles. Discussion followed.
- Michelle Hummel- Community Foundation: Ms. Hummel presented the Village Board with an opportunity to apply for a \$25,000 grant for youth sports and fencing at the Whalen Community Park. The actual cost is closer to \$30,000, which may be supplemented by the Whalen committee's fundraising efforts. Discussion followed regarding the type of grant under consideration and what further steps are necessary to secure the grant for the Village of Ilion.

Appointments/Resignations: N/A

Department Reports

DPW:

- DPW Supervisor Jack Sterling was excused from the meeting.
- Report accepted as submitted
- Mutual aid with Frankfort has been noted, including equipment loan and exchange when necessary.

TREASURER:

- Abstracts: A motion to approve the payments for the August, 2015 Abstracts was made by Trustee Hartmann 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

Village General	\$204,558.93	
Electric	\$338,943.21	
Water	\$39,053.17	
Capital	Water Project \$453,791.60	Paving \$0.00
Library	\$1,069.83	
Small Cities	\$37,859.85	
M&T One Card (ACH)	\$1,012.37	
National Grid	\$1,425.45	
Morgan White	\$143.66	

- A question was raised regarding the cap allowed for Humane Society use regarding animals in the Village of Ilion. Further discussions of this issue will take place.

WATER:

- Report is forthcoming

LIGHTS:

- Report is forthcoming
- A brief discussion took place regarding the Tantalus smart meters. Cellular parts for this project have shipped and Tantalus representatives will be in the Village on September 8, 2015 for testing purposes. The projected completion date is Fall of 2015. The whole village will utilize the Tantalus equipment, therefore there is no opt-out clause for any customer.

COURT:

- Report accepted as submitted

MARINA:

- Report accepted as submitted
- The new marina hours for the Fall are as follow: October 1st-15th: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and after October 15th, Dockmaster Sterling will be on call at 315-404-6532. The Canal system closes for the season on November 18, 2015.
- Marina Dockmaster Sterling, along with Marina Commission Member Don Lamphear, presented the Board with concerns from marina users and Marina Commission members regarding RV space and electrical services at the current marina. They propose upgrades and changes to the RV slots, the center island with curbing, and future upgrades to the electrical output at each RV site. An estimate from Ilion DPW Supervisor Jack Sterling was set at approximately \$6,000 for the change to the center island with new curbing and the repainting of the RV site lines. A motion to approve up to \$6,000 for marina improvements that include re-sizing the middle island with new curbing and the repaving/repainting of RV site lines to widen and reduce the number of sites from 16 to 14 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

- With the Marina Commission’s support, Dockmaster Sterling respectfully requested a \$500 raise to his yearly pay for the 2016 Marina season. The Village Board has tabled this decision to make it a part of the new contract next year.

POLICE:

- Report Discussed, then accepted as submitted
- A discussion was held regarding the monthly police report that is submitted to the Village Board. Police Chief Parisi clarified questions related to miscellaneous items reported and overtime that is reported.
- A motion to install crosswalks at the Moose Club and the main entrance to Colonial Manor with signage 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 discussion was held regarding Brook Street traffic patterns and safety for school children and school bus stops along the street. A concerned citizen questioned how it can be made safer for the students. Chief Parisi will initiate a traffic study.
- A new business that is entering M & T Bank has donated ceiling tiles, lighting and doors to the Village Police Department building.
- Montgomery Street playground has experienced several bouts of vandalism and the Village Board would like to take steps to prevent this type of action in the future, which may include video surveillance and locking of the entrance gate nightly. A discussion followed. A motion to approve locking the Montgomery Street Playground from sunset to sunrise daily was made by Trustee McKinley 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

VILLAGE CLERK:

- A motion to approve the 08.12.2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes as edited 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
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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- Village Clerk Kennedy read a letter from an interested Village of Ilion resident regarding generating a Village of Ilion brochure to highlight the many positive qualities that our Village has to offer to prospective and future Quad C/Nano Utica employees. The Board consensus is to have a brochure generated for distribution to a variety of venues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Summer Playground Program Update: The Summer Playground program has concluded and a report has been distributed to Village Board members. Thanks have been expressed to Rachael Atwater, Director, for the quality programming brought to the Village children.
- Vehicle Use Policy: A motion to approve the amended Village of Ilion Vehicle Use Policy as of September 1, 2015 was made by Trustee Hartmann 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
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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- Filling Water Clerical Position: Mayor Leonard has received the list for Civil Service candidates to fill the Water Clerical position. This matter will be discussed further in Executive Session.
- Board Work Session- NYS IT Report: The Ilion Village Board held a meeting to begin a Corrective Action Plan to address the findings in the State Comptroller's IT Audit.
- Asbestos Removal: One bid was submitted for asbestos removal at the Ilion Firehouse. The Village Board will re-open the bid process, with a closing date of August 31, 2015.
- Zoning Board Training: Three members of the Zoning Board of Appeals will attend a state-mandated training in October.
- USDA Closing Update: The preliminary closing for the USDA project was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. All paperwork was signed and sealed, completing the financial component.
- Editorial: A letter to the Editor of the Times Telegram from the Ilion Village Board was published on Saturday, August 22, 2015 regarding the newly proposed NYS tax cap reduction. One response has already been published.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 7th Grade Class Trip (Jarvis Middle School): Water Treatment Plant: September 15, 2015: A school field trip has been planned to introduce the students to the Village of Ilion water treatment plant operations.
- Recreation Commission: Adult Pitch Night: October 9, 2015: 6:00-8:00 PM: In an effort to reach out to more Village of Ilion residents, The Recreation Commission will hold an adult Pitch night in the Village Hall.
- Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful: Bob Albrecht, President of KMVB, suggested a Fall clean-up day, similar to the Spring clean-up day. Trustee McKinley distributed a letter to Village businesses regarding adopting spots throughout the Village to beautify. It was suggested that the letter be distributed to not-for-profit organizations also. KMVB also offers a Blight Index to villages that request one. Trustee McKinley will investigate this further.
- Solid Waste Authority Memorandum: The SWA sent an annual reminder to the Village that they can assist with demolition of abandoned properties by providing manpower and equipment to the process.
- New Funds Announced for Flood Mitigation Study: The Village of Ilion will be receiving \$200,000 to develop a plan for flood mitigation.
- Emergency Operations Plan Discussion: The Community Flood Action Group has requested a copy of the Emergency Action Plan that is established for the Village of Ilion. A motion to approve the copying and sharing of the first part of the Emergency

Operations Plan with appropriate agencies throughout the Village for the betterment of the Village of Ilion was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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Trustee Bridget McKinley	X Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Vote Total:	5 Aye	0 Nay	0 Absent	0 Abstain

- Foreclosure Information Day: There will be a Foreclosure Information Day Mobile Unit at the Village Hall on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Information regarding the Mobile Unit will be placed on the Village of Ilion website.
- Water Rate Analysis: The consensus of the Village Board is to allow Village Treasurer Connie Gagliardi, Village Water Supervisor Gary Van Evera, and Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Marijo Thompson to begin the process of analyzing water rates for the Village of Ilion in order to assist the Village Board in decision-making for future water rates.

Upcoming Meeting Announcement: There will be a Homeland Security/Emergency Services Regional Workshop will take place in Syracuse on September 23, 2015.

South Fifth Ave. Ball Field Backstop discussion: A Village of Ilion resident expressed his concern about the condition of the backstop on the Babe Ruth field at South Fifth Ave. Discussion took place regarding funding options to assist with repairs.

A motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations was made at 8:17 p.m. by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

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: 8:17 pm

**Village of Ilion
Executive Session
July 22, 2015**

A motion to exit Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. with no actions taken was made by Trustee Hartmann 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

Respectfully Submitted:
Mayor Terry A. Leonard

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk