

**Village of Ilion Village
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2016**

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, Fire Chief James Trevett, Animal Control Officer Melissa Bennett, Library Director Thomasine Jennings, Village Treasurer MariJo Thompson, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 12

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Mayor's Comments: After numerous calls regarding Village residents who neglect to clean up after their pets, Mayor Leonard urged all pet owners to clean up after their pets as per Village Code §85-6, stating owner responsibility for "...cleaning up excrement of their animal..."

Personnel:

- **Resignation: Property Maintenance Officer:** Mayor Leonard has received a 30-day notice of resignation from Property Maintenance Officer Dennis Jones, effective August 26, 2016. The Village Board will now take action to replace Mr. Jones, or adopt a new model for the position. A motion to accept Mr. Jones' resignation, with regrets, 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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| 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

- **DPW Superintendent Contract:** The Contract for the DPW Superintendent will be discussed in Executive Session.

Request for Appearance/Public Comment:

- **Sharon Outtrim:** 21 Philip Street: Ms. Outtrim would like help from the Village with an abandoned property next to her at 25 Philip Street. It is a bank-owned property and Chief Trevett will contact the bank regarding upkeep.

- Dave Williams- Ilion Citizens' Codes Committee: Mr. Williams expressed the committee's continued commitment to working with Village Officials to clean up codes violations around the village. A discussion ensued regarding the ways various Village departments can work alongside the ICCC on prioritized codes issues including: the Property Maintenance Officer position model, and law changes and additions that will assist in the pursuit of violations to currently enacted laws. The Village Board and Village Attorney will review the ICCC proposals and respond by the end of September. In addition to the presented items, Mayor Leonard addressed two other items. The Remington Federal Credit Union handicapped entrance paving was performed by the Ilion DPW due to the sidewalk being Village-owned property. RFCU is reimbursing the Village for the work to be done. Also, questions were asked regarding Village street paving and the foundation beneath the paving. A short discussion followed. Continued discussion will take place to address other ICCC concerns at subsequent Village Board meetings. Lastly, a motion instructing Mayor Leonard to allow Attorney Rose to draft an Open Container Law, based on the Little Falls model, for public comment was made by Trustee McKinley 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 | 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

Department Reports

LIBRARY:

- Report accepted as submitted
- The Village Board members commended Library Director Thomasine Jennings for her many years of faithful service to the Ilion Free Public Library.

FIRE/CODES:

- Reports accepted as submitted
- A discussion took place regarding items in the Codes reports.
- Ladder Truck Repair Discussion: A motion to move \$25,000 from the unassigned fund balance to the capital reserve fund for use on fire department equipment repairs 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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| 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

Further discussion took place on varying types of reserve funding and the ladder truck repair. A motion to designate no more than \$15,000 for use on the repair of the fire engine 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 | 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

POLICE:

- Report accepted as submitted
- A discussion took place on items in the Police Report.
- A candidate for the open Police position will be presented in Executive Session.

ACO:

- Report accepted as submitted
- Mayor Leonard received a letter from Agriculture and Markets indicating a satisfactory inspection of the Dog Control Officer position.

VILLAGE CLERK:

- A motion to approve the July 27, 2016 Village Board Meeting minutes as amended to include a motion not previously indicated and to include Executive Session meeting minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee Socolof.

The motion passes as a result of the following vote:

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| Mayor Terry Leonard | | Aye | Nay | Absent | X 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: 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent 1 Abstain

- Resolution #2016-13- Delegate Resolution: MEUA Conference: A motion to authorize a proxy resolution for the annual MEUA conference, except if one Village Board member or one MUB member wishes to attend, was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. After a short discussion, a second motion to authorize the proxy resolution at the annual conference was presented 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 | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |

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| 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:

- Report on ESD/MMI Public Hearing: Mayor Leonard attended the public hearing. The Village of Ilion supports this endeavor and Mayor Leonard informed the committee of the NYS DOT’s probability of replacing the Otsego Street Bridge, as that bridge is on the list to be studied.
- DPW Contract Clothing Allowance: A discussion took place with Tom Quackenbush and ongoing discussions will take place regarding the DPW Contract Clothing Allowance.
- UV Power Upgrade Update: The Avanti group is working on the proposal that will go out to bid for the Power upgrade equipment.
- CVA Field Use Agreement Update: The Village has received the signed document of agreement back from the school district.
- Oneida/Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Demolition Program Update: Each year the OHSWA sends a demolition program option to the Village for review and discussion.
- Campaign Signs Discussion: A discussion took place on the Village Code #185.5, which references political signs and the period of time in which they can be displayed. Signs that are currently posted must be removed after the Primary Election, then a new permit to post can be obtained from the Village Clerk for the National Election after October 9th, 2016. Other signs around the Village and actions to be taken regarding all signs were also discussed.
- Mohawk Valley Land Bank Discussion: An inventory of Village-wide blighted properties is being generated for the Land Bank. A discussion followed on this topic.
- Barton and Loguidice CFA Update: B&L has altered the CFA Application to resubmit.
- Parking Tickets/Scofflaw Discussion: A discussion took place regarding parking tickets that remain unpaid to date. A meeting will take place with Judge Canipe regarding parking tickets.
- Buyout Program Update: Two appraisal companies have submitted their RFPs. The deadline for the RFP is August 12, 2016. Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: This County plan has until April to be approved.
- Habitat for Humanity Report: Mayor Leonard presented a Proclamation to Habitat for Humanity’s for its eighth house rehabilitation for an Ilion family on South Third Avenue.

New Business:

- A motion to approve a contract with the Village of Hamilton for the purchase of brine mix for the 2016-2017 snowplowing season, at a cost of \$5.49/gallon, was made by Trustee Hartmann and seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore.

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 | 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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| Trustee Kalman Socolof | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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| Vote Total: | 5 Aye | 0 Nay | 0 Absent | 0 Abstain |
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- Zombie Property Program Update: Mayor Leonard attended a conference call regarding grants related to outreach and education to the general public to help the avoidance of bankruptcy and foreclosure.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Reception for Thomasine Jennings: Monday, August 15, 2016-7:00 PM
- Medicine Shoppe Award Ceremony: Wednesday, August 17, 2016-11:00 AM
- Zombie Properties and Land Bank Meeting: Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 6:30 PM
- NYCOM Conference- September 12-16, 2016
- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Committee meeting: August 11, 2016

A Village resident opened a discussion related to the geese along West Main Street. Options for removal from the DEC are being discussed. A final decision on actions to be made will be forthcoming.

A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was made at 8:32 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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| 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 |

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| Vote Total: | 5 Aye | 0 Nay | 0 Absent | 0 Abstain |
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Adjournment: 8:32 P.M.

Executive Session

Board Meeting Executive Session at 8:32 pm

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

A motion to exit Executive Session at 8:55pm 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 | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
| Trustee Fred Hartmann | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |

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

Actions:

A motion was made by Trustee McKinley and seconded by Trustee Hartmann to have Mayor Leonard send a letter to Greg Day regarding his disability status, the lack of light duty in the Electric Department and his pending termination.

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 | 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 | Absent | 0 |

A motion was made by Trustee McKinley and seconded by Trustee Socolof to have Mayor Leonard begin to draft a new employment contract for DPW Superintendent Jack Sterling.

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 | 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 | Absent | 0 |

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee Hartmann to approve having Attorney Rose contract with an attorney specializing in Workers Comp/Independent Medical Exams to assist with an open case in the Police Department.

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 | 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 | Absent | 0 |

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Moore and seconded by Trustee Socolof to have Mayor Leonard reopen the search for a Property Maintenance Position.

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 | X | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |

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| 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 was made by Trustee Socolof and seconded by Trustee McKinley to approve the hiring of Jonathan Reska to cover the 3pm to 3am shift in the Police Department.

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 | 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 9:06pm was made by Trustee Fred 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 | 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