

*Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting minutes of May 1st, 2007*

Present: Mayor Larry Gurslin  
Trustees Horylev, Gates, Lee and Speer  
Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Surridge

Guests: Mike McHenry, Dave McCracken and Kay Melvin

Mayor Gurslin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Public Works Report:**

Mr McHenry made the following report to the Board:

Playground equipment: The School District is planning to dispose of some older style playground equipment and has asked if the Village would like to have it. If we accepted the donation, it would be installed in our Village Park near the Jennejahn Lodge. Mayor Gurslin said that after talking with the DPW employees, there are liability and maintenance issues involved. After discussion, the Board turned the offer down.

Water main leak: Mike discussed a water leak that occurred on Upton Street which flooded a resident's basement. That resident is now requesting reimbursement for her electric bill since the leak caused her sump pump to run for 3 weeks straight, plus she called a plumber before she called us. Mike recommended that we reimburse her a pro-rated share since we are liable for the problem. The Board agreed and asked Mike to contact the resident and ask her to submit a bill for our review.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Village of Hilton has been identified as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) under the EPA's Phase II Stormwater Regulations under the Clean Water Act of 1999, and

WHEREAS, the Phase II Program requires each MS4 to prepare a Draft Annual Report on the Village's efforts to protect and improve the water quality of our streams and water bodies, and

WHEREAS, the public is invited to review the Draft Annual Report and provide input, and

WHEREAS, a Draft Annual Report has been prepared in conformance with the Phase II Regulations by the Superintendent of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report must be submitted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Albany, NY by June 1, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board accepts said Draft Annual Report and is available for public review at the Village Office. Motion was made by Trustee Horylev, with compliments to Mr Tilebein for his involvement with the Coalition, seconded by Speer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all comments on the Draft Annual Report will be incorporated into the Final Annual Report to the NYSDEC.

Street lighting purchase: Mr Tilebein reported that the bid package for the service point disconnects should be ready for advertising by the first week of May. A tentative closing date with RG&E is being scheduled for the early part of June.

### **Clerk's Report**

Self insure dental proposal: Mrs Surridge reported that she met with our employees and presented the concept of our idea. Letters were mailed to the dentists asking two questions: 1) Would they charge the same Blue Cross/Blue Shield rate to our employees? 2) Would they make payment arrangements with the Village? So far, the response has been very positive.

Disability insurance: Mrs Surridge stated that about a year ago, our employees had expressed an interest for this type of insurance. Based on that, she had a meeting with a representative from AFLAC and discussed the creation of a group plan. Membership in the plan would be at the discretion of the employee and any premiums due would also be paid by the employee through payroll deduction. The Village would not be responsible for any costs. Mrs Surridge recommended that the Board authorize the plan to be created.

**Resolution** to set up a group disability plan with AFLAC for our employees, so long as any policy established is paid 100% by the employee. Be it further resolved that the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to make payroll deductions as required by AFLAC, of which said deductions would be run through our IRS cafeteria #125 pre-tax plan. Motion was made by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0

School District: A meeting was held last month between Tom Oaks, Trustee Gates and Mrs Surridge to discuss the best way to purchase electricity for the school's 2007-08 fiscal year (fixed or variable). Mr Oaks has informed us that he wishes to be placed on the variable rate which means the Village will not have to enter into any additional contracts with suppliers.

### **Public Forum**

Kay Melvin, 25 Short Hills Drive: She addressed a traffic concern in her neighborhood and requested stop signs to be installed to slow vehicles down on Short Hills Drive. Trustee Gates mentioned that from East Avenue down Short Hills Drive to Mockingbird Lane, it's the longest stretch of road within the village that doesn't have a stop sign. The road is very straight so drivers can really pick up speed. After a brief discussion, Mayor Gursslin will authorize our DPW to set up the Speed Monitor Trailer in the area to gather some traffic data, and he will write two letters: 1) The MCDOT for an opinion and 2) the Monroe County Sheriff's Office asking for more patrol in the area.

### **Citizen of the Year nominations**

Nominations were made for the 2007 Citizen of the Year award. Voting followed.

**Resolution** that Dave Goodrich is hereby selected as our 2007 Citizen of the Year. Motion was made by Mayor Gurslin, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0

### **Vouchers**

**Resolution** to approve the abstract of vouchers, with the following additions: Hilton Big M \$19.69; Matrix Communications \$1413.55; Paris-Kirwan Insurance \$832.00; Pontillo's \$31.85; Shortimers \$109.35; Larry Speer \$88.00

General -	\$ 26,599.81
Water -	\$ 26,755.91
Sewer -	\$ 811.86
Capital -	\$ 1,545.18
Electric-	\$ 381.47
T/A Fund -	\$ 14,899.22
Prepaid -	<u>\$182,258.37</u>
Total -	\$253,251.82

Motion was made by Trustee Gates, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0

### **Minutes**

**Resolution** to approve the meeting minutes for April 3rd, 2007. Motion was made by Trustee Horylev, seconded by Trustee Lee. Carried unanimously 5-0

### **Appointment**

**Resolution** to appoint Dr Hugh Ratigan to the Village's Transportation Steering Committee. Motion was made by Trustee Gates, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0

### **Sign Committee**

Trustee Horylev gave a brief report on the progress made by his committee. Plans are being made to hold a public information meeting on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. to review the proposed changes.

### **Sale of #38 East Avenue**

The Board reviewed the problems that have happened on this real estate deal. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Resolution** that due to design changes made by the Village, the Option to Purchase agreement with Ed Hoefler for the sale of #38 East Avenue is hereby amended as follows: The sale price is reduced from \$41,000 to \$37,186 subject to the closing date being no later than May 18<sup>th</sup> 2007. Motion was made by Trustee Horylev, seconded by Trustee Gates. Carried unanimously 5-0

**RESOLUTION:** WHEREAS, the Village of Hilton, as owner of #38 East Avenue, has obtained approval from the Planning Board to subdivide said lot, and

WHEREAS, a new deed will have to be prepared to sell one of the lots to Mr Ed Hoefler,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the new deed and Mayor Larry Gursslin is hereby authorized to sign that document when it is completed.

Motion was made by Trustee Gates and seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0 Executive Session was called at 6:20 p.m. with a motion by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Executive session ended at 7:00 p.m.

**Invited Guests:**

At this time, the Village Board adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members of the Planning & Zoning Boards, Recreation Commissioners and others. A presentation was made to John Steinmetz recognizing his contribution and years of service on the Planning Board.

Janet Surridge  
Clerk-Treasurer