

Village Board of Trustees
Meeting minutes of March 3, 2009

Present: Mayor Larry Gurslin
Trustees Horylev, Gates, Speer & Lee
Clerk Treasurer, Janet Surridge
Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Tilebein
Deputy Clerk, Shari Pearce
Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Lissow

Guests: Lorraine Ophardt, Don Stilson, Glen and Mary Ellen Stanton, Thomas Kadlowski, John Ferris, Fran Conklin, Laura Johnson, John and Patty Eccleston, Don Whitmore, Nancy Vorndran, Shelly Kordish, Carm Carmestro, Dale Provost, Helen Hoffman, Dave Wright, Sandy Gburski, Jerry Agett, Dale and Fran Crocetta, Harriet Zunno, Terry Shean, Rick Furnal.

Mayor Gurslin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. At this time, Mayor Gurslin opened the public forum of the meeting.

Laurie Ophardt, 15 Grove Street, she is reporting to the Village Board that late at night kids are out throwing stink bombs, spraying fox urine at her house and in her yard, they are riding bicycles all night and they shine LED lights into her room. She had an electrician put in sensor lights to try and detract the kids. She stated in her opinion the Sheriff's Department does not want to be bothered. She has not seen any results with the Sherrif's Department. She also remarked there is no parental control of these kids. She is requesting the Village to help her get control of this problem.

Trustee Lee remarked he has met with Mrs. Ophardt and listened to her comments and complaints. He stated the sheriff's cannot sit out there every night and suggested Mrs. Ophardt may want to hire a private detective.

Mayor Gurslin stated to Mrs. Ophardt he will contact the captain of the Sheriff's Department and have a dialog with him regarding these issues.

Sunny Slope Subdivision Neighborhood concerns

At this time, the residents from Sunny Slope Subdivision are present to address the Village Board with their concerns on neighborhood problems in their area.

Don Wittman, 16 Sunny Slope Dr, his house backs up to the open space, kids have shot his previous and current travel trailer and his house with BB guns. He has reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department and he feels he has not had any satisfaction. Mr. Wittman remarked it has cost him \$2,000.00 in repairs. The kids also retaliate when the police are called. The kids are using the wooded area like a jungle. His porch has been

covered with eggs. Mr. Wittman is requesting a response from the Sheriffs Department and would like some kind of relief.

Laura Johnson, 14 Mockingbird Lane, she has requested a special attention for the sheriffs twice, which means the police are suppose to check the area more often.

Fran Conklin, 26 Sunny Slope Dr, he reported he has lost 15 bird feeders and when the Village opened the area coming through the culvert, the kids just come through and disregard property owners. Kids drive their cars and four wheelers over all the lawns.

John Eccleston, 15 Sunny Slope Dr, he remarked the middle of the day the kids ran through the yards and smashed the mailboxes. He has yelled and chased them and talked to the parents. He noted his front porch of his house has been covered with mustard.

Thomas Kadlubowski, 45 Short Hills Dr, he lives at the corner of Short Hills and Sunny Slope. He has been vandalized many times, two mailboxes, a welcome sign stolen off his front door. They have installed motion lights in his yard. In his opinion, the forever wild area is the congregation point and a highway for off road bikes and four wheelers.

Laura Johnson, 14 Mockingbird Lane, she hears the kids run into the house while playing football, the baseballs are thrown at the house, her fence is damaged, fireworks thrown on the back deck, her mailbox knocked off 5 times, coffee thrown at the side of the house, her landscaping is destroyed, her car was broken into and she has been verbally harassed sitting on her back deck. The kids also use her hedges along her property as a public bathroom. She has called the police many times and by the time they arrive, the kids are gone. She is disappointed in the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Gursslin stated the wooded area is considered open space, which the Village owns. Mayor Gursslin remarked he has walked the entire area, he has viewed garbage, mattresses, burned out fires and the pathways that the off road vehicles have taken. The board has had a dialog in the past, however, they have never come to a consensus on what to do with the property.

Trustee Speer is sensitive to having all this vandalism and nothing is being done. He asked the officers at the meeting what things can be done. Deputies responded that a neighborhood watch group has already been established.

John Ferris, 57 Short Hills Dr, the problem is escalating, we need more deputies to cover the area. He has watched fights and no one has gotten in trouble for it, if we do not do something now, it will get out of control.

Sandy Guburski, 21 Turtle Creek Dr, she suggested posting signs and giving the kids fair warning or they will be prosecuted.

Helen Hoffman, 50 Short Hills Dr, she has 12-15 kids hanging outside her bedroom window daily, they are not just in the wooded area.

Glen Stanton, 15 Mockingbird Lane, he remarked the entire village has issues, he was on the parks committee at one time and the kids have vandalized the parks. The Public Works are constantly pick up the garbage and doing repairs. He suggested a youth club center for the kids.

Tom Kadlubowski, 45 Short Hills Dr, he suggested the walkway be blocked off at the Cooper Dr and Short Hills area. This would help eliminate the congregation of kids. He also feels the wooded area should be thinned and cleaned out. This would allow less of an area for kids to hide and start fires.

Two Officers from the Monroe County Sheriffs Office were present, Mr. Charlie Cambinalia and Mr. Joe Resch. Mr. Cambinalia remarked Hilton is not the only area with problems. The calls come in as priorities, for example, vandalism is a priority two and a knife fight is a priority one. He agrees with the residents that retaliation is a huge problem. He suggested getting together as a community and taking action. The more the residents call the police, the more attention that can be put on this problem.

Mayor Gursslin thanked everyone for coming before the board and giving their comments and concerns. He stated there are things the Village can do. The Village can declare the open space as a park, and then the area would follow under park rules. He feels a meeting should be setup with the Sheriff's Office, the residents and members of the Village Board to discuss ideas and promote communication.

A Neighborhood safety meeting has been scheduled for March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

At this time, the Village Board took a five minute recess.

Hovey Square

Mayor Gursslin opened the public forum at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the conceptual idea of converting Hovey Street to a one way street.

Mayor Gursslin stated the Village Board had a grant to compile a traffic study for the Village. One of the recommendations that came out of the study is to make Hovey Street a one-way street. Traffic flow would be northbound only. This is a recommendation of the Department of Transportation. The logic behind this plan is to allow better traffic flow traveling east and west. The proposed plan is to narrow Hovey Street to provide a more pedestrian free walking area and to allow for parking in front of the liquor store.

Harriet Zunno, 35 Heinz St, she thought it was going to be the opposite way. This plan does not make sense to her and she feels this would not improve the traffic flow into the parking lot. She also stated left turns by automobiles are the riskiest turn to make.

Jerry Agett, 65 Brook St, he commented about the high speed of traffic on Hovey Street. He feels this is the busiest street in town. He works at the Liquor Store and stated that the delivery truck to the store currently parks on Hovey Street. He also remarked cars consistently speed to try and beat the stop light.

Rick Furnal, Hilton Big M, he asked what if this makes a bigger mess? He feels this may add more congestion into the parking lot. He agreed this may make more ease of traffic flowing east to west, but this will make the parking lot a mess. Suggested a trial basis to see if this will work.

Mayor Gurrslin thanked everyone for taking the time to state their comments and concerns. He stated the Village will take their comments into consideration.

The public forum was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement

Mike Lissow stated he was called down to Mockingbird Lane in the past with a situation with a fire in the woods.

38 East Avenue Funeral Home: Mike Lissow reported the new Funeral Home has proposed to not have a body treatment/preparation section in the home. He remarked that it is not legal to have a funeral home without a preparation room. This is a New York State Law and this action has been reported to the Planning Board.

Superintendent of Public Works

- **Resolution** to accept the concrete bid from Northrup Materials @ \$90/cubic yard. Trustee Horylev made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lee. Carried unanimously 5-0. (List bid information)
- **Resolution** to accept dedication of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 of Unionville Station Subdivision. Trustee Horylev made the motion, Trustee Speer seconded the motion. Carried unanimously 5-0.

E Waste & TV Collection: Mr. Tilebein reported the second collection generated double the amount of TV's and monitors from the first collection. A total of 3.8 tons of E waste was recovered and eliminated from the landfill and saving the Village \$175.00 in tipping fees. The Village Board commended Mr. Tilebein for his effort in this project.

- **Top Soil:** There was a discussion on whether or not the Village should require a certificate or letter from the supplier stating the top soil is not contaminated. After a general discussion, the Village Board decided to not make this a condition when purchasing top soil. They feel the risk is very low.

Clerk's Report

Resolution to authorize specifications to be prepared to remove the asbestos in the building located at #135 South Avenue which the Village of Hilton is purchasing through a FEMA grant. Be it further resolved that Mrs. Surridge may solicit for bids on a date to be determined. Trustee Gates made the motion, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution to establish the following budget for the FEMA project in the Capital Fund: Motion made by Trustee Horylev, seconded by Trustee Gates. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Revenues:	H4097 FEMA grant	\$546,660
	H2389 Reimbursement from Fire District	<u>\$175,248</u>
		\$721,908
Expenses:	H1940.4 Purchase of property	\$552,000
	H1420.4 Legal fees	\$ 7,137
	H5110.4 Demolition/site restoration	\$150,771
	H1325.4 Project management	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
		\$721,908

Resolution to amend the 2008-09 budget as listed. Trustee Horylev made the motion Trustee Lee seconded the motion. Carried unanimously 5-0.

General fund :

Increase:

A1940.4	Purchase of land	\$54,571 (Mariah St)
A1440.4	Engineering	\$ 1,650 (Main St & Shared services grants)
A1620.2	Com Ctr	\$ 1,331 (Sr Lounge remodeling project)
A1620.4	Com Ctr	\$ 5,000 (natural gas, elevator repair, insurance)
A1920.4	Municipal Dues	\$ 1,100 (Stormwater Coalition dues for 2007)
A1950.4	Taxes on property	\$ 950 (30 Mariah ST)
A3620.1	Bldg Dept personnel	\$ 500 (Ingham, FD inspections)
A5142.1	Snow, OT personnel	\$ 6,000 (underestimated budget)
A5142.4	Snow, other	\$ 5,700 (additional salt expense)
A7110.1	Seasonal laborers	\$ 2,000 (underestimated expense)
A7110.2	Parks, equipment	\$ 520 (tables purchased)
A8010.4	Zoning Board	\$ 300 (conference expenses)
A8560.4	Trees	\$ 1,800 (damaged by vehicle/rec'd insurance)
A9060.4	Medical insurance	\$ 2,250 (underestimated retiree increase 2009)
	Decrease A1990.4 contingency	\$83,672

Main Street Grant: Mr. Steinmetz has submitted his written proposal for his grant writing services. The total amount is \$1,000.00 higher than the original amount. Mrs. Surr ridge and Trustee Gates would like the board to evaluate whether the Village should go forward with this grant, giving the circumstances of the economy. After a general discussion, the board decided to wait until the budget was presented to make a decision on the Main Street Grant.

- Wind Energy: Mrs. Surr ridge has contacted RG&E again asking for an answer on the railroad property. She still has not received a response.
- Daycare: Kelly Climber has made a commitment to the Village to rent one additional room beginning June 1, 2009, which will generate additional rent revenue of \$5,300.00

Training

Resolution to authorize Trustee Horylev and Deputy-Clerk Shari Pearce to attend the NYCOM Main Street Conference on April 30, 2009 and to authorize Clerk-Treasurer to expend the registration fees. Motion made by Mayor Gurrslin, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Vouchers

Resolution to approve the abstract of vouchers with the following additions: Cintas, \$76.75, Dave Welch, \$160.00, Paris Kirwan, \$283.00, Brian Lissow, \$2340.00. Totals as follows:

General fund	\$ 45,719.73
Water fund	\$ 27,639.51
Sewer fund	\$ 298.16
Capital	\$ 45.00
Electric	\$ 105.42
T/A fund	\$ 10,215.37
Prepaid	<u>\$260,324.44</u>
Total	\$344,347.63

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

Minutes

Resolution to approve the meeting minutes of February 3, 2009 as submitted. Motion made by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Gates. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Town of Parma Ice Skating Rink

Trustee Lee presented the board with an idea of the possibility of creating an ice skating

rink as a joint effort with the Town of Parma. After general discussion, the Village Board concluded they are in support of the concept of an ice skating rink.

Retirees Medical Insurance

There was a general discussion on the Medicare D supplemental prescription plan offered to three retired employees who do not reside in New York State. It was decided by the board to have the personnel committee review the benefit for discussion and make a recommendation on whether it should continue or cease.

Parades/Festivals

Resolution to authorize the VFW to use Village streets for their annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25th 2009. Motion made by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Lee. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution to authorize the use of Village streets on July 22nd & 23rd 2009 for the annual Firemen's parades and to use the Village property at 135 South Ave for parking, ingress and egress. Trustee Lee made the motion, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution to authorize the use of Village streets and Community Center on June 20, 2009 for the Parma Bi-Centennial parade. Motion made by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Horylev. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution to allow the area at 135 South Ave to be used for parking during the Hilton Apple Festival on October 3rd and 4th. Motion made by Mayor Gursslin, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Citizen of the Year

The Village Board announced that Mr. Thomas Burger will be the 2009 Citizen of the Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Shari Pearce, Deputy-Clerk