

March 8, 2010

Board of Trustees

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Village of Celoron
Community Center

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Keeney, Trustees Kogut, Mattison, Schrecengost and Young

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, Village Attorney Andrew W. Goodell, Highway Superintendent Terry Schrecengost, Sgt. Arnone of the Town of Ellicott Police Department, Dennis Phillips of The Post-Journal and 19 members of the public.

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk to call the roll and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Keeney invited everyone to stop in and look at the ongoing renovations to Village Hall. He then presented Ray Eckholm with a plaque honoring his 60 years of service to Celoron Hose Company No. 1 and issued the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Ray Eckholm was born on October 3, 1928 and grew up in the Village of Celoron, and

WHEREAS on January 5, 1950 Ray Eckholm joined the Celoron Hose Company No. 1, and

WHEREAS Ray Eckholm has had continuous service with the Celoron Hose Company No. 1, and

WHEREAS this January past marked 60 years of service with the Celoron Hose Company No. 1, and

WHEREAS service to one's community is an admirable quality, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron unanimously wishes to recognize community service,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Keeney, Mayor of the Village of Celoron, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 as

RAY ECKHOLM DAY

in the Village of Celoron and on behalf of the residents of the Village we encourage everyone to give a thank you on this special day to Ray Eckholm.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Celoron to be affixed on this 8th day of March, 2010.

John M. Keeney
Mayor

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Young motioned, seconded by Trustee Kogut to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 23, 2010.

Carried: 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF AUDITED BILLS:

Trustee Mattison moved, seconded by Trustee Schrecengost to approve payment of all audited bills.

Carried: 5 ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Kogut presented the report from the Code Enforcement Officer. Attorney Goodell advised that he was working with the Code Enforcement Officer to standardize all of our documents for appearance tickets, support depositions and all the paperwork that goes with it. This will make it much easier for code enforcement. He also advised that there are still problems with the electrical service at Ellicott Shores and thought it was likely that the Village would again be in court to resolve the issues.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Trustee Schrecengost – none

PARKS & RECREATION – Mayor Keeney asked the Board to review proposed signage for Lucille Ball Memorial Park.

HIGHWAY AND EQUIPMENT – Trustee Mattison – none

ZONING & PLANNING – Trustee Schrecengost – none

SANITATION – Trustee Mattison updated the Board on the status of the new garbage truck. Highway Superintendent Schrecengost reminded everyone that the Village cannot accept electronics in the garbage.

BUSINESS – Trustee Kogut - none

CORRESPONDENCE – Clerk Sanfilippo reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Notification from Time Warner Cable of possible network changes and the movement of networks from standard to digital channels.
2. Census 2010 Activities Update.
3. 18th Joint Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club.

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FINANCE – Entire Board/Clerk

The Clerk-Treasurer asked for approval of Abstract #19 in the amount of \$22,240.38, Check #8950 to 8970, dated March 1-15, 2010 and Abstract #19B in the amount of \$6,415.95, Check #8971, dated March 1-15, 2010.

Motion to approve by Trustee Mattison, seconded by Trustee Kogut.

Carried: 5 ayes

AUDIT – Trustee Mattison – none

INSURANCE – Trustee Young noted that the Village changed to a local insurance agent, Mark Thorpe of Slone Melhuish and Co. He sought proposals from various companies resulting in a savings of \$2,560.00.

BUILDING – Trustee Young – none

SPECIAL EVENTS – Trustee Mattison discussed a proposal to partner with the Lakewood Celoron Moose Club and the Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association to sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt in Lucille Ball Memorial Park on April 3, 2010 with a rain date of April 10, 2010.

Trustee Kogut moved to partner with the Lakewood Celoron Moose Club and the Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association to sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt. Trustee Young seconded the motion.

Carried: 5 ayes

OLD BUSINESS:

Wild Rib Cook Off and Music Festival

Trustee Mattison, seconded by Trustee Kogut moved to deny the application for a special use permit that was received from the Lakewood Celoron Moose Club to utilize Lucille Ball Memorial Park and sponsor the 2010 Rib-Fest not based upon the validity of the Moose Club's request; but rather on the inability of the Village of Celoron to reach mutual agreement with Performance Event Management.

Carried: 5 ayes

Mayor Keeney made the following comments:

It is with great sorrow that I make the first part of this announcement; but, it is with guarded optimism and great excitement that I make the second part.

We had a strong desire and a great hope that Performance Event Management would produce the Celoron 2010 Rib-Fest. To that end, we met on December 1, 2009. At this meeting the Village of Celoron made their needs very clear. Simply put, the taxpayers of the Village and the Town would not have a financial responsibility. It was expected that additional sessions would be held to negotiate and reach mutual agreement. After numerous attempts by phone and e-mail to set a meeting, to this date no meeting has occurred. At our first meeting in December, we set the end of January as the deadline to reach an agreement. That date came and went. In what seems to have been a vain attempt to at least have a meeting, we moved the deadline to the end of February. Finally in a meeting on February 18th with representatives of the Moose Club we extended the deadline to tonight. Every attempt to negotiate has passed.

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It is with great regret that I announce that, in my opinion, the partnership with Performance Event Management and the Village of Celoron to produce the Rib-Fest has ended.

As I stated earlier, it is with guarded optimism and excitement that we feel the Village of Celoron can produce their own 2010 Rib-Fest. Co-Chairmen for the event will be Scott Schrecengost and Norm Mattison. The Village's service organizations, the Lakewood Celoron Moose Club, the Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association, the Celoron Hose Company No. 1 and the Herman Kent Post #777 will be asked to become involved and share in the potential profit. Most everything will be the same – quality rib vendors, live music, secondary vendors serving peanuts, popcorn, ice cream and pop, a beer tent, children's rides and an event that offers fun for the entire family. The dates are the same, the second week of June – June 9, 10, 11 & 12, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

As much as things will remain the same there are big things being planned in addition. On Saturday, June 12, the Celoron Rib-Fest will host a classic car show sponsored by the Southern Tier Classic Chevy Club from Lakewood. We are expecting 100-150 cars in "The Grove" at the Baseball Diamond. Plans are being made to host for the entire four days, in conjunction with the Summer Wind and a local winery, a unique wine tasting event. Finally, we are talking with our friends on motorcycles to host a dice run on one of the days.

OUR OPTIMISM: Comes from the belief in a dedicated, talented and hard working Board of Trustees, active and talented service organizations and a community that has proven itself willing to volunteer.

OUR EXCITEMENT: Comes from a vision that sees Celoron's 3rd annual 2010 Rib-Fest as the best ever.

Trustee Schrecengost, seconded by Trustee Mattison moved to end the relationship with Performance and Event Management and for the Village of Celoron to organize a committee to produce their own Rib-Fest.

Carried: 5 ayes

2010-2011 Budget

Mayor Keeney stated that he would like to present the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget at a Special Meeting on Monday, March 29, 2010, if that was agreeable to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Keeney issued the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS each year the national Youth Organization CAMP FIRE USA sponsors Absolutely Incredible Kids Day, and

WHEREAS the local sponsor in Chautauqua County is the Camp Gross Foundation, and

WHEREAS in today's trying times children need kind words of thanks and encouragement more than ever, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron unanimously wishes to praise and encourage children,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Keeney, Mayor of the Village of Celoron, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 18th, 2010 as

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ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KIDS DAY

in the Village of Celoron and on behalf of the residents of the Village we urge everyone on this special day to praise, encourage and thank children.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Celoron to be affixed on this 8th day of March, 2010.

John M. Keeney
Mayor

CELORON ROD & GUN CLUB PERMIT RENEWAL

The Board reviewed a request from the Celoron Rod & Gun Club to renew their permit to discharge firearms in the Village during specific hours.

Trustee Schrecengost moved, seconded by Trustee Kogut, to approve the issuance of a 5 year permit to the Celoron Rod & Gun Club to allow the discharge of firearms in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. with the exception of not more than three tournament events a year during the winter to commence shooting activities at 8:00 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m.

Carried: 5 ayes

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathi Danielson of Performance and Event Management: "I am the owner of Performance and Event Management. My company brought the Rib-Fest to Celoron in 2008 and was welcomed with open arms and in 2009. There may have been a lot of miscommunication and I feel the case now must be closed, that there is no option for me to come back. I just want to thank you for allowing me to be here. I feel terrible about this. This is my heart and this community is very nice, wonderful and I really don't know what more to say. I am shocked by this. The teams unfortunately will not be back they're national touring teams. We have an agreement. It is a protection agreement so that they won't be coming to your event and the ride company won't be able to come. I am very dissatisfied. It is very disheartening that it has come to this. I was hoping we had worked with the Moose Club and the Fishing Association to have them host the event, so that we could take all the labor from the Mayor's office and understandably so. But, obviously there has been a problem. I am sorry to anyone who took part."

Pat McLaughlin, Celoron, New York: "I would like to make one correction as far as this year's rib-fest. The only meeting that the Fish Club had was with the Moose. We never met with you this year. Nobody from our club.... This year you met solely with the Moose. Our meeting with the Moose was to be informed that they required our labor. That was it. The only meeting we have ever had. Thank you."

Trustee Kogut motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Young seconded the motion.

Carried: 5 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer