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Board of Trustees

Proceedings by Authority

State of New York
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 Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, Village Attorney Andrew W. Goodell, Highway Superintendent Terry Schrecengost, Jade Boice of Cable 8 News, Dennis Phillips of The Post-Journal and 20 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 welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their participation. He stated that the Village Board recently passed a resolution allowing the Village Elections to be moved from March to November to coincide with the Town, County and the National Elections. The Board today received a petition from Village residents that requested such proposition be put on the ballot for the next Election Date as a referendum for all residents to vote upon. Providing that the petition meets the statutory requirements, it will be placed on the ballot.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Signorino, 97 Metcalf Avenue addressed the meeting and described her drainage problems.

Don Rosage, 95 Metcalf Avenue responded to Ms. Signorino's concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Schrecengost motioned, seconded by Trustee Mattison to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of August 24, 2009.

Carried: 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF AUDITED BILLS:

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

Carried: 5 ayes

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Kogut said that the Code Enforcement Officer is still working on Ellicott Shores. There are still problems, which are being taken care of. The construction of the Moose Lodge is going along smoothly and should be completed by Christmas time.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Trustee Schrecengost – none

PARKS & RECREATION – Trustee Young reported that they are working on a Christmas Party for the children. An organizational meeting is being set up to work with the Resource Center which has expressed interest in collaborating on the party. The Celoron Methodist Church will also be helping with it. They would like to reach out to the seniors who live alone in the Village by hosting a holiday dinner for them. She asked that anyone who knows a senior living alone to contact Bev Lindstrom so that they can be invited. It was clarified that a senior is 55 years or older.

HIGHWAY AND EQUIPMENT – Trustee Mattison said that Highway Superintendent Schrecengost and his staff had installed over 500 feet of new sidewalk and hoped to do more on Maple Street. Approximately 1,500 feet of new drainage pipe has been installed on Chadakoin, Jackson, Lake, Duquesne and Burtis Streets. Highway Superintendent Schrecengost advised that leaf collection would begin about November 1st. He reminded everyone that leaves should be raked to the edge of the street. He also asked that branches be kept separate from the leaves.

ZONING & PLANNING – Trustee Schrecengost advised that a training session will be held on Wednesday, October 21st for the Planning Board.

SANITATION – Trustee Mattison – none

BUSINESS – Trustee Kogut – none

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Keeney/Clerk Sanfilippo reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Thank you from Southern Tier West for Tier 2 Membership.
2. Correspondence from Computel Consultants.
3. Registration for the Wind Energy in WNY workshop on October 21 and 22, 2009.
4. Correspondence from NYCOM regarding objections to A. 2209-C.
5. Notification from Time Warner Cable of possible network changes and the movement of networks from standard to digital channels.
6. Registration for NYCOM's Development of 2010 Legislative Priorities on November 9, 2009 in Albany, NY.
7. Projection FYE 2011 estimate of charges for the Employees' Retirement System.
8. Meeting notice for October meeting of the Chautauqua County Conference of Mayors.
9. Registration for Fall Planning and Zoning Conference.
10. Registration for free Planning and Zoning Board Training by TVGA Consultants
11. Report from Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk on Fall Training School.
12. Report from Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer on Designing Better Rural Communities workshop.
13. Report from Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk on Microsoft Access training.
14. Invitation to First Annual Dinner and Discussion on improving Chautauqua Lake from the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission.

FINANCE – Entire Board/Clerk

The Clerk asked for approval of Abstract #7 in the amount of \$1,252.12, Dated October 13, 2009, Check #8740-4742; Abstract #8 in the amount of \$23,908.89, Dated October 13, 2009, Check

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#5209-5210, #8744-8769; Abstract #9 in the amount of \$12,680.24 Dated October 13, 2009, Check #8770-8777; and Trust and Agency Abstract #4 in the amount of \$641.16, Dated October 13, 2009, Check #4620-4621.

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

Carried: 5 ayes

AUDIT – Trustee Mattison – none

INSURANCE – Trustee Young – none

BUILDING – Trustee Young – none

SPECIAL EVENTS – Trustee Mattison said that he, the Mayor and Trustee Schrecengost will be setting up a meeting with Kathi Danielson to discuss possible dates for next year's rib-fest. They are also discussing having a float in the DJDC Holiday Parade in Jamestown. He asked anyone interested in participating to let him know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Keeney reminded everyone of fall clean-up day on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Highway Superintendent Schrecengost stated that tires with rims were excluded.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2009.

BURTIS STREET PLAYGROUND

Trustee Kogut advised that there was nothing new to report.

LONG AND SHORT-TERM GOALS

Mayor Keeney stated that copies of the long and short-term goals were in each member's packet. He asked the Board to look them over and come up with some action steps to achieve the goals. Another meeting will be scheduled to finalize the action steps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Keeney said that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and made those present aware of a walk being held at Jamestown Community College to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Mayor Keeney encourage anyone with ideas for a Village of Celoron float for the DJDC Holiday Parade in Jamestown to stop into the office share their ideas and/or offer to help with the project.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #30 – 2009-10

RESOLVED, That the Village Clerk-Treasurer be and she hereby is authorized to forward the unpaid 2009-1010 Village Taxes in the amount of thirty-four thousand ninety-nine dollars and forty-

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three cents (\$34,099.43) to the Chautauqua County Division of Taxation for re-levy on the 2010 Town and County property taxes.

Trustee Mattison moved, seconded by Trustee Kogut to approve the resolution.

Carried: 5 ayes

LOCAL LAW

Local Law No. 6 of 2009

Amending Chapter 20 of the Code of the Village of Celoron
Regarding Village Park Rules

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Celoron, New York, pursuant to the authority and provisions of § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and § 7-725a of the New York State Village Law, as follows:

1. Intent. This law amends Chapter 20 of the Code of the Village of Celoron to prohibit skateboards, roller skating, or roller blades in the Village Park, but to allow motor vehicles at the launch site in the Village Park, allow fishing on the dock, and allow people to be on the dock and launch area with bare feet.

2. Rules and Regulations. Section 20-3 of the Code of the Village of Celoron relating to the rules and regulations in the Village Parks is amended to add the following subsection:

I. Skateboards and Roller skating. No persons shall be allowed to skateboard, roller skate, or roller blade in a Village Park. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to waive this restriction by resolution for special events.

3. Rules and Regulations for Dock and Launch Ramp. Section 20-4 of the Code of the Village of Celoron relating to the rules and regulations for the dock and launch area at the end of Dunham Avenue in the Village of Celoron is amended to read as follows:

B. Boat Dock and Launch Ramp Rules and Regulations:

1. No overnight docking.
2. The Village of Celoron shall not be responsible for boat and/or belongings.
3. No swimming off dock or launch area.
4. No bikes or motorized vehicles on dock.
5. Secure all belongings, including motors, cushions, etc. on both areas.
6. No skiing within one hundred fifty (150) feet of dock and launch area.
7. No children under sixteen (16) on dock or launch area unless accompanied by an adult.
8. Must report any disturbance of any boat and/or gear to the Village Clerk's Office or Town of Ellicott Police immediately.

4. Effective Date

This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

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Trustee Schrecengost moved, seconded by Trustee Young to approve the local law.

Carried: 5 ayes

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Signorino, 97 Metcalf Avenue addressed the Board regarding fences and permits that they had received.

Brian Malta thanked the Board for all their hard work and dedication. He appreciates the fact that the residents are allowed to express their thoughts at the meetings as allowed by the Constitution.

Mayor Keeney expressed the following comments on politics and politicians: Many consider these words to be bad – to be what is bad about our democracy. Unfortunately, some of these people many of them have a strong argument. There are individuals and groups who, what I would call, play at politics. They make elections a game – a game of re-election. A game that is considered to be a return to power. You may recognize them by their attempts to divide residents into groups. Groups that despise each other. Rather than reaching out and trying to create a consensus. These groups represent what is bad about politics and politicians. Unfortunately, these persons represent a majority of the politicians that have infected politics. The other smaller group is the one that works at politics. You rarely hear them say “I” but rather you hear them communicate with the word “we”. This group has the welfare of all the residents as their goal and can easily point to the accomplishments of their leadership. This group does not play politics; but, rather considers leadership to be a responsibility and a trust. All the electorates from the village to the nation must decide what type of leadership they want. Bad or good. People that talk about “me” or people that talk about “we”. People that play at politics or people that work at politics. People that divide a community or people that try to unite the community. Good government is up to you. We can make the difference together.

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