

April 6, 2009

Board of Trustees

Proceedings by Authority

State of New York
Village of Celoron ss:
Village Hall

An organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, Village Attorney Andrew W. Goodell, Esq., Mary Keeney, Steve Piazza, Pam Piazza, Stan Anderson, Nedra Anderson, Beverly Lindstrom, Dorothy Lindstrom, Shirley Harmon, Kathy Murray, Bryan Murray, Howard Murray, Joan L. Murray, Charles Keyes, Lois Keyes, Nola Riley, Chuck Abraham, Charlene Heidorn, Joyce Kellogg E.S.F.G., Steve Grundstrom, James Matteson, Sandy Lamb, Kylie Ross, Kelle King, Gary Card, Jeff Pawloski, Rick Kible, Jeannie Slagle, Harry Trippett, Bob Darling, Nancy Honey-Petrucello, Tony Petrucello, Perry ?? (illegible), Debbie B., Cindy Maricci, Kevin Kelsey, Val Lind?? (illegible), Janeane Shanahan, Paul Shanahan, Phil York, Lisa Sobocinski, Robin Young, Jeff Sobocinski, Richard Thompson, Gordia Thompson, Valerie Malta, Brian Malta, Terry Schrecengost

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village Attorney Goodell administered the oath of office to the Mayor and Trustees

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joyce Kellogg, Ellicott Shores, questioned whether the Board intended to continue to pursue legal action against the owner of Ellicott Shores. She further asked them to verbalize whether or not they intended to continue with the service of the Code Enforcement Officer and Village Attorney from the previous administration.

Mayor Keeney responded that the Board is anxious to assist the residents of Ellicott Shores to get satisfaction to a problem that is very difficult. They will continue with the help of Attorney Andrew Goodell and Code Enforcement Officer Rick Slagle.

Pam Piazza, Neighborhood Watch Group, asked the Public Safety Trustee to attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings.

SUBMISSION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor's Office
To the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York

Trustees:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Village Law of the State of New York, I do hereby nominate the following:

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC
1306 Newland Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

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to be appointed Village Clerk/Treasurer in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 4, 2011.

Jetta L. Wilson
14 Rowley Court WE
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be appointed Deputy Village Clerk in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Andrew W. Goodell
617 Washington Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed Village Attorney in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Sue Caffaro
12 Lucy Lane
Celoron, NY 14720

to be re-appointed Animal Control Officer in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Lisa Sobocinski
20 Venice Street
Celoron, NY 14720

to be re-appointed Deputy Animal Control Officer in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Terry Schrecengost
22 East Avenue
Celoron, New York 14720

to be appointed Highway Supervisor in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC
1306 Newland Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 4, 2011.

Jetta L. Wilson
14 Rowley Court WE
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Helen Sischo
70 Jackson Avenue
Celoron, NY 14720

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to be appointed Historian in and for the Village of Celoron, New York. The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

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John M. Keeney
Mayor of the Village of Celoron, New York

Mayor Keeney stated that at the present time he was not making any appointments to the Deputy Treasurer position or Code Enforcement Officer and asked that they hold over.

Trustee Gertsch questioned the residency requirement that was passed as a Local Law in 2000 which required department heads to live in the Town of Ellicott.

Village Attorney Goodell reviewed the provisions of the local law that Trustee Gertsch presented to him. His interpretation was that appointments could be made today to individuals who were not a resident of the Town of Ellicott; however, they would have to move within 30 days of the appointment. He also advised that, if there was no qualified resident who was interested in the position, a qualified person from outside the Town of Ellicott could be appointed. He pointed out that he was currently not a resident of the Town of Ellicott.

Trustee Gertsch stated that in 30 days the question of residency would be brought up.

Trustee Schrecengost replied that the law could be amended.

Attorney Goodell stated that it could be amended following the procedure required for a local law.

Mayor Keeney asked if there was anyone applying for the job.

Mayor Keeney stated that he preferred to continue with the appointments and deal with the situation in 30 days.

Trustee Gertsch said that he was opposed to voting collectively on the Mayor's appointments. He moved to vote individually on the appointments. There was no second; therefore, the motion died.

Trustee Mattison moved to vote collectively on the appointments. Trustee Kogut seconded the motion.

Carried: 3 ayes, 1 nay – Gertsch, nay

Trustee Schrecengost moved to approve the appointments. Trustee Kogut seconded the motion.

Carried: 3 ayes, 1 nay – Gertsch, nay

Village Attorney Goodell administered the Oath of Office to the appointees.

SUBMISSION OF MAYOR'S COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor's Office
To the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York

Trustees:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me, I do hereby appoint the following to standing committees in and for the Village of Celoron, New York:

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Deputy Mayor	Trustee Schrecengost
Public Safety	Trustee Kogut
Animal Control	Trustee Schrecengost
Parks and Recreation	Trustee Mattison
Highway and Equipment	Trustee Mattison
Zoning and Planning	Trustee Schrecengost
Sanitation	Trustee Mattison
Business	Trustee Kogut
Correspondence	Mayor Keeney/Clerk
Finance	Entire Board/Clerk
Audit	Trustee Gertsch
Insurance	Trustee Gertsch
Building	Trustee Gertsch
Special Events (Rib-Fest)	Trustee Mattison

The term for which said appointments are to be made will expire on April 5, 2010.

Dated: April 6, 2009

John M. Keeney
Mayor of the Village of Celoron, New York

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #1-2009-10

Motion by Trustee Schrecengost, Seconded by Trustee Kogut:

RESOLVED, That Key Bank of New York, N.A., and HSBC Bank, N.A., be and hereby are designated as depositories of the Village of Celoron and that they be and hereby are requested, authorized and directed to honor checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money drawn in the Village's name, including those payable to the individual order of any person or persons whose name or names appear thereon as a signer or signore thereof, when bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile signatures of any two (2) of the following: the Mayor; Deputy Mayor; Clerk-Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer and the above mentioned banks shall be entitled to honor and charge this village for such checks, drafts or other orders, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purposed facsimile signatures or signature thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such signature or signatures resemble the facsimile specimen duly certified to or filed with the above mentioned banks by the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Celoron.

Carried: 4 ayes

Resolution #2-2009-10

Motion by Trustee Mattison, Seconded by Trustee Kogut:

RESOLVED, That the Jamestown Post-Journal be and it hereby is designated as the official newspaper for the publications of proceedings and official notices for the Village of Celoron, New York for the period April 6, 2009 through April 5, 2010.

Carried: 4 ayes

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Resolution #3-2009-10

Motion by Trustee Schrecengost, Seconded by Trustee Mattison:

RESOLVED, That the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron shall be held on the second Monday of each month in the Log Cabin, Celoron, New York at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a 6:30 pm work session, beginning the evening of April 13, 2009 and on scheduled Monday evenings thereafter in the year 2009-2010, at the same time and place. When a meeting date falls on a federal holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday.

April 13	October 13, Tuesday
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14
July 13	January 11
August 10	February 8
September 14	March 8

Carried: 4 ayes

Resolution #4-2009-10

Motion by Trustee Kogut, Seconded by Trustee Mattison:

RESOLVED, That Mayor John M. Keeney and Board of Trustee members be, and they hereby are, authorized to attend meetings, training sessions and conferences of the Chautauqua County Conference of Mayors, the New York State Conference of Mayors, and any other job related conferences during 2009-10, with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law.

Carried: 4 ayes

Resolution #5-2009-10

Motion by Trustee Mattison, Seconded by Trustee Kogut:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held at 6:45 pm on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Log Cabin, Celoron, New York to consider the Tentative Budget, as presented, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer be and she hereby is directed to publish a legal notice of same.

Carried: 4 ayes

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lois Keyes, Ellicott Shores, wanted assurance from the Board that they were going to continue to support the residents of Ellicott Shores to pursue corrections to the code violations.

Mayor Keeney asked each Trustee whether or not they agreed that the Village should continue to assist the residents of Ellicott Shores.

Each Trustee re-affirmed their commitment.

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Village Attorney Goodell gave an update on the action against the owners of Ellicott Shores.

Mayor Keeney stated that the Village was very fortunate to have Attorney Goodell and Code Enforcement Officer Slagle working on this. The ball is now in the court of the attorneys.

Name was inaudible, Burtis Street, read a statement from Jim and Carolyn Fish in support of the previous administration. On behalf of herself, she encouraged the incoming administration to listen to the advice of Trustee Gertsch.

Trustee Gertsch stated that he is resigning from the Board as of tonight. He feels he cannot accomplish what he would like to accomplish. He said that it would be a waste of his time to stay on the Board. He gave a written resignation to Mayor Keeney and left the meeting.

Mayor Keeney replied that he was sorry to hear that.

James Mattison, 61 W. Chadakoin St., questioned why \$40,000 in unpaid debt had not been brought to the attention of the Board by the former administration.

Village Attorney Goodell responded that he was not sure what Mr. Mattison was talking about and asked if he had more details.

Jeff Belowski, Celoron, New York, asked if they were going to proceed with expansion of the Village Hall.

Mayor Keeney replied that he did not know. He did not know what the circumstances of that were and it would be up to the Board of Trustees.

Kelle King, Dunham Avenue, questioned if the Village would have to pay unemployment for officials who had not been re-appointed.

Village Attorney Goodell responded that elected officials were not eligible for unemployment. The Village will make payments to the state for the employees.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Keeney gave the following remarks:

It's my belief that our Trustees and Mayor need to leave partisan policies, individual disputes and outside allegiances at the door as we prepare to do the people's business. It is important to note that elections have consequences and when the voters deliver a mandate, certain actions are almost required.

By voting you, all of you, have made the first step in community involvement. This Board and your community need you now to take the second step and volunteer for activities for the common good. As you may have heard at this meeting, there will be changes **IN** appointments and changes **BY** resolution. Let me review some of the more important changes.

- FIRST:** Village Hall will continue to be closed on Wednesday and open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-T-TH-F even over the lunch hour 12-1.
- SECOND:** All regular meetings will be held at the Log Cabin where there will be room for everyone to attend the meeting.
- THIRD:** Regular Meetings will be only once per month on the Second Monday at 7 p.m. with a Board work session at 6:30 p.m. That does not mean that the Board of Trustees will not have Special Meetings to take care of business. All meetings will be publicized and open to the public.

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FOURTH: You heard we will have new faces in the office of Village Hall. Before I introduce these two (2) women so that you know something about them, allow me to recognize the service of Sandy Lamb and most especially that of Vikie Strong Slagle. Her years of service speak volumes to her dedication. Our special thanks Mayor Tom Bartolo, who said that he would be here. At the last minute he said that he would not although he had been encouraged to be here.

Our new Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar will be Shirley Sanfilippo

First let me take a few seconds to let me introduce to you Shirley Sanfilippo. She has an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Jamestown Community College; a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a Major in Management from Fredonia; and attended the Advanced Academy for Professional Clerks at Syracuse University.

Shirley has a varied work experience, but; for 24 years she has worked as the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer/Registrar for the City of Jamestown. As a member of both the Municipal Clerks of Chautauqua County and the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks she has served in many official capacities including President of both groups. As a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks for 18 years, in 2004 she received the designation of Master Municipal Clerk. Her community service is extremely varied not the least of which is the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels and the Girl Scouts of Southwestern New York.

Our new Deputy Clerk/Registrar will be Jetta Wilson

Jetta graduated from SWCS, attended JBC majoring in Secretarial and Accounting and attended Grove City College majoring in mathematics and was on the Dean's List at both colleges. For five (5) years she was a personnel clerk with Jamestown General Hospital. Her responsibilities included but, not limited to: maintaining personnel files, new employee orientation and employee reports to Civil Service. For eighteen (18) years, for the City of Jamestown, she served as the Clerk/Secretary to the Civil Service Commission. She again maintained personnel files, prepared meeting agendas and minutes and administered the technical aspects of the City's Civil Service program.

I want you to know ladies and gentlemen that the village is fortunate to be able to attract two (2) women of such experience and talent. Please stop in during the intervening days, to say hello to them and make them to feel welcome to our community.

A transition in government leadership is never easy and the expectations that people have are varied and in most cases extremely high. No matter how rapidly one may move, it's never fast enough for some. As we try to produce a new leadership model for **EVERYONE** we are going to do it **RIGHT** not necessarily fast because right is much better than fast.

The **past is the past** and I am going to look to the future and I ask those around me to share that vision. We will try to hit the road running, but ask you to understand when we err. Point out our mistakes and expect us not to repeat them.

Thank you for your vote.

Thank you for your confidence.

Let's start today to build a new era for Celoron based upon honesty and fairness and a vision of the future.

AS THEY SAY IN THE SOUTH: YA-ALL COMEBACK (to the log cabin)

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

Carried: 3 ayes

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(Trustee Gertsch had left the meeting after resigning)

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer