

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015, at the Town of Eaton Offices, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Margaret Brody	Trustee
	Emily Marshall	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	James Stokes	Attorney
	Lloyd Sutton	Code Enforcement Officer
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer
Absent:	Allen Noel	Trustee

Others: Tom Lane and Charlie Bostic, residents; and Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Shepard opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Shepard indicated he would not be able to attend the October meeting and asked Trustee Brody if she would be available to oversee the meeting. She indicated she should be able to do that.

Minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Roher made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Brody, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DPW Report:** Trustee Roher indicated all is well.

Mayor Shepard directed the board to a letter received from Madison County Planning Department requesting information regarding our electricity usage. The County is investigating a solar development. Mayor Shepard noted that when he brought this to the board several months ago they did not want to be involved. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the completion of the Letter of Authorization form regarding the village's NYSEG accounts, seconded by Trustee Marshall, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Marshall suggested that we look into updating the village street lights to LED bulbs. Attorney Stokes noted that Cazenovia is trying to do that but have run into a wall because National Grid wants an outrageous amount of money to make the conversion. Cazenovia also considered buying the fixtures and completing the work themselves, however that was also cost prohibitive. Trustee Marshall questioned whether we should contact NYSEG and determine if they would do this. Mayor Shepard indicated it can't hurt to ask.

**Parking Enforcement Report:** Mayor Shepard noted that at the August meeting there was discussion about correcting the parking regulations for Union Street and possibly modifying those for East Maple Avenue. Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing on October 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., regarding parking regulations for Union Street and East Maple Avenue, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Department:** Trustee Brody indicated that the contract with the sheriff's department is up for renewal and asked if the board wanted any changes made. She noted that currently the contract states that they will deliver up to 20 hours per week; she suggested that wording be revised to an amount agreed upon between the village and sheriff's department. Attorney Stokes believes that provision has been misinterpreted and should have been as requested by village, but the sheriff's department has interpreted that they can fill in at any time they want. Trustee Roher questioned why we are scheduling deputies to work between 4:00-8:00 pm when the students aren't even coming out until around midnight. Trustee Brody responded that if we want to control the time of the patrols it should be as agreed by both parties. Attorney Stokes stated that the village needs flexibility so that we are determining when we have coverage. Attorney Stokes and Trustee Brody to review contract and bring to October meeting for consideration.

**Code Enforcement Report:** Mr. Sutton updated the board recent code enforcement activity. Regarding student rentals, he's been keeping an eye on those properties which traditionally need this. Mr. Sutton indicated he has received complaints regarding properties where there appear to be students living where there haven't been in the past. Trustee Roher questioned how we are going to handle that. Mr. Sutton and Attorney Stokes discussed how enforcement will be approached.

Trustee Marshall stated that landlords need to have some responsibility for the actions of their tenants. Trustee Brody agreed and suggested that we utilize the student rental permit process similar to Hamilton; when a property has a certain number of visits from a police agency the permit is not renewed for the following year. Attorney Stokes will provide the board with a copy of Hamilton's policy regarding this.

**Crossing Guard:** Trustee Roher spoke with Deb Everson regarding use of school aides for the crossing detail. Nothing has been finalized regarding this, however. Trustee Brody indicated she would speak to the sheriff's department to see if they can provide coverage the first few days of school.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Lane expressed his frustration regarding parties consistently occurring at the same houses. He's been dealing with parties going on until well after 2:00 a.m. and questioned where the police are. He indicated there were a couple of hundred students partying at Laubscher's house on Union Street recently and nothing was done. Mr. Lane said the village is not being proactive. In his opinion, a message needs to be sent to these absentee landlords that this activity is not going to be tolerated and the landlord needs to be held accountable. Mr. Lane stated that he has a vested interest in this community and tries to be a good neighbor, but situations such as these are extremely frustrating.

Attorney Stokes noted that other communities have the ability to deal with these types of issues right way because they have their own police force. He suggested that the village needs to get the sheriff's department to deal with our community like an in-house police force deals with their community, by reacting quickly and consistently.

Mr. Lane also expressed his concern regarding the overall decline of the village. We don't have anything here to offer young adults, so they aren't moving in with their families. We have others coming in and purchasing homes and moving students in to them. Mr. Lane stated that if he was 10 years younger he would move out of the village.

**Trustee Report:** Trustee Roher advised the board that she attended a meeting arranged by Madison County Planning Department to address our local food issues. It was clear from that meeting that it will take a few years for that grant process to be completed. Trustee Roher questioned whether we should try to entice a grocery store to come here now, perhaps by offering a PILOT program. Trustee Marshall indicated that her office made contact with Aldi's, who wanted to be on Route 20, and Save More, who hasn't returned her call. Trustee Brody thought it would be hard for a business to go into the Big M plaza because of the amount of renovations needed. Trustee Roher said she is willing to contact chain grocery stores, even if we've asked them before. The board didn't express any opposition to her making contact with grocery stores.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Shepard said that he wanted to address a rumor circulating regarding his involvement with the sale of the Big M to Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation. He stated that at no time did he tell the college that he was against the sale. He noted that he made several requests for a meeting so he would have an opportunity to have a conversation with the college and MAC regarding their plans for the building. Unfortunately, that meeting never happened.

Mayor Shepard said he is currently attempting to schedule a meeting between himself, Trustee Noel and President Rogers of Morrisville State College. Glen Gaslin will be invited to attend as well. Mayor Shepard has asked Mrs. Will to take notes and report back to the board.

**Clerk-Treasurer Report:** The board was provided financial reports detailing income and expenditures to date by fund.

Mrs. Will indicated that water/sewer bills were issued on 7/31, requiring August late fees to be assessed early so the bills would be accurate. Two accounts were paid on 7/31, after late fees were assessed and the bill generated. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the removal of late fees for the following accounts: Selinsky (000490) \$11.72 and Mennig (001390) \$18.67, seconded by Trustee Brody, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will indicated that NYS Department of Transportation had late fees assessed to their account. As a state agency, it is exempt from late fees. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the removal of late fees to NYS DOT (000666) \$11.70, seconded by Trustee Brody, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board discussed Sue Greenhagen's request for reimbursement for the cost of a hotel room while she attended a conference. Mrs. Will noted that the request was initially made in July and the voucher for reimbursement went before the board at that meeting. Mrs. Will contacted Ms. Greenhagen for confirmation that the board previously approved this expense and directed them to a copy of an email sent 7/8/15. After discussion Trustee Roher made a motion to approve the hotel reimbursement request, seconded by Trustee Marshall, all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Will to advise Ms. Greenhagen that future requests must be in accordance with village policy.

Trustee Brody made a motion to approve the following budget transfer: G1989.4-1 (DEC Permits) \$25.00 from G1990.4 (Contingency), seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

Each member of the board reviewed all vouchers presented. Trustee Roher made a motion to pay audited vouchers as indicated below, seconded by Trustee Brody, all ayes. Motion carried.

General – Vouchers 54-73

Water Fund – Vouchers 9-14

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 16-25

Youth Commission – Voucher 5-6

With no further business before the board, Trustee Brody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will

Village Clerk-Treasurer