

JUNE 27, 2011

The seventh regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, NY, was held Monday, June 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM, with Mayor David T. Wordelmann presiding. Trustees present were Susan F. Drago, Joseph M. Troche and P.J. Wendel. Also present were Deputy Village Clerk Mary B. Currie, Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft, Village Attorney Edward P. Wright, Police Chief John R. Bentley, Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg and Building Inspector Charles L. Smith. Absent were Trustee Gale A. Denn, Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson.

#### ANYONE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Anthony Barone, 103 Erie St., the village Historian, appeared before the Board of Trustees to discuss several projects the History Committee is working on. First he presented the Board of Trustees with a picture of the new "Museum" sign the history committee is having made to be erected outside the Village Hall. Mr. Barone also spoke about four more historic markers that are presently being made. The committee would like permission to place two on the four corners of Chautauqua Ave. & Summit St. One would be put on the Northwest corner looking towards the north and will be a picture of Chautauqua Ave. with pictures of the Hotel Hurlbert and the Chautauqua Hotel. The other would be placed on the Southwest corner looking south and would have a picture of a winter scene of Chautauqua Avenue in the 40's and also a picture which shows the old Fire Station. The third marker would be placed by the railroad tracks at Chautauqua Ave. with a couple pictures of the old railroad depot. The Historical Committee would like to place the fourth marker at the intersection of Lakeview Ave. and East Summit St. which would have pictures of the old Lakewood High School & the old Highland Ave. School.

Trustee Joseph M. Troche indicated he is concerned about the historic markers becoming a site line problem at the four corners of Chautauqua Ave. and Summit St.

Mr. Barone said the historic markers would not be installed without the Village's input on where they should be placed.

Another project Historian Barone is working on is having six students and Mrs. Brown, the art teacher from Southwestern High School, paint the southern wall of the HW Motors building on the corner of Chautauqua Ave. and West First Street, with murals of the old hotels and the train station in Lakewood and have it say "Welcome to Historic Lakewood" Mr. Barone asked permission from the Board of Trustees to move forward with this project.

Mr. Barone said that one more thing the History Committee is doing is working with The Lakewood Rotary Club to put flags/banners along Chautauqua Ave. with different pictures on each one. Mrs. Tillie Solomonson has written a grant to help with this project.

Mr. Barone voiced his concern about the moisture in the basement and the damage that could be done to all the old pictures which are on display. He wondered if there was any way they could get a dehumidifier or two to have set down there. He is working on getting some donations for carpet to be placed throughout the museum which would help with some of the moisture.

Historian Barone also wanted to let the Board of Trustees know that they are continuing the Circa Plaque Program and that they will be up at the Chautauqua Institution again this year promoting it. They will also be having another Nostalgia Night since the last couple they had were very successful.

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Mr. Barone announced that they have a new committee member, Mr. Duane F. Anderson, former Village Trustee, has joined the Historical Committee and that they are happy to have him aboard.

The final thing is to let everyone know that the museum should be open in about a month. The museum will have regular hours which should make it available for kids from area schools to be able to take tours.

Trustee Wendel and Trustee Troche commented on what a wonderful job Mr. Barone has been doing in getting the history information out and how great the museum is coming along.

Mayor Wordelmann wanted to thank Mr. Barone and his historical committee on what a wonderful job they have all done.

#### RECESS

Motion by Trustee Wendel, seconded by Trustee Troche, to recess the regular meeting so as to conduct a previously scheduled public hearing.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

#### PUBLIC HEARING – 6:40 PM SPECIAL USE PERMIT – FENCE 169 LAKEVIEW AVE.

Mayor Wordelmann opened the public hearing at 6:40 PM and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the notice of public hearing as it appeared in the Village of Lakewood's official newspaper. He then asked if anyone would care to speak for or against the proposed 6 ft. fence at 169 Lakeview Ave.

With no one having a comment for or against it, Trustee Troche wanted to mention that although the Village of Lakewood is usually against 6 ft. fences this is a little different situation. This house is on the corner of Lakeview and E. Fairmount Ave. so this fence would help to serve as a sound barrier and just because they approve it does not mean the village is endorsing 6 ft. fences.

With no one else to be heard Mayor Wordelmann closed the public hearing at 6:44 PM.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held June 13, 2011.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

#### AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Drago, seconded by Trustee Wendel, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstract dated June 27, 2011, be approved and that the Clerk shall execute said abstract, (#4), and direct payment by the Treasurer. General Fund: \$ 77,102.14

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

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## REPORTS

Police Chief John R. Bentley reported that the Lakewood-Busti Police Department has responded to five thousand one hundred nine reportable incidents year-to-date. Chief Bentley submitted a copy of a letter of resignation from part time Officer Daniel Overend who has taken a full time position with the City of Jamestown effective July 6, 2011. He also asked the Board of Trustees for permission to hire a part time officer to replace him.

Chief Bentley also requested permission to maintain his fleet of patrol cars by keeping the 2007 Ford Explorer so that he could spread out the use of the vehicles. By keeping the SUV it should cut down the cost of maintenance and extend the use of the tires on the remainder of his fleet. The Explorer is the best of the three that were going to the auction, it will be put in the vehicle rotation and will have someone assigned to it.

Mayor Wordelmann said that this year we would have been auctioning off three cars where usually we auction two, so by keeping the Explorer we would still be auctioning two.

Chief Bentley agreed that nothing would change as far as the number of cars auctioned this year.

Fire Chief Kurt W. Hallberg reported that the Lakewood Fire Department has responded to three hundred fifty one alarms year-to-date which puts them exactly fifty ahead of last year at this time.

Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft reported that the village taxes have been coming in steady.

Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson submitted a written report as follows:

As Village Clerk I would like to thank D.P.W. Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and the D.P.W. crew for making some improvements to the area around the Beach House. In addition to all the street work they do, last week they pulled out a few overgrown shrubs, replacing them with new ones, placed new decorative stone around the plantings in front of the beach house, and formed and poured two new concrete pads adjacent to the beach house.

Mayor Wordelmann wished to let everyone know that the rain garden is now finished in Hartley Park and it turned out very nice. It is designed to take the moisture off the tennis courts when it rains hard or steady. This is a demonstration project that people from around the county will be coming to look at in case they would like to take on a similar project.

Building Inspector Charles L. Smith reported that work at the Village Plaza is moving along quickly. TJ Maxx and Michael's are hoping to be open by mid August to attract the back to school shopping crowd and PetsMart should be opening shortly thereafter.

Mayor Wordelmann commented on the problem of the long grass at homes that have been abandoned in the village and that it is now time to look into what can be done.

Mr. Smith said the time between the property owners abandoning the houses and the banks taking them back is when there is nothing we are able to do since no one actually owns them. It seems as though that keeps taking longer and longer in this economy.

Trustee Troche reported that the Personnel Committee has begun the Police Contract negotiations with the CSEA Union and hopefully they will have a proposal shortly so they can get it wrapped up.

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RESOLUTION #42-2011-2012 – APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Motion by Trustee Wendel, seconded By Trustee Troche, to approve a Special Use Permit application as submitted by Mr. Jack Scalise, whereby he will be allowed to erect 48 lineal feet of 6 ft. high privacy fence parallel to the northerly boundary line of East Fairmount Ave. at his property at 169 Lakeview Ave.  
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

RESOLUTION #43-2011-2021 – ACCEPT LOW BID FOR 2011 BACK-HOE/LOADER

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, per the recommendation of Mayor Wordelmann and D.P.W. Supervisor Pilling, for the Village of Lakewood to accept the low bid in the amount of \$45,900.15, which includes 2 trade-ins. One 1999 John Deere Loader for \$ 23,250.00 and one 1988 Ford Back-hoe for \$ 8,750.00 as submitted by Monroe Tractor, Buffalo, NY.  
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

RESOLUTION #44-2011-2012 – RESIGNATION OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Wendel, to regretfully accept the resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals member James Scully. Mr. Scully and his wife will soon be moving outside of the Village of Lakewood.  
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

RESOLUTION #45-2011-2012 – APPOINT NEW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, per the recommendation of Mayor David T. Wordelmann, to appoint Duane F. Anderson, 115 West Terrace Ave., to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James Scully.  
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

RESOLUTION #46-2011-2012 – APPROVE HISTORIC MARKER LOCATIONS

Motion by Trustee Troche, seconded by Trustee Drago, that the following locations for the proposed historic markers be approved. Two at the intersection of Chautauqua Ave. & Summit St., one by the railroad tracks at Chautauqua Ave. and one at the intersection of East Summit St. and Lakeview Ave. Chief Bentley and D.P.W. Supervisor Thomas Pilling will review the proposed locations for code compliance.  
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Drago, Troche, Wendel, Wordelmann)

Motion by Trustee Wordelmann, seconded by Trustee Troche, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Mary B. Currie  
Deputy Village Clerk