

September 8, 2005

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Patricia Gross, Trustees Earle Catlin, Ronald Swartz, Howard Miller and Kevin Sullivan, Village Manager Vincent Azzarelli, Village Attorney John Groff, Police Chief David Kole, DPW Chris Lawrick, Planning Board Member Mike Stenpeck, Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham, and Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer. Also present were the following:

Andy Bodewes	Conifer Realty
George Kastenhuber	517 John Street
Dixie Rhodes	104 Myers Drive
Pat Pastrick	3216 S. Main St.
Dave Radin	501 S. Main St.
Diane and Paul Beach	
Loretta Larson	911 S. Main St.
Julie Hurley	1014 S. Main St.
Ken Pulley	3261 S. Main St.
Robert Olcott	1010 Hulett St.
Susan Bauer	112 Boorum Pl.
Raymond Stewart	31A Lorraine Blvd.
Chris and Myra Lowe	2286 Grand Central Ave.
Joan Kadlec	112 Greenridge Dr.
Chris Lloyd	511 Westlake St.
Donna Kelly	514 Westlake St.
Gloria & Arnold Wheeler	202 Thorne St.
Rodney Brewer	184 Catalpa Dr.
Jack Wagner	418 Shelbourne St.
Dolores Mix	241 Stuart St.
Kristen & Rick Geiser	303 William Lane
Fran Pack	2897 Westinghouse Rd.
Brian Barrett	402 Center St.
Tammy Wheeler	201 Thorne St.
Pam Fluent	301 Eisenhart Pl.
Theresa Waters	118 Miller St.
Kim Seymour	
Jamie Gensel	Fagan Engineers
John Wardwell	831 S. Main St.
Jim Lynch	303 W. Mill St.
Bill Goodwin	161 Sunset Dr.
Karen Giles	1340 County Route 19
Patrick Schultz	408 W. Broad St.
Pat Calligan	115 Lilac Dr.
Vickie Edgerton	Hhds. Animal Shelter
Gerald & Kathy Rourke	108 Sage St. N.
Frank Rosplock	Hhds. Animal Shelter
Denise Hamilton	899 Latta Brook Rd.
Don & Jean Quinn	555 Gardner Rd.
Pat Bauer	207 W. Mill St.
David Bauer	207 W. Mill St.
Pat Wall	116 Fletcher St.
Pat Vincent	324 Shappee St.
Gene Vincent	324 Shappee St.
Kim Connelly	509 S. Main St.
Jennie Mathews	919 S. Main St.
Elaine Walker	Chemung County SPCA

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of August 11, 2005 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

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Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Catlin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the audit of bills as listed below be received and approved for payment when in funds:

General -	\$134,618.10
Water -	\$ 25,556.98
Trust & Agency -	\$ 8,080.21

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Miller

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for August 2005 be received and placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of July 26, 2005, the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of August 10, 2005, and the Traffic Commission Meeting of September 1, 2005, be received and placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Catlin

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to a vacancy in the membership of the Village Planning Board, Alternate Member Mike Fuller is hereby appointed as a Full Member of the Planning Board, filling the unexpired term of Donna Greene, said appointment to expire the first Monday of April, 2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Debbie Hicks is hereby appointed as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board, said appointment to expire the first Monday of April, 2006.

Mayor Gross - I still have to discuss this with Ms. Hicks.

Atty. Groff - you should withdraw that portion of resolution if she hasn't accepted

Motion by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Miller, that the past paragraph of the current resolution appointing Debbie Hicks to the Planning Board be removed.

Roll Call Vote on amendment:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Roll Call Vote on resolution as amended:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Discussion on Forming Special Board for Comprehensive Planning:

Mayor Gross - you see the resolution in your packets. I ask that you review this for the next Board Meeting on September 29th.

Village Manager - at the last Planning Board Meeting, the members were willing to take on review of a new comprehensive plan. They asked Cornell Cooperative Extension to come in and discuss getting help from them. Mike Hastrick made a good recommendation, because of depth of planning that we really needed a special board with expertise in certain areas. The Planning Board agreed. They are asking the Board to take a look at this, and to, think of names of those who should be on this special board. Should have someone familiar with real estate, commercial development, people to show us where we are going, work with consultants provided by Cornell.

Trustee Sullivan - Is there a certain number of members needed.

Village Manager - not less than 8 not more than 12. They would set their own meet schedule, and would report to the Planning Board.

Atty. Groff - that is so they make sure there is continual progress.

Mayor Gross - bring back suggestions for 9/29 meeting.

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Catlin

WHEREAS, the Horseheads Kiwanis Club has submitted a Festival Permit Application to the Village Manager for a Fall Festival to be conducted on September 18, 2005 in Hanover Square, and

WHEREAS, said application for street closings and traffic patterns has been reviewed by the Village Traffic Commission, having recommended approval of same, and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager has thoroughly reviewed the application and approved same, and

WHEREAS, said application includes an outdoor 'wine tasting' during the festival, and

WHEREAS, Village Code Chapter 76 controls the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in open containers at various locations in the Village. Said law empowering the Board of Trustees to grant permission waiving the application of such law on such terms and conditions as said Board determines to be reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Vincent Azzarelli is hereby authorized to issue a permit waiving the application of Village Code Chapter 76 under the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall oversee the safe conduct and operation of the contemplated activity on the site together with the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- 2) Open containers of alcoholic beverages are prohibited pursuant to said law excepting only wine in the area which is authorized for the wine tasting.
- 3) The applicant shall present the Village with a Certificate of Compliance with all New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requirements regarding the sale and dispensing of alcoholic beverages off of licensed premises as well as any other necessary approvals from the Chemung County Health Department, if any.
- 4) The applicant shall coordinate with the Village Police Department for a patrol officer's presence during the scheduled event.
- 5) The Village Manager is authorized to determine the size and location of the wine

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tasting area, which will be clearly identified as such by the applicant.

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to close the following streets for said event from 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18th 2005:

- 1) S. Main St. at Franklin St. south to Broad St.
- 2) Franklin St. from Grand Central Ave. to Eleanor St.
- 3) John St. from Grand Central to S. Main St.
- 4) the Main Street parking lot
- 5) the John Street parking (across from Rosars)

STREETS TO REMAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC

- N. Main, southbound, turning east on Ithaca Road
- Ithaca Road, westbound, turning north on N. Main St.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Sullivan

WHEREAS, the Town & Country Fire Department submitted a Festival Permit Application to the Village Manager for an Open House to be conducted on October 13, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS, said application has been reviewed by the Village Traffic Commission, having recommended approval of same, and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager has thoroughly reviewed the application and approved same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to close the following streets for said event from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on October 13, 2005:

- W. Franklin St. from Gardner Road to Boorum Pl.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Catlin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board, Village Manager, Village Attorney and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School, September 19-22, 2005 in Lake Placid, NY with all expenses paid as are allowed under Section 77B of the General Municipal Law.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM

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Public Works Training School, October 17-20, 2005, in Alexandria Bay, NY with all expenses as are allowed under Section 77B of the General Municipal Law.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS") which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local and tribal homeland security partners has been and will continue to be, vital to the effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management, and

WHEREAS, HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, tribal and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in the fiscal year 2005, and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that Federal, State, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters, and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management training processes, and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components on NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs, and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County has standardized on NIMS for incident management and it is the determination of this Board that similar standardization by the Village of Horseheads would be in the best interests of and for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of its residents and property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Village of Horseheads' standard for incident management. The Village Manager is directed to oversee the proper and efficient implementation of this standard in all relevant departments of the Village as soon as practicable.

Trustee Sullivan - are Dept. Heads in the process right now.

Village Manager Azzarelli- right now several of us have taken some of the courses online. We are working with the emerg. mgt system in the County to get the other training.

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Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Andy Bodewes, Conifer Realty - We are here to apply for rezoning of a portion of our property on Grand Central Avenue. In addition to the rezoning, we would like to construct a community building for a mgmt. office, and maintenance area, to be used by all the tenants. As I understand it we would need a special use permit to do that. I guess I would look to the Village as to how you'd best like to handle that. We hope to start constructing that this fall, before winter weather sets in.

Trustee Swartz - so that is in addition to this site plan.

Mr. Bodewes - yes, but its shown on the site plan. We are real close to finishing up renovations on other buildings. Hoping to have the 7th building done by the end of September, then the last building in November. We are renting right now.

Trustee Sullivan - any plans for the commercial buildings yet.

Mr. Bodewes - talking to some users right now....that is why we are here for the rezoning. We may ask for rezoning south a little onto our site, but some flexibility to the east just a little bit. Adding a few more square feet to the parcel.

Jamie Gensel, Fagan Engineers - We are not proposing a site plan at this time, just rezoning. There is a drainage area, there is a swail. We will be piping that, extending existing piping further down the line to use this area a bit more. Squaring off the rezoned parcel.

Atty. Groff - their property is already abutting a commercial zone. This would just be continuing this zone further south.

Jamie Gensel - will protect you a bit from spot zoning. You would just be extending an existing zone.

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application by Conifer Realty for rezoning of lands on Grand Central Avenue from Residential to Commercial is hereby received, and same is to be forwarded to the Village, Town and County Planning Boards for their review and comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Discussion on Core Values as Part of Employee Manual

Village Manager - one of the things that has come up is the idea of a quality organization. One of the first things you define is core values so your organization knows exactly what your referring to. I've drafted these up and sent to dept. heads and the Board. Tonight I am bringing up to the Board for approval to include in our Employee Manual.

Mayor Gross - if your prepared to discuss tonight, if not then we should discuss at the 9/29 meeting. I would also like input from every Dept. Head on how they feel about this. Everyone please be prepared on the 29th to please do that.

Resolution by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, all of the various communities and residents of the State of New York receive significant benefits, including without limitation significant economic opportunities through increased and enhanced development as well as a reduction in highway fatalities and injuries, arising out of the maintenance and upgrading of the transportation system within the State, and

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WHEREAS, the State Legislature and the Governor have proposed a five-year \$35.8 Billion capital transportation plan that includes the \$2.9 billion Transportation Bond Act of 2005 (Bond Act), and

WHEREAS, the investment by the State of New York and its citizens in highways and bridges within the State not only provides a safer and more efficient transportation system, but also provides all New Yorkers with the ability to meet their individual transportation needs in a safe and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, one of the projects which will benefit from the Bond Act is the upgrade of New York State Route 17, which traverses ten counties located within the Southern Tier, to Interstate 86, and

WHEREAS, a study projects that the conversion of New York State Route 17 to Interstate 86 will result in a \$3.2 billion direct economic benefit to the communities along the I86 highway corridor once the conversion has been completed, and

WHEREAS, residents of the State of New York have overwhelmingly expressed their support for increased investment in the improvement of roads and bridges within the State to provide for safer and more efficient transportation within the State, and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act is only one part of an overall plan to improve the transportation infrastructure within the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees does hereby express its support for the \$2.9 billion Bond Act and recommends its approval by the voters of the State of New York.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Sullivan, seconded by Trustee Miller

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to several members of the Board attending the NYCOM Fall Training School, the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting of September 22, 2005 is hereby cancelled, and rescheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Gross:	Aye
Trustee Catlin:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Miller:	Aye
Trustee Sullivan:	Aye

Discussion on Status of Animal Control Law

Mayor Gross - we will open up for discussion by Board Members first. Then we will get your input, but we want our discussion first.

Village Manager Azzarelli - There has been an animal law on the books since 1976. It addressed animal control in the Village. Over the last year we have received complaints on animal problems. We discussed that with the animal control officer on enforcement, fines, etc. The Board requested that we look at it and provide recommendations. We made a proposed law with several changes on the old law. The foremost change was inclusion of a minimum fine that would be administered to deter people from recommitting the same act again. The other changes were very minor. We have had several public hearings and two workshops. At our last workshop several issues were discussed on the part that states that you can only have two dogs and two cats. Part of the discussion at the workshop was maybe it should just be a total of 4 of whatever. Then we discussed that 4 might be too many, maybe it should be 3. There were no real decisions at the last workshop, except to implement a minimum fine of 25.00. Rest of the fines go to state law. Now we are here tonight. These issues are still on the table. Basically updating a law that has been on the books 30 years now.

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Mayor Gross - I think that probably we have received several letters, several calls, newspaper articles, all of us have clearly understood the concern of the residents of the Village. One of the ones that was the most outstanding in the old law was the request from your neighbors within 200 feet for permission to house more than 2 animals. That is one of the points we wanted to talk about tonight.

Village Manager - Another issue was a lack of communication in the past between Village and Town. I've talked to the Town about this. Once we settle what is in the law, when people register for licenses at the Town they will be notified of what the Village law is. We are working to rectify this.

Trustee Sullivan - I'm not denying that after 30 years, we need to improve it. I did have a problem with the number of animals, and the neighbor notification. I lived on Watkins Road apartments. Over on Miller Street, within 200 feet there are 10 people who live there. Would we require them to have permission from all those people. All neighbors are not friendly. They carry gripes. I do have a problem with that. Even though it says it on the law we currently have on the books.

Trustee Swartz - I agree. I cannot see why that is really necessary.

Trustee Sullivan - I agree with minimum fines, but my biggest gripe is the number of pets. If we can do something about that part of the law.

Village Manager - are you recommending we eliminate that.

Trustee Sullivan - yes, there are other avenues that we could do.

Mayor Gross - I recommend we eliminate that portion of the law. Two reasons ...there is a concern that some neighbors don't like each other or like animals, but the other concern is if you came to them, there might be some neighbors that were afraid to say no. So my recommendation on this is that we eliminate getting permission from neighbors within 200 feet. There are other laws in place if you have problems with a nuisance animal. I think Frank Rosplock is here to tell you that this is what he does.

Trustee Catlin - I agree that it's a little bit too restrictive.

Trustee Miller - I think we should remove that part.

Trustee Sullivan - what if they have 4 dogs, has to be accountability for that too.

Mayor Gross - maybe some of you are aware, if a person harbors more than two animals, you need a special permit that would be reviewed by the Board. I think that maybe you guys want to discuss this more.

Trustee Miller - if there was a problem with a certain neighbor, you could check and see if the animal was being a nuisance.

Mayor Gross - we talked to Frank about this. Most of you love your pets, we know that. And there are neighbors who do not keep their dogs as well as most of you here do. You care about the treatment of animals. But there are some people who don't have that same feeling. If we talked to Frank and he has said no they don't keep their animals well, or are abusive, etc. , then we could say, no I'm sorry you can't have that permit for this reason, reasons that are documented. That is sort of the feeling of that issue.

Mayor Gross - there will be no charge for the permit. But you might be fined if you don't get it. And no, you don't have to get rid of the dog. You just get fined. There would be only one reason you didn't get permit.

Frank Rosplock, Dog Control Officer - I was thinking that because of the fact that any dog over 4 mos. of age has to be licensed, I'm hoping that most of these people have their dogs licensed. If it's a first time license or at the time of renewal, if its brought to Clerk's attention that they have more than 2 dogs, there would be an order that the application for the permit should be with the Town clerk because that is where the licenses are purchased. Even though your not requesting permission of neighbors. There is still the issue of number of pets. My concern is are you going to still consider addressing that. It would have to be on honor system for cats. We have no knowledge of how many cats people have.

Mayor Gross - cats is a very different issue. No way for us to know who has them, who they

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belong to.

Trustee Swartz - your saying you don't think we need a specific number, or just eliminate cats.

Frank Rosplock - I know it's a concern to avoid instances of the past, people who just have so many cats, so it could be brought to someone's attention if someone has a lot of animals, causing public nuisance and hazard, not really sure how that can be addressed. Because of the concern with cats, I wouldn't want to see that totally be ignored. But at the same time I see many people here who have taken in stray cats, had them neutered, cared for them. I have a concern about those people that are doing that service because they love animals so much. In my line of work, we do a lot of foster care for animals. So i just wonder how that would fall into play for a temporary period of time, they could be harboring more animals than is allowed. That could just be kept between shelter and foster families.

Mayor Gross - my personal opinion is everyone should have to do this. You could have something on the form. They need to notify the Village that they are no longer doing that.

Frank Rosplock - I don't know , its up to the Board....I think a minimum of only 2 animals may cause a lot of people to kind of keep their animals behind their door and not come forward figuring something will happen.

Mayor Gross - that isn't saying they can't have them. Just that they need a permit for them.

Frank Rosplock - this needs to be clarified with the public. They think something terrible will happen.

Mayor Gross - recent cases in our area, one lady had like 80 cats. She just kept taking them in. Then she became very ill and the Fire Dept. got called there. It was very difficult for everyone to enter home with the conditions of the home, conditions of cats, etc. That is an exception, but it happened again in Catlin recently. I had a woman who lived in a car and all her animals lived in the car with her.

Trustee Swartz - I'm interested in now hearing what the people have to say.

Chris Lloyd, 511 Westlake St. - This law should be about nuisance or the transgression about neighbors, not number of animals. If i am a responsible owner of animals, but there is someone who has 1 dog who barks all day, I don't get the number issue at all. I have a sick mother, I've had to take her dog. Am I not supposed to take my mother's dog. I don't understand why I'm living in such a restrictive Village. If someone has a grievance against me because my dog is running loose, then take that as a problem.

Bill Goodwin, 161 Sunset Drive - you are targeting the wrong people, we should target people Frank has seen, or Village Police have seen. Numbers don't matter if you are taking care of them. I'm glad the Board is getting rid of the 200 feet issue.

Frank Kelly - I agree that you are targeting the wrong people. Some people may have several animals that they take care of, and you'd never know they have them. Take care of the violators. There are plenty of laws already on the books to deal with them.

Fran Pack, 2897 Westinghouse Road - how far will you go to find out how many animals I have.

Mayor Gross - won't knock on your door, it will be the honor system.

Eugene Pack - I am in opposition of the whole law. Animals problems should be addressed without putting undue burden on responsible pet owners. Who does it hurt if I have more than 2 pets inside my home. Please look for solutions that don't penalize our rights. I'm for solving the problem. Don't make me get a kennel permit

Jeannette, 511 Westlake Street - as far as the people asking permission, when I moved into the Village I registered my dog, they never told me there was such a law at all. Not far from my home there is a daycare, with more than 2 kids. It make a lot of noise. Nobody asked if I approve of that.

Mayor Gross - its nice to see you here because when complaints came in there was nobody here. That is what this whole process is. You don't know what an impact all of you have made on us. Its nice to see people here tonight. We make some pretty silly rules because of a few people. I'm glad to see you here participating.

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Myra Lowe, 2286 Grand Central Ave. - It is an invasion of privacy to ask how many animals I have as long as I care for them. I know dog control has a hard job.

George Kastenhuber, 519 John St. - if we put this law on the books, do you have time to enforce it, or does the police. Do they have time.

Frank Rosplock - its always a struggle, we have to put calls in a priority. The priority call today was a dog attacking a neighbors dog. If I get a call from one person on a barking dog, I'll get to it when I can. Biggest nuisance are running dogs. We just deal with actual laws that might govern control of these animals. At the same time these laws do provide animal control and SPCA with tools to add a little bite to a bad situation. I think what people have to understand is I'm grateful for what the Village has done. Town has followed suit by increasing our fines. You can get fined more for littering than if your dog is running loose.

George Kastenhuber - The Board comes together to govern that makes the Village a better place. I don't see it as a need to do this. They should worry about the budget, departments, efficiency...not waste time with kennel permits. If we tie up your time with those things, do you have time to do everything else you need to do. This law is unenforceable, and you cannot legislate common sense and responsibility.

Mayor Gross - the law was there, what we are here to discuss is whether or not it is reasonable.

Kathy Rourke, 108 Sage St. North - my point is on paperwork created. We have to license our dogs, you already have records of how many dogs I have. Why you can't you use that database. Why don't you use what you already have. The other thing is when we did a dog census, we got a lot of phone calls. It got people out getting rabies shots. This is just extra paperwork.

Pat Calligan, 115 Lilac Drive - can't stand barking dogs, when I am working in my yard there are some dogs that bark chronically, but its not from multiple dog homes. This is about individual responsibility. I train dogs for hunting. Most people don't even know how to use a bark collar. It's the dogs that bark chronically. I think if you ask Frank where complaints come from, its single dog homes, and from people who don't understand training. I love the idea of enforcement, please increase the fines, but my request is strike down the old law that was generated from one or two complaints.

Mayor Gross - your point is well taken. What we are hearing is increase the fines. The consensus is the person who isn't doing what they should. Actually I'm glad your bringing this up. If you pay \$10 to get your dog out, even once a month, that is only \$120/year. If you do it \$100 each time, then they can buy the collar.

Pat Pastrick, 3296 S. Main St. - doesn't Village and Town have better things to do with their money than counting these animals.

Dave Bauer, 207 W. Mill St. - we wrote the original letter to Star Gazette. I guess the only thing left is discussion on number of pets. If your responsible, what difference does it make.

Mrs. Bauer - we took in an injured dog. Our neighbors don't even know we have 3 animals. We like taking in abused pets. We don't even go on vacations because we don't want to board our dogs. This is important to us.

Mayor Gross - I don't even know why this law was put on the books.

Don Quinn, 555 Gardner road - its not harbor its befriend. Vickie and Frank are doing such a great job. They are spread so thin. If we in this process can make it easier for them to respond to the complaints, including the Police, it would help a lot. Frank has to prepare all these forms. People just keep on violating the law. That is my complaint. Village has no need to know how many animals people have until the people are not taking care of the animals. Forget about this business on maintaining records. Make it easier to report the violators.

Mayor Gross - what we need to do I believe is to discuss this and get some counsel from Frank and be sure what we have heard. No one really wants kennel permits, or to approach neighbors, and as long as animals are cared for, or in the home, that maybe we should eliminate number of animals.

Village Manager Azzarelli - may I suggest that the Village Atty. and I work on a new proposed amendment based on what has been said tonight, and submit at next meeting,

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Mayor Gross - and we should increase fines. We will notify the newspaper, there will be an article on this. We will give notice for the next public hearing.

Village Manager - for the record I would like to commend the Police Department on the excellent job they have done recently. We are working towards moving toward a primary opposed to a caucus. There is a letter on this in you packets. I talked with the Village Clerk about this today.

Trustee Catlin - good time for discussion of this law. So many people in the Louisiana disaster area died with animals.

Trustee Miller - I'd like to thank everyone for coming out and expressing your views.

Trustee Sullivan - thank you everyone for input. I totally agree with invasion of privacy. Its also important for EMT's and police to be safe. As an EMT, I have attempted to go into houses with dogs where I was afraid.

Frank Rosplock - we do have a population listing of animals.

Mayor Gross - I do hope that everyone say thank you to the police officers when you see them. I was in here for arraignment of rapist. These police were working round the clock to catch that person. Very proud to accomplish this for the Village.

As there was nothing further to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharron Cunningham
Clerk-Treasurer

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