

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

6/5/89

7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees C. D. Gilmore, Daniel E. Wooden & Daniel S. Pope III and Village Attorney, John B. Nesbitt.
Absent: Mayor James G. Elliott & Trustee Penelope K. Frontuto (attending Mayors' Conference @ The Nevele, Ellenville, N.Y.).

Call to Order:

Trustee Gilmore, in capacity of "Acting Mayor" called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. following which he requested that during the moment of silence the significance of the holiday - Memorial Day - be 'observed' not 'celebrated'. Mr. Gilmore sd. that Trustee Pope requested he conduct the meeting as "Senior" VB member present.

Trustee Gilmore stated that mtg. wld. be abbreviated due to absence of two (2) VB members and the necessity of Trustee Pope to depart early. VB members present may be approached for anything urgent, however, mtg. to be adjourned until 6/12/89 when full complement.

Composting Seminar:

Trustee Pope spke. of a "Composting Seminar" to be conducted in Canandaigua on 6/28/89 @ a cost of \$15. ea., sponsored by Cornell Coop. Ext. and so moved authorization for interested VB members & dept. hds. to attend; Trustee Gilmore seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope, Gilmore & Wooden. Carried.

VOP Picnic 7/3/89:

Short discussion held on VOP Bicentennial Picnic to be held in Village Park on Monday, 7/3/89. Trustee Pope asked for clarification on person(s) in charge and informed that Trustee Frontuto is Trustee-in-Charge of "Special Events."

F.D. Appic.:

Having reviewed the F.D. membership application of Mr. Bert J. Hellis, 1656 Walker Rd., Trustee Pope moved VB acceptance pending outcome of physical examination; Trustee Wooden seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope, Gilmore & Wooden. Carried.

Highway Dept.:

Trustee Wooden sd. that Hwy. Supt. in attendance at Supts.' School in Ithaca; he announced that Hwy. on "summer hours," i.e., nine hrs. Mon. - Thurs. and four (4) hrs. on Fri. Short discussion on "summer hours" for various depts.

Abstract #1:

Trustee Pope moved that the VB authorize the Treas. to pay all vouchers on which appear the initials of @ least three (3) Trustees - after the Abstract prepared showing Voucher Nos./Amounts. Trustee Gilmore seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope, Gilmore & Wooden. Carried.

F.D. Fence:

Trustee Gilmore asked status of VB agreement to pay \$400. (not to exceed \$400.) to F.D. toward ballfield fence and informed by Trustee Pope that amt. must be taken from "Contingency Fund." Trustee Gilmore so moved and reiterated that sme. is VOP property; F.D. maintains. Trustee Pope seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Gilmore, Pope & Wooden. Carried.

C&P:

Trustee Pope asked dept. hds. present if they had any rpts. and/or concerns to share wth. the VB. C&P Supt., R. Weaver, sd. he wld. like to apologize for the condition of Palmyra's Cemetery, however, he did not have enough help - normally C&P assigned two (2) men beginning of May but due to budget constraints cld. not hire until 1st of June. Trustee Pope asked where time actually spent week and one-half prior to

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Memorial Day. Predominantly in the Cemetery, R. Weaver sd. - week prior, all three employees' time spent in Cemetery. Had several burials - 18 Spring burials....Trustee Pope asked approx. amt. of time re burials and informed by R. Weaver dependent upon soil - if clay, a long time.....if grave fills wth. water (which happened), takes longer.....cld. take all day if problems surface. Showing/selling lots takes time; marker foundation installations, Govt. markers. Planting flowers takes time....tree work.

R. Weaver sd. for number of employees, impossible to keep up - mowing 35 acres of Cemetery, all of the VOP Parks - and he elaborated upon the various areas which C&P responsible for mowing. Prior years he had four employees in addition to himself - during prior Mayor's administration C&P cut down to two besides himself. He emphasized need for additional help in May. He spoke of time needed for maintenance - spend first half-hr. in morning in mower maintenance..... truck recently broke down....flat tire on vehicle.... all those things takes time, he sd.

Trustee Wooden felt that entire mo. of May shld. be dedicated to Cemetery maintenance which wld. include no other projects. He asked about time spent painting wooden soldiers and told they were painted during April or when rain fell & couldn't mow. Started mowing third wk. in April. Trustee Wooden referred to Memo frm. T-I-C re reasons for condition of C&P. Not lot of time spent @ Comm. Ctr. R. Weaver sd. re Memo, #1 is prime reason (not enough help)...other reasons are secondary. Trustee Frontuto "stuck to her guns," he sd. re no money in budget/no hiring until June 1st. Trustee Wooden spoke of an instance when he picked up LL truck and crew was painting soldiers - wasn't raining and Supt. Weaver gone. Mr. Weaver sd. he did take some half days that were coming him due to need to use up before June 1st.

Trustee Gilmore sd. that he felt Trustee-in-Charge shld. be present when their area discussed - shld. be a full complement of VB. Citizen B. Heckman extended his sympathy to R. Weaver re amt. of wk. and serious illness in his family - number of employees assigned ridiculous, he sd. Mr. Heckman went on to speak of tax rate - maintaining or almost a decrease and neglecting to assign enough manpower. He expressed his disappointment re VB for allowing to happen. He read that VOP budget passed but wld. like to know how VB voted - Trustees Gilmore & Wooden sd. they had voted "nay" on budget; he spoke of prior phone conversation wth. Mayor and discussion about a Public Works' Foreman - Mayor sd. VOP cld. save money; he spoke, also, of a special VB mtg. @ which a DPW Foreman to be discussed when, in fact, the VB went into exec. session. He asked how VOP cld. accomplish if work, such as in Cemetery, can't be done - how cld. this happen wth. three (3) less employees (dept. hds.). Trustee Pope sd. VOP cld. not save that lg. amt. of money.

Trustee Gilmore concurred wth. Trustee Pope that DPW Foreman had not been discussed by full VB. Trustee Pope sd. that questions re the Cemetery shld. be addressed to the T-I-C who was not present. Mr. Heckman asked about assurance that situation/condition wld. not happen again.

Adjournment:

At 7:25 p.m. Trustee Gilmore entertained a motion to adjourn (recess) the meeting as Trustee Pope had to depart - Trustee Pope so moved; Trustee Wooden seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope, Wooden & Gilmore. Carried.

The regular VB meeting was thereby recessed until 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 12, 1989.

Ethel B. Johnson, Clerk

*****OUT OF ORDER*****

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6/14/89

Village Board Reps./Union Reps.

7:15 p.m.

Present:

James G. Elliott, Mayor; Trustees Penelope K. Frontuto, Daniel S. Pope III and Daniel E. Wooden (who arrived during the meeting and departed @ approx. 10:05 p.m.). Representing the Union were: Ms. Debbie Lee, Police Officer P. Coleman, and Messrs. Scott Smith & Christopher Deys.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Elliott moved that executive session be observed; Trustee Frontuto seconded. Voting "aye" were Mayor Elliott and Trustees Frontuto & Pope. Carried.

Reconvene:

At 10:18 p.m. Trustee Pope moved that those present emerge frm. exec. sess.; Trustee Frontuto seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope & Frontuto & Mayor Elliott. Carried.

Adjournment:

At 10:20 p.m. Trustee Pope moved adjournment; Mayor Elliott seconded. Voting "aye" were Trustees Pope & Frontuto & Mayor Elliott. Carried.

(Minutes furnished the Clerk
by Mayor Elliott)