

Village of Buchanan  
 Mayor & Board of Trustees  
 Organizational Meeting  
 April 5, 2010

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Sean Murray  
 Trustees Theresa Knickerbocker, Richard A. Funchion, Brian Smith and Nicholas Zachary  
 Village Attorney Stephanie V. Porteus  
 Village Administrator Kevin Hay  
 Village Secretary Susan F. Matthews

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Murray opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, welcomed everyone, informed them of the fire regulations and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **READ RESULTS OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 VILLAGE ELECTION:**

Mayor Murray read the results of the Village Election (copy attached).

3. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

Village Attorney Porteus administered the oath of Office to the newly elected officials.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Agenda items only):**

None

5. **APPOINT DEPUTY MAYOR.**

Mayor Murray appointed Trustee Theresa Knickerbocker as Deputy Mayor (copy attached). Trustee Knickerbocker said it was an honor for her to be appointed Deputy Mayor.

6. **APPOINTMENTS TO ETHICS BOARD AND ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD.**

Mayor Murray read the appointments (copy attached).

A MOTION to accept these appointments as presented was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Smith with all in favor.

7. **MAYOR'S ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS (including Planning and Zoning Boards):**

Mayor Murray read the appointments (copy attached).

A MOTION to accept these appointments as presented was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Knickerbocker with all in favor.

8. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Murray made these appointments (copy attached).

As these are mayoral appointments, no vote was required.

9. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES, SETTING DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE 2010-2011 VILLAGE BUDGET, DESIGNATING VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL VILLAGE NEWSPAPER AND ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE RATE FOR REIMBURSEMENT:**

Mayor Murray read the Resolution (copy attached).

Mayor Murray advised that the Board of Trustees would be having a Workshop Meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. He commented that his reason for resuming this was because he felt there would be better a better flow of information between the department heads, the Village Attorney and the members of the Board. It will make it easier to make decisions if they had as much information as possible. He hopes these meetings work out and that the public will be better notified on what is going on in the Village.

Mayor Murray advised that there was a scheduling conflict with the Planning Board meeting date and the Budget Hearing date. The Planning Board meeting date will be changed so that all the elected officials can attend the Budget Hearing. It is important that all the elected officials will be able to comment on the budget. Mayor Murray hoped that the people who have applications before the Planning Board understand this and apologized for having to change the date of that board's meeting. All the people who have applications before the Planning Board will be notified. Mayor Murray reiterated how important it is to have all the elected officials at the Budget Hearing.

A MOTION to adopt this Resolution as presented was made by Trustee Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Funchion with all in favor.

#### 10. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:**

Trustee Smith looks forward to working with everyone, especially Mayor Murray and the other Board members. There are some important issues coming up, especially the proper expenditure of the bond in order to get the biggest bang for the buck. He hopes that the new Village Engineer can craft a bid package that will help to reduce the amount of charge orders that can kill a budget.

Trustee Funchion thanked all the people who voted for him. He said it is a great privilege to serve them. He hopes that in the two years before him, he will work hard in every way and be open minded to any opinions. He welcomes opposite minded opinions. He wants to keep foremost that residents get the biggest bang for the buck from their tax dollars. He thanked his wife and family for supporting him in this after retiring from 35 years in the government. He looks forward to the next two years working with Mayor Murray and everyone on the Board.

Trustee Knickerbocker congratulated and welcomed the two new Board members and Mayor Murray. She is looking forward to working with a Board who truly has the best interest of the Village at heart. Trustee Knickerbocker commented that they have a lot of work to do. They have the Sewage Treatment Plant and the roads. She thanked the residents and tax payers in the Village for approving the two bonds. She knows it is an expenditure but everybody realized it is a necessary expense. Before construction, there are approvals and plans to be drawn. The Board will diligently pursue that and get underway with the engineers. Trustee Knickerbocker is looking forward to working with the whole Board and to have a productive year.

Trustee Zachary thanked everybody. He felt that those who were elected, having won by such a large margin was a group effort, a team effort, a Village effort. He thanked everybody who came out to vote and everyone who worked for, and supported him. He thanked his running mate for his support and insights. He thanked his wife for her support. Trustee Zachary commented that there is a lot to do and it starts now. There are the roads and sewer plant bond issues which they have to be careful with and execute well. The Board has to take apart the budget line by line. There is a lot of work for them to do. It is not going to happen overnight but it starts now. He looks forward to working with everyone on the Board.

Mayor Murray commented that it is always great to have the public come out and see how the Village government functions. He commented that one of the basic rights that every citizen of this country has is the right to vote. People fight and die all over the world for rights that we sometimes take for granted. He was pleased that the Village had such a good turnout for our election. He noted that Buchanan typically has a higher voter turnout than surrounding

municipalities. It shows at the polls. The Board understands that money is tight and passing the bonds took a lot of courage for the residents. He feels that they did the right thing. Mayor Murray commented that the Board looks forward to improving the infrastructure the way that we want it and maintaining the services that our residents currently have. He looks forward to representing the residents. Mayor Murray thanked his wife and children. He will keep things open and honest and straight forward. He invited residents to come out to meetings and have a say in their government. The Board represents them. Mayor Murray thanked everyone for coming.

11. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Former Mayor Dan O’Neill, 190 Catherine Street, congratulated everyone who was elected and reelected, commenting that the Village is in good hands.

Mayor Murray invited everyone to join with the Board for cake and coffee downstairs.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:48 PM a MOTION to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Zachary, seconded by Trustee Smith with all in favor.

9. **AUDIT OF BILLS:**

General Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Water Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Capital Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ T&A Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

See Abstract of Audited Claim Vouchers for details.

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Kevin Hay