

Lancaster, New York

MEETING MINUTES: NO QUORUM

December 9, 2009

I. Attendance / Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Meyer.

Brunea, J.	<u>exc.</u>	Alternates:	
Harnack, W., V. Chair	<u>exc.</u>	1. Kwiatek, R.	<u>exc.</u>
Meyer, M., Chair	<u>x</u>	2. Hassett, J.	<u>exc.</u>
Pecqueur, J.,	<u>exc.</u>		
Preston, T.	<u>exc.</u>	Simme, J.	<u>exc.</u> (Bldg. Dept.)
Miller, G., Secretary	<u>x</u>	Stribing, J.	<u>exc.</u> (Village Bd. Liaison)

Guests:

Mr. Art Herdzik, Village Attorney x (8:00) Mr. David Taylor, consultant x

Roll call indicated that only two (2) members were present and no quorum existed.

II. Public Hearings: None

III. Approval of meeting minutes: October 14, 2009; October 20, 2009; November 12, 2009.
Tabled to January 13, 2010.

IV. Administrative Matters

B.) Communications/Reports: Tabled until January 13, 2009

C.) Public Comment on Matters of Interest: None

IV. Old Business

A.) Façade Program Update: Stribing: Tabled.

B.) CLG Grant: Mr. David Taylor: All district properties were photographed. SBL numbers will be included on forms. He met with Stribing about the façade program. He will check with Harnack about historic photos or postcards to scan. Homeowners also may submit any info/photos during the next 30 days: Miller will invite residents to submit materials/info in newsletter, and email anything received to Taylor.

V. New Business

A.) Book Sale: Both bindings of the "Lancaster, New York: Architecture and History" Book will be reduced in price to \$15 each or \$10 each for quantities of 5 or more.

B.) Annual Report: Due the 15th. Miller will submit electronically.

C.) Village Dissolution: Herdzik attended to discuss new law (See handout). Miller apologized for being unable to reach Mr. Herdzik in time about the regular business being canceled for this meeting, but will take notes and distribute handouts to absent board members.

Herdzik: Does not think the village will actually be dissolved. Herdzik noted that Kevin Gaughan (downsizing/consolidation advocate) likes Lancaster because we have already downsized our village board. Also, we are very big compared to

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Williamsville, Blasedell, Sloan, etc. Some villages have already dissolved, but at the instigation of their own elected leaders.

The new law takes effect March 21, 2010. 10% of registered voters must sign a petition (about 9-10 thousand). Then a referendum must be held, and passed. If passed, a dissolution plan is created by the Mayor and Trustees and public hearings are held.

The Historic Preservation Commission is a function of the Village Ordinances (Code). Section 789 of the new law (see handouts) states that village ordinances will continue to be in effect for 2 years, and the Town would adopt. However, the Preservation Ordinance could be specifically repealed by the Town board in that time, so there would be no guarantee. The town can abolish, but must act within those 2 years.

Miller noted that since other board members not in attendance may have further questions, Mr. Herdzik may be asked to return to a future meeting to further discuss this topic.

VI. Correspondence/Articles: none

VII. Next Meetings:

January 13, 2010

February 11, 2010

March 10, 2010

VIII. Adjourn: 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Grace M. Miller
Secretary and Board Member