



## Letter to the Board

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November 14, 2008

*"Arriving at one point is the starting point to another."*

*--John Dewey, philosopher, psychologist*

### **Board Letter**

1. **Three Boards Meeting:** Just a reminder, the Three Boards Meeting is next Thursday evening at 7:00 and is hosted by Walworth. Please let me know if you have any items for the agenda. We will be recognizing our state wrestling champion at this meeting.
2. **Gullace Update:** Attached is an update from Ontario attorney John Refermat regarding the Judge's filing dates.
3. **Governors Budget Cuts:** Administrators met today to decide on the items to be immediately frozen so as to curb our spending this year and put us in a better position for next year. Those items include
  - a. No conferences (unless required or already paid for)
  - b. No paid curriculum writing days
  - c. No substitutes for aides (1<sup>st</sup> two days)
  - d. No additional clubs
  - e. Freeze mentoring
  - f. No personnel appointments for December and no further appointments without superintendent sign off
  - g. No replacements for aides (except 1-1)
  - h. Freeze on all non essential spending
  - i. No spring non league games

I will be sending a letter out to staff next week explaining the situation and outlining the freeze. Ironically, it will be American Education week. We begin our long term planning for aligning the budget on Monday. That plan will be presented to you in executive session at our December meeting.

4. **County Property Tax Meeting:** On Monday night I attended the County wide meeting on property taxes. There were about 80 people there. I thought it was well done with all aspects of village, town, county and school governments represented. A number of items were decided upon for further research. These included dissolving villages, combining public safety into one unit (police, ambulance, fire), and regionalizing schools. I think they have some great ideas and everyone had a positive attitude about what we can do. Education was seen as one of the most important resources to protect.
5. **Attachments:**
  - A) Gullace email
  - B) Curriculum Office Newsletter
  - C) Four County Meeting Information

- D) Walworth Town Board Meeting Minutes – 10/16
- E) Walworth Town Board Meeting Minutes – 10/23
- F) Ontario Town Board Meeting Minutes – 10/27

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**Cc:** John Zukowski

**Subject:** Orchard Grove Update

**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Team:

This morning, Alan and I met with petitioner's counsel in the Chambers of Honorable Kenneth R. Fisher, the Judge to whom these proceedings were recently transferred. We conveyed our urgent desire to move this case along. The Judge was receptive and will issue a Scheduling Order with the following milestones:

<b>Complete Discovery:</b>	<b>January 15, 2009</b>
<b>Exchange Appraisals:</b>	<b>May 1, 2009</b>
<b>Factual Stipulations:</b>	<b>June 15, 2009</b>
<b>Trial Begins:</b>	<b>June 24, 2009 (1:30 pm).</b>

It appears that John Z. is significantly farther along than petitioner's appraiser.

We may want to meet around the time of the first milestone to evaluate status and strategy. As always of course, don't hesitate to contact me in the interim with any questions.

Best,  
John

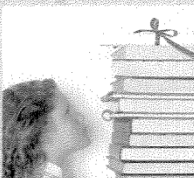
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November 2008



# Investigating Instruction

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## Reflections from the Office of Instruction

Here we are at the end of the first quarter of the 2008-2009 school year. I'm always amazed at how fast time flies by. By now your classrooms are up and running and the students are in to the routine of the school year. This is a perfect time to pause and reflect about the teaching and learning in your classroom.

Think about the following questions.

Are your learning goals rooted in content standards and designed to ensure student engagement and understanding?

What relationship have you developed with your students? Are you able to make the learning goals and the content relevant to them?

Are you able to use assessment information (pre and post) to help you to adapt your teaching plans to attend to the students readiness, interest and learning styles?

Are you working to have your students go beyond just mastering the content, to becoming real learners? Are they taking ownership of their own learning.

These questions help to think about important learning principles. In addition to these it is also important to think about the ways that we are promoting students to take ownership of their learning and to become "life-long learners".

In this month's *Educational Leadership*, Carol Ann Tomlinson challenges educators to make present in their classroom four elements that help students take charge of their learning, **trust, fit, voice, and awareness**. You will recognize these elements as sound teaching philosophies.

**Trust:** When a teacher believes in a student's success, views a student as a person of worth and works in the child's best interests; students will join with the teachers in striving for success.

**Fit:** The learning that occurs in the classroom must be aligned with what students are ready to do. If the work is consistently too hard, or too easy, students will find other ways to occupy their time and their willingness to persist on the learning will be diminished.

**Voice:** I'm sure you think that the students have plenty

of *voice* in the classroom. But in reality our students have very little opportunity to discuss, provide feedback to each other or the teacher, problem solve, or provide input to the classroom. For just one period try tracking how much teacher talk occurs verses how much substantive student talk. It is easy to see why students do not feel that their voice matters.

**Awareness:** In order for students to take charge of their learning, they need to know how they learn. Are they able to determine their strengths and weakness or favored modes of learning? Are they able to advocate for themselves, to exercise some control over their learning environment to best meet their needs? We help our students develop this metacognitive awareness by providing them opportunities to analyze their work, use rubrics, debrief their plans and problem solve.

Each of these elements work to promote learning that goes well beyond school day and into the realm of life long learner.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping our students become intellectual beings and dedicated learners.

Kim

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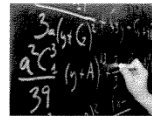
## Elementary Elements

Elementary staff has been busy implementing Everyday Math. This has required a great deal of planning and preparation, learning and organizing. Students appear to be enjoying the learning games and lessons. Teachers report that they are observing student making connections and

engaging in thoughtful conversations about math concepts.

On September 21 the elementary staff presented some of the math concepts and materials at a Family Math Night. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only the new math

program, but some of the district's exciting technology. Smartboards were used to show parents various games and how to access the EDM online at home. It was a great night for all!



## Middle School Memos

Collaboration is thriving at the MS school. Staff is working together to design and participating in staff meetings highlighting powerful differentiation strategies. Differentiation is a way to think about quality teaching and learning and is vital to meet the varied needs of

the adolescent learner. Strategies such as interactive notebooks, graphic organizers and raft provide students with many ways to express and organize their understanding. Another aspect of differentiation is constructing learning opportunities that tap

into the many different learning styles and modes that students display. MS staff has made a commitment to incorporating this understanding in to their already strong instructional repertoires.



## High School Highlights

Senior Project and Internships are under way for the students at the high school. As most of you have heard, these are two new requirements for our Class of 2010. Each of these programs raises the bar for our Wayne students, allowing them to

explore interests and occupations that they may choose to pursue in their post grad endeavors. These opportunities also help to articulate and define our district Commencement Outcomes. The completion of the Senior

Project and the Internship program will help students to develop the skills that they will need in order to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

## Instructional Updates



### SAVE THE DATE

#### Curriculum Institutes

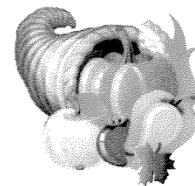
There are two Curriculum Institutes planned for during the 2008-2009 school year.

**Saturday Nov. 22nd,  
8-12**

**Saturday Feb. 28th,  
8-12**

I would encourage you to review the curriculum process and proposal form that are available to in the **Instructional Resources Folder**. Please check with your principals for more information.

Proposals for the Nov. 22 Institute are due by **Monday Nov. 17, 2008**



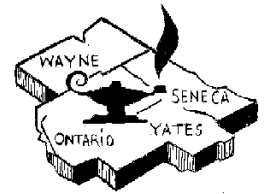
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Happy Thanksgiving!

**THE FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

Att. C)

**TO:** Legislative Committee Members,  
Alternates, Superintendents, and Steering Committee

**FROM:** Anne Morgan, Committee Chair  
Sharon Sweeney, Executive Director



***LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
POSITION PAPER WORKSHOP III***

**Saturday, November 22, 2008  
8:30 a.m. – Registration, Refreshments  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – Workshop**

**North Street Elementary School Library  
Geneva City School District**

400 W. North Street  
Geneva, NY

*[On W. North Street which runs between Preemption Road and Route 14 (Exchange Street), West of the Hospital.]*

***Purpose: to finalize work on the 2008-2009 State paper, continue work on the Federal paper, an, time permitting, begin to revise the Regulatory Position Papers***

A future workshop date is tentatively set for ***December 13*** at the same time and location.

**Mark your calendar and join us!**

This notice has been sent to all Legislative Committee Reps, Alternates, Superintendents, Board Clerks and Superintendents' Secretaries as well as the FCSBA Steering Committee.

**FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION  
Legislative Position Paper Workshop I  
Saturday, November 22, 2008**

Phone: 315-332-7294

Fax: 315-332-7474

E-mail: [4countysba@edutech.org](mailto:4countysba@edutech.org)

Please make your reservations no later than Friday, November 21, 2008  
Continental Breakfast @\$7.00/ea. \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(24 hour cancellation notice – please)

**WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING  
16 OCTOBER 2008**

Presiding Supervisor Plant called the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting, held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, to order at 7:30 PM.

Present:	Thomas Yale	Councilman
	Frank Maciuska	Councilman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk
	Mike Frederes	Highway Superintendent
	Rob Burns	Sewer Superintendent
	Jacqueline Van Lare	Recreation Director
	Karen Ambroz	Assessor
	Ed Parrone	Engineer for the Town

Absent:	Patricia Marini	Councilwoman
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**MINUTES:**

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008, as presented.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to approve the minutes of September 25, 2008, Work Session as presented.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to approve the minutes of October 2, 2008, as presented.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Susie Jacobs, Town Clerk, read the following letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:

Dated: October 3, 2008

Dear Town of Walworth,

Our records indicate that DEC Permit No 8-5444-00108/00001 was issued to you to remove beaver dams from a tributary to Red Creek in Freshwater Wetland ON-50.

I made a field inspection of the project site on September 24, 2008, and found the work nicely completed in accordance with the conditions of the permit.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment your contractor, Todd Pieters, who has given us a good application with good before photos and has followed up with a Letter of Intent to Commence Work and with good clean work leaving no evidence of disturbance. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with the permit. In doing so, you have made an important contribution to the continued well-being of New York's valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,  
Jay Ross, Fish and Wildlife Technician

Motion by Councilman Maciuska to accept and file the letter from DEC.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.  
Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Supervisor Plant commented that Todd Pieters has been doing drainage for the Town of Walworth for a few years; he has an excellent working relationship with the DEC.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Motion by Councilman Maciuska to approve and file the Supervisor's Monthly Report for September, 2008, as presented.  
Seconded by Councilman Yale.  
Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No one present offered any comments.

**RESOLUTION 70-08 – AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance offered the following Resolution **70-08** and moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Maciuska to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the following claims submitted at the scheduled Town Board Meeting of October 16, 2008, have been audited and approved by the appropriate Council Members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims be paid on **Abstract #10**, numbered 1,401 through 1,581, in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 78,165.64
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 44,657.82
WALWORTH SEWER DISTRICT #1	\$ 15,383.17
BROOKSIDE LIGHT DISTRICT	\$ 10.67
GANANDA LIGHT DISTRICT	\$ 899.51
HARVEST HILL LIGHT DISTRICT	\$ 650.48
ORCHARD VIEW LIGHT DISTRICT	\$ 99.34
WALWORTH LIGHT DISTRICT	\$ 555.86
WALWORTH CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE	\$ 1,090.00
PARK SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 110.30

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the claims be paid on **Abstract #10**, numbered 169 through 197, in the following amounts:

TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 25,066.27
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Walworth adopt resolution **70-08**.

Adopted this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2008, at the meeting of the Town Council.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Absent
Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye	
	Councilman Yale	Aye
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Resolution carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Nothing reported at this time.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Nothing reported at this time.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Nothing reported at this time.

**ASSESSOR – CONTINUING ED AUTHORIZATION**

Motion by Councilman Yale authorizing Karen Ambroz to attend a Continuing Ed Class on November 7, 2008, from budgeted line A1355.43, for an amount not to exceed \$95.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**ENGINEER FOR THE TOWN – SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT**

Ed Parrone, Engineer for the Town, reported that the Town continues to work on the sewer piece of this project.

**ENGINEER FOR THE TOWN – MS4**

Ed Parrone, Engineer for the Town, reported that he had met with Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and Norm Druschel and Norm needed to be certified in order to do the necessary swifts for the Town. In the meantime Parrone Engineering will do them.

**TOWN CLERK**

Nothing reported at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SEWER COMMITTEE – ALTERNATIVE SLUDGE DISPOSAL**

Councilman Maciuska reported that they have been in contact with the DEC and the Town needs to take a look at some sludge disposal alternatives as the current provider's ground is becoming very saturated. Councilman Maciuska stated that the committee will also be taking a look at having some blower work done.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE – UPDATE**

Councilman Maciuska commented that the book sale was very successful and that the circulation of the library was up this month.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DISCUSSION –**

Councilman Maciuska stated that he had received some changes to the Alternative Energy Law and that they were being reviewed by the Attorney for the Town. Councilman Maciuska commented that the way the bill was crafted was favorable to individual users and did not favor large wind farms. He had studied and gathered information from twenty-five (25) different laws to compile a model for the Town of Walworth. Discussion ensued with the determination that the Attorney for the Town would review the documents and that the Town would meet their deadline.

**LINCOLN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT HEARING:**

Susie C. Jacobs, Town Clerk, stated that the notice for the Public Hearing was duly published in the Town's official newspaper on October 5 and October 12, 2008, with the same being posted on same dates at the Walworth Town Hall.

**HEARING:**

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to waive the reading of the legal notice.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Supervisor Plant declared the Public Hearing open.

Time: 7:40 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Ann Prinsen had a question with regard to the newspaper that the Legal Notices are posted in. She was concerned as a lot of the people are not getting the *Times*, because there is the *Wayne County Mail* amongst other papers. She asked why the notice was not being posted in other papers besides the *Times*? Supervisor Plant responded that it was being posted in the legal newspaper for the Town, which was the *Times* and had the largest circulation of the Town. Councilman Maciuska stated that State Law mandated who the Town could identify as official paper for the Town. Councilman Maciuska stated that legal notices had to be published in the Town or as close to the Town as possible, and had to be in one of the largest circulations. The *Times* is the largest circulation paper, so by law, we have to choose them as our paper. We cannot use the Penny Saver; it has to be a paid newspaper. Ms. Prinsen asked, "Don't you think that because of the big township of Walworth and stuff, that there could be extra money for some postings in the Wayne County Mail, that a lot of people subscribe to also?" Supervisor Plant stated that the Town would take that into consideration.

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Yale.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 7:43 PM.

**WEST WALWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT HEARING:**

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Seconded by Councilman Yale.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Supervisor Plant declared the Public Hearing open.

Time: 7:43 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Michael Jacobs stated that he was in favor of the West Walworth Fire Department Contract.

Motion by Councilman Yale to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 7:45 PM.

**2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

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Time: 7:45 PM.

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION –**

Marian Vandenberg stated that she did not realize that she could have gotten a copy of the proposed budget. She began by questioning what was posted in the newspaper for employee salaries. She inquired, "Mr. Supervisor, are you a part-time or full-time worker?" Supervisor Plant replied "I am full-time." Ms. Vandenberg said, "So that amounts to about \$3,500.00 a month, is that correct?" Supervisor Plant replied, "I don't honestly know, I didn't figure it out by the month, but if that's what it works out to..." Ms. Vandenberg asked, "Can you tell me how much of an increase you're going to receive?" Supervisor Plant responded that the "proposal is 4% overall." Ms. Vandenberg stated that she and her husband were retired on a fixed income. She asked Council members if they had other part-time jobs or work outside the home and if they did, indicated that they had added income. Ms. Vandenberg proposed that the Town should scratch the 4% overall increase; she did not think it was necessary. She stated that she was sure Town employees all worked very diligently at their jobs, but the money that was being contributed to Town salaries came from residents. Ms. Vandenberg said that she lived on Jacobs Road and there were a lot of very poor families there; how were they going to be able to absorb an 8% increase in the budget? It couldn't be done. Another item that she was opposed to – and she stated that she was not sure about the cost involved – was the proposed new building or increasing size of the current Town Hall. She asked if this was part of the budget. Supervisor Plant stated that it was not part of the budget; there was a committee that was looking into space needs. Ms. Vandenberg stated that she had been in the Town Hall maybe ten (10) times since she had moved to Walworth, and each time she had come in, she had not seen anyone but herself in the various offices. She stated that she did not see the need for an increase there. She continued to inquire about the building that was to be built in the park. Supervisor Plant commented that there would be no Town tax dollars spent on that. She asked who was paying for it. Supervisor Plant stated that this was a grant from Senator Nozzolio out of the State Parks Capital Fund. Ms. Vandenberg added that this money comes from our State taxes. Ms. Vandenberg concluded by saying that her biggest complaint was the increase in salaries. She and her husband continue to try to maintain a budget on their limited income. She commented on some of the personal ways that her family was dealing with the current economic conditions at home. She asked members of the public to raise their hands if they were in favor/opposed to the

8% increase in the proposed budget; then stated, that's our answer. She commented, "you people represent us, that is what you are here for, and I appreciate the work that you are doing, but you have to listen to what the people are saying."

Ann Prinsen stated that she was opposed to the 8% increase in the budget. She commented, "If we look around us, we know that there are a lot of people out of jobs, people are hurting. Look around Walworth – houses are up for sale; we cannot get even if we wanted to sell our house what it is assessed at now." Ms. Prinsen asked if the Town was thinking about lowering assessments because people would not get what their houses were being assessed for at this time. She went on to say that fuel prices were going up, heating prices were going up; she did not see where the Town could even consider a percentage increase in the budget. If anything it should be decreased at this time. She stated, "People cannot afford it, they are hurting; me and you need to help them so we can keep Walworth alive. If it means cutting recreation programs, whatever it means, we have to cut, we need to cut."

Debora Germain stated that she well understood what people that worked for the Town had to go through at budget time; she did it for sixteen (16) years. She commented, "I'm sure it was no fun this year of all years, when gas was darn near four bucks a gallon." She gave a lot of kudos to people who had to work very hard to do their budgets. However, she stated that she had some questions as well. She asked that people follow along with her in their budgets.

- On page two (2) in the budget she asked why the Supervisor's budget was up \$10,000.00 over last year. She stated that from what she could tell, the majority of that appeared to be administrative payroll/benefits. She asked "Is that Paychex?" Supervisor Plant stated that it was partially Paychex. Ms. Germain said "So, we are paying yet more money to Paychex...to do what?" Supervisor Plant stated, "They do the payroll, they do personnel services, they offer the employee EAP;" and Jean Johnson added, "all Human Resources," and Supervisor Plant agreed. Ms. Germain said, "You mean the things that you have done over the last almost three (3) years to try to turn this Town Hall into a business, correction, make it more like a business?" Supervisor Plant said, "yes."
- On page three (3) Ms. Germain stated that Town Counsel in 2008 had been up almost \$55,000.00 over what it was in 2007, but in 2009 it appeared to be dropping to \$47,000.00. Supervisor Plant agreed. She stated that it was not really \$47,000.00, though, because on page seven (7) there was an additional \$25,000.00 listed in the Highway budget for Counsel. Supervisor Plant again agreed. Ms. Germain continued to say that she assumed that totaled \$72,000.00 budgeted for Counsel and asked, "Why is it that we need \$72,000.00 worth of attorney fees in this Town?" Supervisor Plant stated that it was because the Town was being sued and the Town had to defend themselves. He stated that in the last three (3) years the Town had spent over \$77,000.00 defending themselves on one lawsuit. Ms. Germain stated, "But this year we haven't spent that kind of money just on lawsuits, have we?" Supervisor Plant stated, "Not yet." Ms. Germain stated that her understanding was that when the Town released Richard Morris a few years ago, it was done because the Town wanted to keep attorney fees down. She stated that this was way more money than the Town ever paid Richard Morris. Supervisor Plant agreed but stated that you also had then outside counsel, too, that you were paying, that was not in Richard Morris's line. Ms. Germain stated that she did not recall that. Supervisor Plant commented that he had the bills. Ms. Germain stated that she did not believe that the entire \$72,000.00 that we saw in the budget was going to be spent on lawsuits. Supervisor Plant agreed that no, it was not all on lawsuits. Ms. Germain concluded by saying that she thought this was an exorbitant amount of money to spend on attorney fees
- On page four (4) Ms. Germain inquired, "What is the contractual audit for \$13,000.00?" Supervisor Plant stated that it was a complete audit of the Town's books. Ms. Germain asked, "And we can't get that done any cheaper than \$13,000.00?" Jean Johnson and

Councilman Yale both replied that \$13,000.00 was actually cheap. Councilman Maciuska concurred. Ms. Germain stated that it was not done every year and asked why it was being done this year. Supervisor Plant stated that it had not been done, completely, for a long time. Councilman Maciuska stated that this would be a complete audit of all Town offices with a gold seal.

- Page five (5), she asked why the crossing guard at Richard Mann Elementary School was cut? Supervisor Plant stated that the crossing guard was not in the Town of Walworth, it was in the Town of Macedon. He continued to state it was a Macedon employee, we had no contract with the Town of Macedon and it opened up the Town of Walworth to liability and additional problems if the crossing guard were to get hurt – the Town would be held responsible. Councilman Maciuska commented that the Town had six (6) school districts and each one could ask for a crossing guard. Ms. Germain stated that she thought it was a shame that the Town was not putting forth some money towards this. The majority of children who attend Richard Mann are children who live in Walworth. If we are, indeed, concerned about insurance issues, then we ought to be concerned about letting lay people work on Town ball fields, diamonds and park projects – things like that that aren't necessarily covered by the Town's insurance either. She thought that it was like splitting hairs when the Board said that they were concerned about insurance; she wasn't convinced that was the real reason the Town cut the money. Ms. Germain closed by saying that it was most unfortunate that the Town had cut the crossing guard and that the Town should be concerned about these children and their safety.
- Page nine (9) Ms. Germain noted that the bottom line on the recreation budget was that it looked like total culture and recreation was up \$51,477.00 since 2007 and had increased \$23,635.00 this year, from last. Following that through to page thirteen (13), the revenue page, it appeared that the Town was budgeting revenues for recreation at \$12,000.00 less than this year. Ms. Germain stated that she was unclear why the Town would budget twenty- some-thousand dollars more – and budget revenues at \$12,000.00 less. Supervisor Plant stated that the lower revenues the Town was expecting was projected to be more accurate. Ms. Germain stated that in 2006 recreation fees were \$65,172.00. Councilman Yale asked if this was budgeted or actual. Ms. Germain stated that this was actual. She continued to say that miscellaneous ads were \$3,251.00. Last year, recreation fees were \$51,116.00 and miscellaneous ads were \$4,572.00; she was unclear why things seemed to be going the way they were going now, when we were building more things and presenting more things for consideration. Her concern was that the Town seemed to be putting more people in place, presenting more buildings; and, “we can say what we want about more buildings, for instance a new pavilion being donated is wonderful, I am in favor of it, it was part of our plan all along to put a new building in. However, a new building is going to cost more money to maintain. Those monies are going to show up in our budget, maybe not this year but next year. And with less revenues coming in, that concerns me.” Ms. Germain stated that when you look at the Town of Ontario, the Town of Ontario will show revenues equaling program expenditures; they are self-sustaining, and that is what the Town should try to aim for. She said that when you get into things like lots of buildings, they are hard to pay for. It is impossible to bring in those kinds of fees to offset when it comes to buildings, to make them pay for themselves. Programs are the way to go. She further stated that she had a concern about the use of space at present – maybe instead of talking about building a new building, we ought to look at how the building was currently being used program-wise. Maybe there were programs using the building that were not bringing in the most revenue, maybe we could make a little bit better use of the space we have to bring more revenue into this building. Ms. Germain expressed a concern that proposed Rec revenues were going downward – both on lines A2001 and A2089 – yet the budget was going significantly up.

- On page ten (10) she was very concerned to see that the Town-wide clean-up had been cut. Ms. Germain stated, "It seems to me that you have a service here that benefits everyone in the Town." Supervisor Plant commented no, everyone did not use that service. Ms. Germain asked, "Does the service conceivably benefit everyone in the Town?" Supervisor Plant replied "If they use it." Ms. Germain stated, correct, it certainly benefits older folks in Town.

When she was here and watched people come in for clean-up coupons, it was typically the older residents, folks who had been around town longer. She continued that these people didn't have a clue that this had been cut, they would only find out next spring when they came into the Town Hall to get their clean-up coupon. She stated that it was kind of sad that the Town just did this and did not notify people that they were thinking about doing this. She commented that the Town of Williamson was going to do more for their residents – they were going to do leaf clean-up. "Some Towns are actually thinking about doing more, and we are thinking about cutting Town-wide clean-up. I don't get that." She indicated that she tried to research the cost of the Town-wide clean-up but it was not in the minutes this past year as it never got approved by the Town Board. Supervisor Plant commented that the cost was \$12,000.00. Jean Johnson stated that the Town had just received the bill. Ms. Germain recommended that maybe the Town could go out to get costs on this; maybe it could be done cheaper; and before it is cut maybe the Town should give some thought to the people that *do* use it. She said she would guess that these are the people who do not use many other services in Town.

- On page one (1) of the Library budget reported under New York State at year end as "Culture and Recreation," Ms. Germain questioned the heading title. Jean Johnson stated that this was as required by the State.
- On page three (3) of the Library budget she noted that revenues again were down some \$30,000.00 for the library. So, again, Ms. Germain pointed out that as we say we are not talking about it, we indeed are talking about it – the minutes absolutely state that this committee is moving forward and looking for plans on a new building. She stated that she thought it was maybe not quite correct to say that we were not talking about it we were very much talking about a new building. "I think we better be careful talking about a new building when we are showing revenues down \$30,000.00 in one program and down \$20,000.00 in another and that is without a building – and that is without talking the operation and maintenance it costs to run a building. Councilman Yale stated that what was showing here was that the Town was spending less tax dollars on the library; it wasn't revenue generation from the library. Ms. Germain commented, "The bottom line is we can use our fund balance to keep the tax rate down here in town – we can do that for as long as our current board members sit here – but somewhere down the line the next folks that come and sit on the board are going to have to raise the taxes in this town; we will run out of fund balance. And we know that, you know that."
- She concluded by looking at page fifteen (15) and noting that the General Fund total revenues were down. She commented that it struck her that the Town's revenues were down \$200,000.00 from 2007 and stated that she wanted to look at things a little more long-term. "We are not receiving money like we have been. It is a scary time, not just here in Walworth, but in our state and nation. When we do things like Eagle Scout projects that people then have to put in extra hours to water – to run their trucks so that they can go up to water; to plant flowers around that then have to be weeded and maintained and replanted and mulched; to put in markers so the park can be open all winter, and then the highway truck has to come and do extra plowing – which means extra gas, extra man hours; all those things we have to be thinking about, we have to be forward thinking." She asked the Town Board to think about those things as they were planning down the road. She agreed that 4% was a lot of money for folks to get; she was aware of the economic

situation and the difficult times people were having. Ms. Germain stated that she could not believe that this year of all years there would be a 4% increase.

Irma Keyes addressed the Board with the following:

- Ms. Keyes questioned page four (4) of the General Budget. “The very first item, you’re talking about a 4% raise.” She questioned the mathematics and stated that she didn’t believe it was 4%. She realized that a test was taken and it was part of an increase/bulk in salary, but it was a 17% raise one year
- and then a 15% raise this year. She asked if she was reading it wrong. Supervisor Plant stated that over the last couple of years the Town Board had been doing corrections in putting people into the pay scale to match others in the area; there were a number of people who were way behind. He stated that there were some people who were ten (10) years behind. Ms. Keyes asked if this had to do with the step program that the Town Board had adopted. Supervisor Plant stated “yes.” Ms. Keyes stated that there were a couple people that were not getting a 4% raise; they were getting a 6% raise.
- The next item that she questioned was the \$126,500.00 for paving and grinding in the Highway budget; she asked, “what road are you doing?” Mike Frederes, Highway Superintendent, replied that they were looking at three (3) small roads: Greenview, Blue Stem and Woods Edge.
- She stated that she did realize that we were talking about increases in the Highway Department and some of them were very substantial; but we couldn’t do the job if we didn’t have the stuff to do it with – and that included fuel, price of a new truck, etc. The Town has to keep updating, we have to keep doing roads or otherwise we are going to be behind. She stated that the budget last year, if we hadn’t used some fund balance, we might not be quite so bad off this year.

Maurice Rowe addressed the Board regarding the difficult times that people are having. Mr. Rowe stated the Supervisor’s proposed salary of \$41,000.00 and asked him what he made from the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Plant responded, “\$14 thousand something, I believe.” Mr. Rowe commented that that was a pretty good salary. He gave some pointers to Mike Frederes, Highway Superintendent, regarding the management of the Highway Department, stating that sometimes you have to work with what you have. Mr. Rowe shared many life experiences with those present. He suggested that many residents had put forth good suggestions for the Board’s consideration this evening and that there were residents present whom the Supervisor could tap for ideas when working to cut the budget.

Rick Nudd stated, “This is, out of any year I have seen, this would probably be the best year to take the budget that you are proposing and throw it away; go back to the one you had last year and see if you need to cut something out of *that*.”

Dennis Landry spoke with regards to 65% of the Town budget being about the Highway Department; he thought that it was time to get a little innovative and work together with the Town of Ontario – maybe combine the two Highway Departments (less equipment, less people, one less supervisor). Mr. Landry also referenced the Town’s starting to get engineers to look at the Town Hall and wanted to know what the engineering would cost on this, was it free? Supervisor Plant stated that at this point, they hadn’t spent anything yet; the committee did not know. Mr. Landry asked about meeting with the engineer for the RFP and stated, “Once you start meeting with them, don’t the dollar signs start rolling?” Supervisor Plant said, “yes.” Mr. Landry stated that he thought this was something that we really didn’t need right now.

Dawn Landry spoke with concerns she had for her personal budget. She stated, "Now you want us to take another hit. We cannot continue to do this; you're going to tax us out of our home and I don't want to lose my home." She stated that the Board needed to do something to hold back the taxes.

Michael Jacobs asked the following:

- What happened to the Memorial Tree Fund, where did it go? Supervisor Plant stated that it had been stopped; it was at this point losing money and because we didn't know where we might go with the building – whether we might add on to this building at some point, we might end up cutting down memorial trees that had been put in. Mr. Jacobs asked what happened to the money that was in the Fund. Supervisor Plant stated that there was very, very little left; he didn't know exactly. Jean Johnson reported that she thought the money was transferred to a Parks Special Revenue fund, but she would have to check to be sure. Supervisor Plant stated that we still have to replace memorial trees as they die, and this is paid out of the General Fund. Supervisor Plant stated that memorial trees are not being planted and the program is not in place at this time..
- Mr. Jacobs asked about the money for the West Walworth hamlet's side-walks that was in the budget – where did that come from? Supervisor Plant stated that it came from general tax dollars and part from the money Senator Nozzolio gave us this year. Mr. Jacobs commented that this meant that he was paying for West Walworth and Walworth hamlets' sidewalks (via taxes) and he also was paying for Gananda's sidewalk district; he did not understand why he was paying for those sidewalks and being taxed separately but no one else outside Gananda was, why was that? Supervisor Plant stated that that was the way the funds had been set up many, many years ago. Mr. Jacobs asked the Supervisor why he hadn't taken a leadership role to change that and make it more fair for all residents. Councilman Maciuska interjected that the logic behind that was for the hamlet, because it is a business district, and there are businesses over in West Walworth as well; that in order to attract businesses that would be an expense the entire Town would pay for. Councilman Maciuska said that this was the logic behind that being a Town-wide fund. He said we could argue about whether or not there were a lot of businesses today or whatever, but that was the logic behind it. Councilman Maciuska said that in the case of the Gananda Partnership there were sidewalks that had to be maintained. It's not a business district; it's primarily the residents over there, so a sidewalk district was set up to maintain that. As are the rules for any new developments that go in where there are sidewalks, there will be sidewalk districts for those developments, so the users pay for it. Mr. Jacobs stated that a lot of the side-walks in the Walworth hamlet really weren't in the business part; they were down quite a ways. Councilman Maciuska stated that the sidewalks that came down Route 441 were put in as part of the re-work that was done on Route 441; under State rules you have to consider anyone that could use the highway, including walkers, bicyclers and stuff like that. Mr. Jacobs thanked Councilman Maciuska for the specific information.
- Mr. Jacobs inquired about the \$10,000.00 in the budget for cameras. Councilman Maciuska stated that this was from the sewer budget and was for cameras to inspect the sewer lines because there is an in-leakage problem, and the Town was partnering with the Town of Macedon and the Wayne County Sewer Authority for this - \$10,000.00 would be the Town's portion of the camera's cost. Councilman Maciuska stated that this would solve the in-leakage problem and everyone in the sewer district was paying extra rates because that water was leaking in, so that was why we needed to have the cameras. Mr. Jacobs asked if there was some kind of grant going along with this. Councilman Maciuska stated that even if we got a grant, it would be a matching grant and this would be the Town's portion.

- Mike Jacobs commented that the Town now had three (3) people dedicated to dog control, which seemed pretty excessive to him. He stated that the Town picked up a dozen dogs and that was well over a thousand dollars a dog. He understood that there were some other duties there as well, but now we had two (2) part-timers and a back-up and it seemed to him that maybe one (1) part-timer and a back-up would cover things just as well. Supervisor Plant stated that the back-up doesn't get paid unless they get called out. The resident stated, "Exactly, exactly, but what I am saying is I think maybe that we just need one part-timer and one back-up, and we could save that money right off the top. I don't see how there is enough work for two part-timers." Supervisor Plant stated that the Town could take that into consideration.
- Mike Jacobs asked the Supervisor to tell him a little bit about the insurance liability for the crossing guard. Supervisor Plant stated that he had spoken with the Attorney for the Town and that there was exposure there with the person not being a Walworth Town employee; "It is a Macedon employee that we are paying half the salary. Therefore, if the person gets hit, it opens the Town of Walworth up for a lawsuit." Mr. Jacobs commented, "OK, we have insurance for that, right?" Supervisor Plant stated, "No, not necessarily, it depends on how it comes in. Right now we are defending against a lawsuit against Macedon." Mr. Jacobs said, "And we are suing them too, is that correct?" Supervisor Plant stated, "That's different, no." Mr. Jacobs asked "Don't we have a cross claim against Macedon?" The Supervisor commented, "We do have a cross claim; it is entirely different than their claim." Mr. Jacobs asked the Supervisor to explain more. The Supervisor stated that he could not go into that. Mr. Jacobs stated that he really didn't understand why there was a problem with the crossing guard; the Town maintained insurance for that very purpose. He stated that if one of the Highway Department guys got hurt, they were insured and it was a part of doing business. Mr. Jacobs stated that he remembered when the Supervisor ran for office, he put out this green flyer that said he would work with the Gananda School District to share resources and make everyone's tax dollars work harder; but all he sees is the Supervisor going backwards. Mr. Jacobs suggested that the Supervisor call Bill Hammond, Macedon Town Supervisor, and hammer out an agreement – "you put in on paper, everybody signs it and you protect our children." Councilman Maciuska commented that the difference is that the crossing guard is not a Town of Walworth employee. Mike Jacobs stated that it can be both a Town of Macedon and Town of Walworth employee. Mr. Jacobs asked the Supervisor if there was any problem in contacting Bill Hammond and discussing this with him. Supervisor Plant stated he didn't know and explained that this was something for the whole Board to discuss. Mike Jacobs told the Supervisor that someone needed to take the lead to initiate the contact and that, he would think, it was really the Supervisor's role. The Supervisor stated that he had already called Bill Hammond and Mr. Hammond hadn't returned his call. Mike Jacobs stated that what he wanted the Supervisor to do was "take charge, take the lead, he was the Supervisor, to solve this issue." Mr. Jacobs commented that he hears too much of, "well maybe we'll take it under advisement, maybe we'll do this, I hear no commitments." He told the Supervisor that he needed to stand up and tell residents where he stood. Supervisor Plant stated that he could not control the budget himself. Mr. Jacobs said, "Of course, but you are the Budget Officer and you're supposed to provide leadership." The Supervisor stated, "I did present a budget to the Town Board, we had a work session and there were changes made, so all of these things that you are accusing me of..." Mike Jacobs said "I am not accusing you of anything, I am making suggestions." Heated discussion ensued with Councilman Maciuska interjecting and stating, "The purpose of this is a public hearing where we take public input. The Board is listening; there is no need for anyone to get accusatory or take this down to a less than civil level. The Town Board is here to try to do the best that we can for the Town. It's not an easy job, especially at times like this."

Certainly at this time there is a lot of emotion; we are here to listen. This is a public hearing, we are not here to make commitments because Supervisor Plant is right, he does not control the Town Board. We are all independent thinkers, we all have our different prospective where the Town should go. So we want to hear what you're going to say; we are not necessarily going to pass the budget. We are not saying that this is the budget, this is the proposed budget. Certainly changes can be made and we are listening to input and we will act on the input that we take in. But let's be civil. Let's remember that we are all citizens of Walworth. People can agree to disagree and be civil about it. So I would like to request as a Board member and a resident of the Town for thirty (30) years that we maintain civility, we listen to what others say, share ideas and then we will act on that."

Mike Jacobs stated, "Frank, thank you very much for those words, it was good advice." Mr. Jacobs continued to say that his other concern was that we had a difficult budget and he didn't think it would be the last one going forward. He stated that one of his big concerns was that this was a pretty big increase in one chunk and he thought a lot of it was a result of the Board trying to play "I'm going to cut taxes" instead of being reasonable and watching the Town's reserve funds. He further stated that he was really concerned not only about this budget but the one next year because the times were going to be equally as difficult. Mr. Jacobs thanked the Board for listening to his comments and stated that he would watch to see how this turned out.

Lorelei Alftather stated that she appreciated the work the Board was doing. She stated that she knew that the Town of Ontario had kept their budget flat and asked that Council members go back and revisit the budget. She also suggested that the Town speak with the Town of Ontario to see what they had done to maintain their flat budget.

Supervisor Plant asked if anyone from the public would like to speak for a second time.

Marian Vandenberg asked a question regarding the health care of retired employees. She asked if full-time retirees were given health care benefits. Supervisor Plant responded, "yes." She asked about part-timers. Jean Johnson explained that you have to have twenty-five (25) years of service with the Town when you retire, then you are given a certain dollar amount. Ms. Vandenberg commented that "you have heard all of the feelings of these people here and I want to remind you that represent us, your salary is coming from us; and for you to sit there and to give an overall 4% increase in salary, I don't know how you are going to sleep nights, really." She had some suggestions for the Board when they voted on the budget; she suggested that the Board go over it very carefully and review everything. Ms. Vandenberg wanted to know how she could find out how each Board member voted on the final budget. Council members replied it would be in the minutes, it was a matter of public record when the Board voted on the budget. Minutes would be posted on the website and would be available in the Town Clerk's office. Ms. Vandenberg closed by saying, "Anyone on this Board that votes for the budget, I would say next election all incumbents – down." Councilman Maciuska stated that the Board has to vote on the budget. Ms. Vandenberg said, "On this budget."

Maurice Rowe addressed the Board with regards to what the Town of Macedon was doing with all of their industrial and commercial expansion. He added that Ontario was also getting quite a little down there – Senator Nozzolio gave away \$300,000.00. Mr. Rowe stated, "I think, Bob, Board members and Frank, that was a good speech you gave, but as far as I know none of you people were drafted to serve on this Board, so you are a public service." Mr. Rowe commented that the Town should work with what they have, such as trucks and equipment – and not get too carried away with expenditures. Mr. Rowe asked the Board how many of them would be running for re-election next year. The reply was three (3). Mr. Rowe said that we will remember this and stated

that “this is not a threat, but maybe we can get your attention that you’re bringing this big budget up.”

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance that the Public Hearing be closed.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 8:55 PM.

**RESOLUTION 72-08 – SEQR - GINEGAW PARK LODGE:**

Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance offered the following Resolution **72-08** and moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska to wit:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the action be classified as an unlisted action and considering the issues and impacts are local, for the Town Board to declare itself lead agency in the matter of the Ginegaw Park Lodge SEQR Application intended to enhance the Town of Walworth green space and open space areas.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Absent
	Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Aye
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Resolution carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT FOR BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUNDATION AND SLAB – ENCLOSED PAVILION GINEGAW PARK:**

Motion by Councilman Maciuska authorizing to advertise for bids for the construction of a foundation and slab on a site-ready pad for an enclosed pavilion in Ginegaw Park.

Seconded by Councilman Yale.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Bid opening was scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008, at 2:00 PM, at the Walworth Town Hall.

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT FOR BID FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

Supervisor Plant stated that he is requesting authorization to go out for bid for the RFP for Design/Build for the enclosed pavilion Ginegaw Park. He continued to say that the wording has changed, it is not Design/Build anymore; we are working with the Engineer to prepare the specifications.

Motion by Councilman Maciuska authorizing to advertise for the RFP.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**AUTHORIZATION CIVIL SERVICE EXAM – SEWER EMPLOYEES:**

Motion by Councilman Maciuska authorizing prepayment to Wayne County Civil Service for three (3) sewer employees, for an amount not to exceed \$15.00, to be expended from budget line SS8110.41.

Seconded by Councilman Yale.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 69-08 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM:**

Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance offered the following Resolution **69-08** and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Maciuska to wit:

I, SUSIE C. JACOBS, THE DULY QUALIFIED AND ACTING TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WALWORTH OF 3600 LORRAINE DRIVE, WALWORTH, NEW YORK, A MUNICIPALITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION **69-08** WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2008, AND IS INCORPORATED IN THE ORIGINAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING, AND THAT SAID RESOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED, AMENDED OR REVOKED AND IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT ROBERT PLANT, TOWN SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF WALWORTH, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO FILE AN APPLICATION

FOR FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 AND UPON APPROVAL OF SAID REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THIS, THE TOWN OF WALWORTH, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE DEED OF THE ASSISTED PROPERTY.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALWORTH ADOPT RESOLUTION 69-08.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Absent
	Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Aye
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Resolution carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition of land.

Seconded by Councilman Maciuska.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 9:00 PM.

**RECONVENE:**

Supervisor Plant reconvened the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

Time: 9:20 PM.

Supervisor Plant called a Town Board Special Meeting for Monday, November 3, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:**

Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance offered the following Resolution **71-08** and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Yale to wit:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senior Account Clerk be authorized to modify budget as follows:  
\$49.47 from A1110.45 Justice Litigation Fees to A1110.22 Justice Equipment Maintenance. To cover current expenses.

\$75.00 from A1990.41 Contingent Account to A1920.41 Municipal Association Dues. To cover Farm Bureau Dues.

\$200.00 from A7110.22 Parks Equipment to A7110.41 Parks Utilities. To cover current expenses.  
\$100.00 from A7110.22 Parks Equipment to A7110.42 Park Supplies and Maintenance. To cover current expenses.

\$218.83 from A7110.46 Tree Maintenance to A7110.47 Park Fuel. To cover current expenses.

\$100.00 from A8010.43 Zoning Engineering to A8010.41 Zoning Signs/Copies. To cover current expenses.

\$2,000.00 from Sewer Fund Balance to SS8130.409 Sewer Maintenance. To cover current expenses. Funds to offset transfer credit to sale of scrap.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Absent
	Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Aye
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Resolution carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilman Yale to adjourn.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and unanimously carried.

Time: 9:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie C. Jacobs  
Town Clerk

**WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING  
23 OCTOBER 2008**

Presiding Supervisor Plant called the scheduled Town Board Special Meeting, held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:	Frank Maciuska	Councilman
	Patricia Marini	Councilwoman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk
	Ed Parrone	Engineer for the Town
	Carl Hewings	Engineer for the Town
	Norm Druschel	Building Inspector
	Phil Williamson	Code Enforcement Officer

Absent:	Tom Yale	Councilman
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**RESOLUTION 74-08 FARMLAND PAPERS – WILBERT:**

Councilman Maciuska offered the following Resolution **74-08** and moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Marini to wit:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Supervisor be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for the disbursement of funds for the Conservation Easements for Wilbert per the Contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Walworth adopt Resolution **74-08**.

**ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008, at the meeting of the Town Council.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Aye
	Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Absent
	Supervisor Plant	Aye

Resolution carried.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:**

Councilman Maciuska offered the following Resolution **75-08** and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Marini to wit:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senior Account Clerk be authorized to modify the budget as follows:  
\$1,214.06 from A1990.41 Contingent Account to A1420.42 Consulting and Litigation. To cover current expenses.  
\$100.00 from A8810.41 Cemeteries Flags to A8810.11 Cemeteries Mowing. To cover current expenses.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Maciuska	Aye
	Councilwoman Marini	Aye
	Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance	Aye
	Councilman Yale	Absent

Resolution carried.

**COUNCILMAN YALE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:05 PM.**

**DESIGN CRITERIA DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Plant opened the discussion for the Design Criteria. Discussion ensued with changes that would be compiled. Ed Parrone stated that a draft of the Design Criteria would be presented in a semi-final form and presented to the Town Board for final review. Mr. Parrone stated that there would be very little additional cost to the Town for this; he will advise the Town Supervisor.

Time: 8:25 PM.

**RECESS:**

Supervisor Plant recessed the Special Meeting for two (2) minutes and stated he would then resume the Special Meeting for the 2009 Budget Work Session.

**RECONVENE:**

Supervisor Plant reconvened the Special Meeting.

Time: 8:30 PM.

Present:	Frank Maciuska	Councilman
	Patricia Marini	Councilwoman
	Tom Yale	Councilman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk
	Jacqueline Van Lare	Recreation Director
	Mike Frederes	Highway Superintendent
	Mary Zingerella	Library Director
	Jean Johnson	Senior Account Clerk

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Plant stated that everyone had submitted changes to the proposed budget and opened the discussion. The following are the changes that were made to the 2009 budget:

Budget Changes Approved by Town Board 10/23/2008

GENERAL FUND

Line Item		Current Budget	Approved Amount	Amount Reduced
Salary Lines				
A1010.11	CouncilPersons	\$22,880.00	\$22,660.00	\$220.00
A1110.11	Justice – Wolfe	\$10,888.00	\$10,783.00	\$105.00
A1110.12	Justice – Young	\$10,888.00	\$10,783.00	\$105.00
A1110.13	Court Clerk	\$26,404.00	\$26,150.00	\$254.00
A1110.14	Court Clerk 2	\$11,016.00	\$10,910.00	\$106.00
A1220.11	Supervisor	\$41,600.00	\$41,200.00	\$400.00

A1220.12	Account Clerk	\$39,137.00	\$38,738.00	\$399.00	
A1330.11	Tax Collector	\$8,176.00	\$8,098.00	\$78.00	
A1330.12	Deputy Collector	\$312.00	\$309.00	\$3.00	
A1355.11	Assessor	\$48,257.00	\$47,793.00	\$464.00	
A1355.12	Assessment Clerk P/T	\$8,100.00	\$7,964.00	\$136.00	
A1410.11	Town Clerk	\$38,388.00	\$38,019.00	\$369.00	
A1410.12	Deputy Town Clerk	\$22,991.00	\$22,776.00	\$215.00	
A1410.13	Records Management	\$1,550.00	\$1,535.00	\$15.00	
A1410.14	Clerk P/T (Town Clerk's Office)	\$17,323.00	\$17,180.00	\$143.00	
A1620.11	Clerk to the Supervisor	\$29,328.00	\$29,075.00	\$253.00	
A1620.13	Facility Manager	\$9,580.00	\$9,484.00	\$96.00	
A3510.11	Dog Control Officer	\$10,334.00	\$10,234.00	\$100.00	
A3510.12	Rabies Responders	\$3,135.00	\$3,104.00	\$31.00	
A3620.11	Building Inspector	\$51,235.00	\$50,743.00	\$492.00	
A3620.11	Fire Marshall	\$1,326.00	\$1,313.00	\$13.00	
A3620.13	Code Enforcement Officer	\$23,040.00	\$22,823.00	\$217.00	
A3620.14	Building Clerk	\$28,959.00	\$28,686.00	\$273.00	
A4020.11	Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$743.00	\$735.00	\$8.00	
A5010.11	Highway Superintendent	\$64,745.00	\$64,123.00	\$622.00	
A5010.12	Highway Clerk P/T	\$12,612.00	\$12,470.00	\$142.00	
A7110.11	Park Groundskeeper	\$16,557.00	\$16,406.00	\$151.00	
A7110.12	Park Summer Help	\$17,000.00	\$16,830.00	\$170.00	
A7310.11	Recreation Director	\$33,405.00	\$32,838.00	\$567.00	
A7310.12	Recreation Assistant	\$14,729.00	\$14,612.00	\$117.00	
A7310.13	Rec Clerk p/t	P/T	\$7,000.00	\$6,930.00	\$70.00

Line Item

	Town Board –			
A1010.41	Conferences/Training	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
A1220.41	Supervisor – Conferences/Training	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
A1220.42	Supervisor – Office Expense	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$300.00
A1330.42	Tax Collector – Conferences	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
A1355.21	Assessment – Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
A1410.21	Town Clerk – Equipment	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
A1410.41	Town Clerk – Conferences/Training	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$300.00
A1620.22	Town Office – Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
A1620.42	Town Hall Bldg Maintenance/Repair	\$38,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$1,000.00
A1910.41	Unallocated Insurance	\$51,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$3,000.00
A1990.41	Contingent Account	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$3,000.00
A3310.22	Highway Signs	\$6,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$1,000.00
A3620.43	Building Dept. Office Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
A5010.44	Council – Highway	\$25,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,500.00
A5182.21	Additional Street Lights	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
A7110.21	Park – Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
A7110.42	Park Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$4,326.00	\$674.00
A7550.41	Festival In The Park	\$2,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
A9040.81	Flex Plan	\$4,700.00	\$4,500.00	\$200.00
A9962.20	Bldg Inspector Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

Total Reduction General Fund \$28,658.00

Highway Fund

Line Item	Salary Lines			
DA5110.11	Summer Salaries	\$206,257.00	\$204,192.00	\$2,062.00
DA5110.12	Summer Overtime	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
DA5110.13	Mowing	\$11,508.00	\$11,393.00	\$115.00

**WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING CONTINUED  
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DA5148.11	Winter Salaries	\$206,257.00	\$204,192.00	\$2,062.00
DA5148.12	Winter Overtime	\$73,550.00	\$72,855.00	\$735.00

Line Items

DA5142.43	Fuel Usage	\$143,716.00	\$135,266.00	\$8,450.00
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Line Items Revenue

DA5031	Trans from Capital Reserve	\$32,500.00	\$52,500.00	\$20,000.00
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Reduction Highway Fund \$36,424.00

Line Item Decrease Revenue

DA2770	Other Income (Fuel)	\$39,600.00	\$37,600.00	-\$2,000.00
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Total Reduction Highway Fund \$34,424.00

Library Fund

Line item	Salary Lines			
L7410.11	Director	\$42,338.00	\$41,915.00	\$423.00
L7410.12	Clerks	\$66,574.00	\$65,909.00	\$665.00
L7410.13	Treasurer	\$7,138.00	\$7,067.00	\$71.00
L7410.14	Pages	\$12,988.00	\$12,859.00	\$129.00
L7410.15	Child’s Programming	\$25,667.00	\$25,411.00	\$256.00

Total Reduction Library Fund \$1,544.00

Total Reduction to Budget \$64,626.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilman Yale to adjourn.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance and unanimously carried.  
Time: 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie C. Jacobs  
Town Clerk

OCTOBER 27, 2008

**ONTARIO TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A regular meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Kelsch at 7:00 PM in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Robert Kelsch, Council members: James Switzer, Lori Eaton-Smith, Stephen Tobin and Jason Ruffell: Sole Assessor Christine Luteyn, Library Director Sandra Hylen, Director of Recreation and Parks William Riddell, Attorney for the Town Alan Knauf and Town Clerk Debra DeMinck.

17 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting.

Mr. Kelsch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Legal Notice of Public Hearing to consider the Scope of an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Commerce Center (the "Project") was posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board and published in the Wayne County Mail on October 9, 2008.

**Mr. Kelsch opened the public hearing to consider the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) Scope Document on the proposed Commerce Center at 7:01 p.m.**

Mr. Kelsch explained the scope document was a table of contents listing the areas to be covered in the generic impact study for the Commerce Center. He referred to a map of the Commerce Center and pointed out where the study would be done. He stated it is more cost effective to do the study all at once and get the entire area ready for development. With the generic impact study complete, the Commerce Center would be an attractive site for developers.

Mr. Knauf, the Attorney for the Town, stated the next step would be for the Town to contact Costich Engineering to produce a draft Environmental Impact Statement. That would be submitted to the Town Board and a public hearing would be held.

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays  
MOTION CARRIED

The Legal Notice of Public Hearings on the proposed 2009 preliminary budgets and contracts for the Town of Ontario was posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board and published in the Wayne County Mail on 10/16/08 and 10/23/08.

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 contract with the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Squad (O.V.E.S.) at 7:15 p.m.**

Mrs. Joan Stark was present to represent O.V.E.S. They are requesting \$5,000 for two (2) additional pieces of equipment. She stated that through third party billing O.V.E.S. is able to fully fund the rest of their expenses.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 contract with Northeast Quadrant Advanced Life Support (NEQALS) at 7:20 p.m.**

Mrs. Stark explained that this contract covers the advanced life support critical care mobile unit. They provide mobile critical care to those persons in need of such service within geographic areas including the Town. They are in year two (2) of a three (3) year contract with a 5% increase for a total of \$7,723.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 contract for fire and ambulance service with the Union Hill Volunteer Firemen's Association at 7:25 p.m.**

There is a \$2,000.00 increase to their budget for fire and ambulance service.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. Switzer, **to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 Ontario Fire District budget at 7:40 p.m.**

The Ontario Fire District held their public hearing last week. Mr. Switzer explained to the public these budget documents were not new. The Town Board has reviewed them beforehand.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. Switzer, **to close the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 Ontario Rural Fire Protection District budget at 7:41 p.m.**

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. Switzer, **to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2009 Business Improvement District budget at 7:42 p.m.**

Mr. Switzer stated the budget request for 2009 is the same as last year, \$1,494.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the 2009 proposed budgets for General, Highway, Library, Water, Sewer, Watershed Management Fund, Lighting District # 1 and Lighting District # 2 at 7:45 p.m.**

Mr. Kelsch explained the budget process. He stated this was his first time through the budget process and he felt there was great participation from department heads and town board members. The town board's goal was to keep the tax rate as low as possible. He added the board applied \$665,000 from fund balance of the general fund and \$300,000 from the DA fund. The rate for 2009 is 2.52632, an increase of one cent per thousand.

Mr. Switzer feels we need to be very careful about using fund balance. Using large amounts could deplete the fund balance in a few years. While times are difficult, there is nothing wrong with a gradual increase of a penny or two per year. The ways to increase fund balance is not spend money budgeted and to get more revenue than expected. Two accounts that provide significant revenue is sales tax and mortgage tax. They are both down this year.

Mr. Chuck Newman asked what fuel rate was used for next year. Mr. Kelsch responded with \$4.00 for gas and \$4.75 for diesel.

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to close the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Agenda** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to approve the agenda with the following revisions: change next business meeting to November 12<sup>th</sup> and add under new business “award bid for lights for the tension fabric structures”.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Comments from the Public** – None

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, **to approve the October 13, 2008 minutes with one change: on page 2, fifth paragraph, under Old Business add “revisions to Chapter 13 – Code of Ethics”.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Correspondence** – The Town Clerk noted, for the record, that the amount of water and sewer relieved to the 2009 taxes would be \$135,525.75.

The Town of Ontario is a 2007 CDC Fluoridation Quality Award Winner for the Drinking Water Fluoridation Program. This means that the level of fluoride in finished water has been maintained at the optimal level in New York State.

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to accept and file the correspondence.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

**Attorney for the Town Report** – Mr. Knauf is having a meeting October 31, 2008 with Judge Fisher regarding the Gullace tax certiorari case. There will also be a conference in January with the attorneys for the Ginna tax certiorari case.

**Old Business** – Mr. Knauf has reviewed the draft revision of Chapter 13 of Municipal Code (Code of Ethics) and it will be discussed at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop.

**New Business** - A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to accept the Supervisor's fiscal report for the month of October as presented.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Tobin, seconded by Mr. Switzer, to **approve the purchase of a new telephone system for the Town Hall Complex, at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00, to be taken from the Capital Fund H-68 Town Hall Library Capital Project Fund.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **adopt a**

### **RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE LAND ON KENYON ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, Wayne County (the “County”) has acquired the properties (the “Properties”) at 1308 and 1348 Kenyon Road in the Town of Ontario (the “Town”), County of Wayne and State of New York (tax account no. 62118-00-453074 and 62118-00-509028) through tax foreclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Properties are adjacent to Rochester Gas & Electric transmission lines, and the former Town of Ontario Landfill (the “Landfill”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has studied the Landfill extensively, and determined that it is not a threat to groundwater or other aspects of the environment, and it is currently negotiating with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to determine what, if any, further action should be undertaken by the Town with respect to the Landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town contemplates siting a trail and/or a park on the Landfill, and the Properties would be useful for connection with such a trail and/or park, consistent with previous plans for trailways in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has proposed to quitclaim the Properties to the Town (the “Transfer”), provided the Town pays unpaid real property taxes, beginning with the 2007-08 school taxes, in the amount of approximately \$7,652.85 (the “Unpaid Taxes”) from Town Budget Account A1930.4, pursuant to contracts (the “Contracts”) for each Property proposed by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) was prepared for the Transfer of the Properties by the Town, so that it can be reviewed under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Transfer is an unlisted action under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed the EAF for the Transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, Day Environmental has prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the Properties, and has not found any recognized environmental conditions related to the Properties other than potential impacts from the Landfill, which the Town is already addressing;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** that the Town Board has considered the Transfer of the Properties, and its potential for environmental impacts; reviewed and considered the EAF, the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.7(c), and other supporting information to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern; and thoroughly analyzed the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the Transfer may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and finds that the Transfer would not have a significant adverse affect on the environment, but rather will have positive environmental impacts, because the Transfer will preserve green space, and may result in increased recreational activities for the public, and any possible impacts from the Landfill are currently being addressed by the Town; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Town Board finds that the Transfer will not have a significant impact on the environment, so that a Negative Declaration shall be made and duly filed, and an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board ratifies and approves the Contract for the Transfer of the Properties and the payment of the Unpaid Taxes; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor shall execute all documents necessary for the Transfer, and the Attorney for the Town shall procure an abstract of title for the Properties and take such other action as may be necessary to close on the Transfer of the Properties. 5 Ayes 0 Nays **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tobin to **award the bid for the 100 Watt Metal Halide Indirect Gymnasium Light Fixtures required for the Tension Fabric Structures to the sole responsible bidder, Best Lights Inc., 100 Park Drive, Troy, MI, for a price not to exceed \$23,511, as recommended by the Director of Parks & Recreation in memo PR44-2008.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays **MOTION CARRIED**

**Budget Transfers/Adjustments** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the following budget transfers:**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$12,872 from A1990.4 to A9060.8**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$6,500 from A9901.9 to A9060.8**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$641.97 from A1460.2 to A1410.2**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$1,955.76 from A1670.4 to A1410.2**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$7,600 from A7150.4 to A7150.1**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$6,000 from H70-05-7020.202 to H70-05-7020.201**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$370 from A7180.4 to A7180.1**

**GENERAL FUND transfer of \$4,800 from A7310.4 to A7310.1**

5 Ayes 0 Nays                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**Appointments/Resignations** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to accept the resignation of Laurie Dellefave, after more than 16 years, with regret, from the Assessor's Office, effective October 13, 2008.                      5 Ayes 0 Nays                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**Reports by Town Board Members** – The Town Board meeting on November 10, 2008 is cancelled due to the board attending a tax summit sponsored by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Wayne County Public School Superintendents and the Wayne County Villages. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Kelsch received the cell tower contract from the attorney and it is ready to be signed.

Mr. Kelsch had a meeting last week with Scott Foti of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the landfill closure project. Mr. Foti stated the DEC wants to find out how deep the soil cover is on the two (2) main parts of the landfill.

Mr. Switzer would like to recognize everyone involved with the Brew-Ha-Ha. It was a very successful event.                      He also congratulated Mrs. Carol Garland, former Ontario Library Director, on receiving the 2008 Pioneer Award. This award recognizes extraordinary contributions made to public library service.

**Approval of Claims** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the abstract of claims for October 27, 2008 including vouchers #2632 through #2764 with a grand total of \$152,713.29 and to authorize the Supervisor to issue payments for same.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays **MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **adjourn at 8:25 p.m.**  
5 Ayes 0 Nays                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra DeMinck  
Ontario Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.