

# UNAPPROVED

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Village Board and members of the public met in person at Village Court, 49 State St. This meeting was hybrid and therefore also available via remote location through Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Margaret Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Annette Crane, Trustee Katherine Kristansen, Trustee Joanne Bocach, Manager/Clerk Erica Linden, Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Recorder Susan Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Assessor Tammy Baker, Libby Caruso, Vicki Brew, Tyler Brew, Sherry Keck, Kevin Jenkins, Sarah Bundy, Geoffrey Campbell, Don Roberts, Patrick Pittman, Jill Campbell, Lyndsay Laney, Sherry Keck, Fred Webster

**VIA ZOOM:** Trustee Ben Reed, Village Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq., Attorney Peter J. Weishaar, Bob LeSuer, Lucas Vandervort, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin

**EXCUSED:** None

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE:** Mayor Blackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:** I am beginning tonight with a statement of support. The Brockport area is home to numerous families of Ukrainian ancestry. As Russia continues to invade and wage war against Ukraine, the sunflowers on the dais are a wish for continued sovereignty and peace for the Ukrainian people.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

**CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss pending litigation. Those invited to attend with the board: Attorney Daniel Mastrella, Attorney Peter Weishaar, Assessor Tammy Baker, Manager Erica Linden, Recorder Susan Smith.

- Action or Statement Anticipated in Regular Meeting

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:03 pm and go into executive session.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to adjourn the executive session at 7:55 pm and return to the regular meeting.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

- Mayor Blackman explained that the lengthy executive session involved Elderwood Senior Care Home's contested assessment, which involved the Towns of Clarkson and Sweden, Monroe County, and the Village of Brockport. After many years of pretrial legal actions, negotiations finally resulted in a settlement, meeting Elderwood in the middle with a lower assessment. During the litigation, Elderwood paid taxes at a higher assessment rate and now they will be receiving refunds from the municipalities and county. The Village's share of the refund, without interest, is \$164,704.95, which will be split into two payments, one from the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and the other from the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the settlement proposed by Attorney Peter Weishaar and authorize the Treasurer to pay the settlement in two payments: one half within 60 days and the other half, after June 1, 2025 but not later than June 29, 2025.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Bocach	Yes

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments/questions Policy for Public Comment: 5 min/per person/ state name and address for record / clearly address the Board. Virtual participants can raise their hands and will be called on to speak. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.

- Jill Campbell, 5129 Redman Rd, Brockport – Subject: BVAC – Mrs. Campbell noted that all Town of Sweden residents pay taxes that include for-profit ambulance services. She recounted an incident in January when her husband, experiencing severe chest pains and breathing issues, needed to be transferred from Strong West Emergency to a hospital in Batavia. Monroe Ambulance took 2 hours to arrive at 4 am, adding to an already distressful situation. Mrs. Campbell urged the Board to keep BVAC in the village and consider creating an ambulance district for Sweden, Clarkson, and the Village.

- Public comments from the following people were submitted and are included as an addendum to these minutes.
  - Sherry Keck, Churchville, NY – Subject: Brockport Volunteer Ambulance (BVAC)
  - Lucas VanDervort, 480 Shumway Road – Subject: BVAC
  - Tyler Brew, 63 Perry St – Subject: BVAC
  - Geoffrey Campbell, 5129 Redman Rd, Brockport – Subject: BVAC
  - Vicki Brew, 63 Perry St – Subject: BVAC
  - Lyndsay Laney, LeRoy, NY – Subject: BVAC
- Mayor Blackman thanked everyone that spoke and for their submitted comments and ensured them that they would be carefully reviewed.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Libby Caruso, Seymour Library board member-library update and request to authorize use of the Seymour Library's Shaffer Trust Account funds, which are overseen by the Village Board

- Mrs. Caruso commented that the Seymour Library is funded, for people that do not know, by the Village of Brockport, the Town of Clarkson, and the Town of Sweden. She expressed thanks to all of the municipalities, especially the Village, for the incredible plumbing management in resolving their sewer problems. She came before the Board to request funding from the Shaffer Trust Account to be used toward the costs from the bathroom renovation project and an upcoming flooring replacement project. She reported that the library has had a stable staff for 2 years, which is reassuring to their patrons. Bookings have increased for meeting and study rooms. The library has had visiting tutors for the English as a Second Language program, with many from the Ukrainian and Spanish speaking population. Circulation numbers are up, with more patrons accessing eBooks. The library is organizing fewer programs but with much more participation, which is more efficient use of the staff.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to authorize the use of Seymour Library's Shaffer Trust Account balance of interest in the amount of \$15,131.33.

Discussion: Trustee Kristansen asked if this would mean they were closing their Shaffer Trust Account. Manager Linden explained that these funds are only the interest earned, and they cannot touch the principle.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

**CONSENSUS ITEMS:**

- Minutes: None
- Bills Abstract 02/25/2025
  - A (General Fund) \$95,912.68
  - F (Water Fund) \$ 3,809.12
  - G (Sewer Fund) \$ 139.49
  - **TOTAL \$99,861.29**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the Bills Abstract 02/25/2025.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

**MANAGER/CLERK REPORT:**

Manager/Clerk – Erica L. Linden

- Audit Agreement – approval needed for next year's Agreed Upon Procedures audits – Manager Linden requested the Board to approve the audit agreements provided by Mengel, Metzger, Barr, & Co (MMB) for the coming year. Within the last few years, the Village Board decided it would be more efficient to have an Agreed Upon Procedures Audit for two years, and then a Full Audit for the third year, providing significant savings while still affording appropriate inspection. The Full Audit is twice as much money as the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit. In the agenda packet are the MMB outlines of their proposals for Agreed Upon Procedures Audits in the amount of \$4,950 for the Justice Court and \$10,500 for the Village. Previous agreements for the Agreed Upon Procedures Audits were \$4,600 for the Court and \$9,450. The Justice Court can only have an Agreed Upon Procedures Audit, as the State oversees the Village Justice Accounts. The Village is currently undergoing a Full Audit, which takes 6 months to complete, at a cost of \$20,900.

→ Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve the proposal from Mengel, Metzger, Barr, & Co for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year for Agreed Upon Procedures Audits in the amount of \$4,950 for the Justice Court and \$10,500 for the Village.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

- Election locations, Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> election: 49 State St. (Court) and 191 West Ave. (Fire Dept.) – Manager Linden reported that the State's new voting machines require a certain number per registered voters, meaning the village needs seven machines. The Village Court lacks sufficient space for them and personnel. After discussing with the County, which funds Village elections, two locations were agreed upon: Village Court will be the primary location, and the Firehouse at 191 West Ave will serve as an alternative. Registered Village voters can vote at either location, but not both.

→ Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve election locations for the June 17, 2025 to be Village Court, 40 State Street and

Discussion: Trustee Kristansen asked Manager Linden from which location the results will be reported. Manager Linden responded that, although it has not been determined, she anticipates it will be from the Village Court.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

**OLD or NEW BUSINESS:**

- Cannabis Excise Tax – Mayor Blackman reported the Cannabis Excise Tax totaling \$24,538.45 was received for time period of 9/1/24-11/30/24.
- Fourth Quarter Monroe County Sales Tax \$488,712.98 – Mayor Blackman announced this amount is \$20,000 more than the same quarter last year and that is good news for our Village.
- SUNY Impact Aid Resolution – Mayor Blackman commented that SUNY Impact Aid is funding that Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane and her have been advocating for since first receiving in 2018. The state budget funds reimbursements for municipalities with SUNY institutions, covering costs like fire, codes, and police services. For us, it covers codes and police expenses. The Agenda Packet has a summary of our SUNY Impact Aid request and its costs, along with an endorsement letter from SUNY President Macpherson. She also expects a joint endorsement letter from State Senator Ortt and Assemblyman Hawley.

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded to approve the Resolution Requesting Impact Aid.

Discussion: The Board discussed the accuracy of the figures included in the resolution. Manager Linden agreed to double check the numbers regarding tax-exempt property percentages and property values in the Village before the Board signs and issues the SUNY Impact Aid Resolution. As the resolution needs to be issued by the end of the week, Mayor Blackman withdrew her motion and asked the Board to instead approve a resolution to support the request for SUNY Impact Aid. The updated numbers and resulting document about SUNY Impact Aid will be provide at the next meeting on March 17th.

→ WHEREAS, the Village of Brockport received SUNY Impact Aid in the amount of \$210,000 in 2018 but has received none in successive years;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Brockport Village Board does hereby support the request for SUNY Impact Aid for the Village of Brockport in the amount of \$204,192.

Moved by: Mayor Blackman

Seconded by: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Bocach	Yes

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

- Resolution to authorize Trail Town Grant application – Mayor Blackman commented that the grant is for 13 bike racks and for wayfinding signage with QR Codes and is between a minimum of \$5,000 maximum of \$15,000, with a match of 10%, which will be in-kind and \$700 cash from Operational Funds.

→ WHEREAS, the Village of Brockport wishes to capitalize on its status as an Empire State Trail Town by enhancing recreational experiences for Empire State Trail users to drive tourism, promote economic revitalization, and improve quality of life for residents and visitors;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Brockport Village Board does hereby authorize the submission of a Trail Town implementation grant application to Parks & Trails New York. The funding request will be for no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$15,000. The Village will provide a 10% match of the total project request amount, and no more than 50% of said match will be from in-kind contributions.

Moved by: Trustee Kristansen

Seconded by: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane

Discussion: Trustee Kristansen inquired whether this project would be coordinated with the Main Street sidewalk project and if the bike rack selection would match the village aesthetics. Manager Linden confirmed that the projects would be coordinated, and that the Village grant writer and Superintendent Verace will select affordable, complementary bike racks.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

## **VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or LIAISON REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss the employment history of a particular person. Those invited to attend with the board: Attorney Daniel Mastrella, Manager Erica Linden.

- Action or Statement Anticipated in Regular Meeting

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:56 pm and go into executive session.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Bocach seconded, to adjourn the executive session at 9:05 pm and return to the regular meeting.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

- Mayor Blackman announced that their executive session involved the report from the Ethics Board of the Village of Brockport concerning their conclusions in response to the request for an investigation into accusations concerning the purchase of village properties at 89 High Street and 74 Spring Street by Chad Fabry, who is the Village of Brockport Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

This is the statement from the Ethics Board: The Ethics Board has found no substance to the allegations against Mr. Chad Fabry. It is our finding that in all matters pertaining to his purchase of the 2 properties listed above, Mr. Fabry acted in an ethical manner. He acted as a private citizen, and did not use his position as a Village employee to any advantage.

Attorney Mastrella added that this was a unanimous finding.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:06 pm.

Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Reed abstained due to illness.

**Upcoming Meetings:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, dept heads meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup> workshop, April 7<sup>th</sup>

## **ADDENDUM TO THE 03-03-2025 BROCKPORT VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED:**

- Sherry Keck, Churchville, NY – “Hello Community and Village Board. My name is Sherry Keck and I am the Secretary for Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I am here tonight because, very unexpectedly this past Thursday, I was made aware of an email sent from the Village Board to my ambulance President Vicki Brew that our Brockport Ambulance contract will not be renewed this April. As a result of our contract not being renewed, this will ultimately put us out of business. This email came while our President and Chief were to meet a 2<sup>nd</sup> time with Village Board personnel, which did not take place. I have been with Brockport Ambulance since 1993 and have been their secretary a majority of that time; and seeing that we will be out of business through an email was a disturbing shock. I don't know if any input was surveyed from the community or who benefits from putting us out of business; we have been a VOLUNTEER and a not-for-profit agency since inception and have not wavered from that. We do not receive any funding from the Village Office, nor do we put a high financial demand on the community. Does anyone think that a commercial agency will provide service here at no cost to the taxpayers? Yes, we could use some financial help, but we have tried to always put our community first and not depend on making a profit off the community. Through a change of some Board members, we now have a President and Treasurer who are also business managers and by terminating BVAC they are not being given a chance to utilize their talents in managing this agency. They are not paid, and along with our amazing VP, Chief and other Board members are here to serve willingly. I do not see that happening with a commercial agency coming into Brockport. I believe that the community should be made aware of this issue as I saw that BVAC was not on the agenda a month before they are being put out of business. Thank you.”

- Lucas VanDervort, 480 Shumway Road – “Good evening, Village Board Members, Surely you all know me by now but for the remainder of the constituents, my name is Lucas VanDervort, and I am the Chief of Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. I have faithfully served our community in this position since 2018. I have had the distinct pleasure of serving our community in this role through all of the unpredictable highs and lows that could possibly come way of an Emergency Medical Services provider. I am here tonight to address the Village Board and be a clear, educated, trained and experienced voice for the community when it comes to ambulance services as public service is my greatest passion for our community. There is and has been a growing trend throughout our region and State of delayed ambulance services. This is more challenging in more rural communities due to lack of resources and a limited call volume. Just recently, the Brockport Fire District hosted a public forum inviting the elected leaders from the 3 municipalities within the District to address the rapidly growing concerns of extreme delays of ambulance response times by the contracted providers in the Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson, as well as the Village of Brockport. The Village is unique in this situation as they are the only municipality holding a contract with BVAC. As a matter of factual reference, the backup-provider for the Village of Brockport is the same contracted for-profit ambulance service utilized by the two neighboring Towns currently. As of December 30th, 2024, BVAC was put on notice by the Village that there would not be an “auto-renew” of the contract with the Village and that the two parties would need to sit down and review the contract. In complete agreement, the BVAC leadership was excited to do so and update a nearly 7 year old agreement between the two stakeholders. After only one meeting with Village representation, BVAC was delivered an email stating that the Village Board members have been “polled” and they do not wish to continue contract discussions. As the Chief of BVAC, a Paramedic for 22 years serving several sized communities throughout NYS and countless other EMS related positions, I have seen several communities lose their local ambulance service and the direct negative impact it had. I feel it is my role to do my best to fully educate the Village leadership, as well as the public, as to what a decision to eliminate the contract with BVAC will look like for our community. For those of you who believe that it is a simple “replacement” with another provider, it is important to know the full scope of this decision and its consequences. In NYS, the Dept of Health EMS Bureau administers operating authority to various organizations for the operation of ambulance service within a given geography, better known as a Certificate of Need or CON. History has shown that obtaining new CON's are nearly impossible to obtain, and at least a long, drawn out, and expensive procedure. The good news is that there are 3 CON holders able to provide service for greater Brockport community, that being BVAC, Monroe Ambulance and AMR. Why is this important? Because it has been abundantly clear that AMR shows no interest in operating outside of the City of Rochester. Currently, and as mentioned above Monroe Ambulance is the contracted provider to the Towns of Clarkson and Sweden as well as backup service to the Village of Brockport and as you have all been made aware by the Fire District, not able to cover the call volume of our community. There are a NUMBER of other factors that, for the sake of time I will address in the future, as to why for-profit agencies do not thrive when serving small communities. For tonight's purpose, I want to CLEARLY show what the future will hold for the Village of Brockport by eliminating a contract with BVAC. The first thing that will happen is that BVAC will cease to exist. In other words, our CON will need to be turned back over to DOH with an almost 100% chance of never being renewed/re-obtained. Now that may seem like a small thing, but look down the road further. What this means is that it will LOCK the greater Brockport Community, into a long-term contract with Monroe Ambulance as they will be the only interested provider with a CON for our community. On the surface that may not seem concerning, but as you have all been educated to in some fashion, operating costs for ambulance service is skyrocketing with decreasing reimbursements from insurance companies. This has led many small communities, specifically our neighbors to the West, to now contract with consideration for large sums of money, for-profit ambulance services. If the only provider left here in Brockport is a for-profit agency, the Village has now given all control to that single provider. In other words, there is a high likelihood that our taxpayers will now be forced to offset for-profit providers budgets if they desire adequate ambulance service within their community. Over time, this potential grows further and further as there is now essentially a monopoly service in our community who can “name their price”, all the while not being a cornerstone part of our community and stretching their own resources far and wide across the state. So what are the solutions to the growing problem of declining ambulance service? Well, again I am limited on time and will address them in detail in the future, but the short answer is surely not to eliminate ambulances when the clear problem is a shortage of ambulances. That is undoubtedly the most counterproductive idea to a problem that deals with people's lives and health. The short term solution is to further support the operation of YOUR local, community based ambulance provider through further negotiations of a contract that will ensure a range of possibilities for the long term service to your community. In the meantime, I encourage Village Board Members to do further research as to what other communities have done to improve ambulance service, specifically some of our immediate neighbors. While my interests may seem to protect BVAC, the real root of my interests are to protect our community members and I would welcome any discussions to help educate Board Members further on the totality of ambulance services in our State, region and community, so that they may adequately represent those they were elected by. Respectfully submitted, Lucas R. VanDervort, Chief, Brockport Ambulance”
- Tyler Brew, 63 Perry St – “Good evening, Mayor, members of the Village Board, and fellow Brockport residents. My name is Tyler Brew, I am an EMT currently enrolled in the MCC paramedic program where I am working towards national certification as well as an associate degree in paramedicine. I am privileged to be the Captain of Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I take great pride in being a member of BVAC as I grew up here. I went through the Brockport Central School system, graduating in 2013. Today I am raising my beautiful, growing family with my wife here in Brockport. I've spent 6 years responding to calls in the Village of Brockport and mutual aid calls to our surrounding areas. I am honored to

be leading a team of dedicated responders who put their all into serving this village. I am here asking you to renew our contract—not just for the members at BVAC, but for the safety, trust, and future of Brockport. I've seen firsthand what this service means to our community, and I'm here to tell you why keeping it alive is so critical. As an agency, we've been on the front lines of emergencies where we respond and provide care for numerous calls including pediatric emergencies, trauma, trouble breathing, depressed or suicidal patients and even delivering babies. Each one at a moment's notice and BVAC was the difference between panic and hope. Brockport residents who become our patients and may be experiencing the worst day of their lives are relieved when Brockport ambulance, staffed with our certified EMTs show up because they know our providers truly care about them and will provide high level patient care. Renewing our contract keeps that lifeline local—fast, familiar, and focused on Brockport. As Captain, I can tell you what it takes to keep this operation running. Our team is a mix of volunteers and paid staff, balancing dedication with the realities of modern EMS. We've upgraded equipment, continue training our skills and knowledge, as well as navigating challenges like rising costs and staffing shifts. When merger talks with Central Orleans fell apart in 2019, I was part of the effort to rebuild. We secured temporary help from Monroe Ambulance, but we didn't stop there—we fought to stand on our own again. Today, we're stable and stronger, but we need this contract to keep going. Without it, we risk losing the momentum we've built, and the residents of Brockport could face slower response times or higher costs from outside providers who don't know our village or patients like we do. Why does this matter? Because emergencies don't wait. When that 911 call comes in, every second counts. An external service might be responding many miles away or prioritize a bigger contract elsewhere. Renewing our contract ensures that our residents—your constituents—get care from people who live here, who care about this village as much as you do. It's not just about ambulances; it's about trust. Financially, I understand—budgets may be tight. But BVAC is a smart investment. We stretch every dollar with volunteer hours, community fundraising, and careful planning. We're exploring third-party billing and grants to ease the load on taxpayers. Compare that to for-profit agencies with higher overhead and less accountability to Brockport. Renewing our contract keeps costs in check while preserving accountability to Brockport. Renewing our contract keeps costs in check while preserving a service that's priceless when it's your loved one in the back of that ambulance. Mayor, Board members, I'm asking you to see this through my eyes—an EMT who's been there, a Captain who's led through tough times. Renewing the BVAC contract isn't just paperwork; it's a commitment to every resident who dials 911, to every family who needs us at any time day or night, a legacy of care that's defined Brockport since 1962. Let's work together—address your concerns, refine our plan, and keep this vital service alive. I'm here to make it happen, and I know we can. Thank you for listening.”

- Geoffrey Campbell, 5129 Redman Rd, Brockport – “Good evening, Madame Mayor, Brockport Village Board Members and Community Members. My name is Geoffrey Campbell I'm the Vice President of Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Why should you contract with BVAC. I have 2 reasons. BVAC has been dedicated to serving this community for over 63 years. Lucas, Sherry, others and I could have just stood by in 2017 and let BVAC become just another lost local resource for the community, but we didn't, we're still fighting to serve this community. We answered nearly 200 calls in 2024. The other reason is our Certificate of Need or CoN. CoNs are what allow an ambulance service to be contracted to operate in a municipality. Ours covers all three municipalities. In total there are 3 CoNs that cover you and the towns. Ours, Monroe Ambulance's County Wide CoN and AMR's Statewide CoN. ARM only contracts with cities. That gives you 2 competing CoNs, ours, dedicated to serving this community and Monroe's who is a for-profit business. Now, I will attempt to show why Monroe Ambulance, with their good intentions, still won't be able to do better than they are right now. The reasons come down to resources vs a population's EMS need and to a lesser degree geography. The village and the two towns have an estimated population of 27k+(village 7k+, Sweden 13k+, Clarkson 6.5k+). I estimate that the EMS need for all three contracts combined, this is a conservative estimate, about 2500+ calls with a monetary value of \$2M+. Now Monroe Ambulance has many more contracts than these 3 just mentioned. Their largest contracts are in the Town of Greece. Which has an estimated population of 94k+. That is more than three times yours with at least 3 times the need and value. Why is this important? The greatest demand for EMS resource need and profit for their business is Greece. They are larger but they still have limited resources. Monroe is a business for profit. If you don't believe me, last year Monroe went to multiple Orleans towns and to the Orleans County gov't for large sums of taxpayer money to provide service. Their asking price to the county was \$500k. Lucky for Orleans County there was a complete contract from Mercy Flight. They also have an Orleans county wide CoN. Did Mercy Flight contract for free, no, they only asked for \$250k. The other thing working against the village and the towns is the location of hospitals. Greece has one hospital inside it's town limit and there are three other hospitals all closer to Greece than here. That means Monroe can get its ambulances back to service quicker in Greece. I hope you see what the most likely outcome in the future will be if you don't contract us, for all 3 of you. The path forward is not without its challenges. Our CoN is the key to greatly reducing the future burden on the taxpayers for EMS services. An Ambulance district was discussed at the meeting arranged by the fire district with the village and towns. To create it though, you will need the CoN for it. Without BVAC's CoN, you probably won't be able to form it. That will leave you having to contract with Monroe Ambulance every year. They will determine the cost of EMS service for you and the towns. You will have little negotiating power and probably no better coverage than now. Please don't just look at the immediate needs of today but at the future needs of the people you serve in this village. Thank you for your time.
- Vicki Brew, 63 Perry St – Good evening, Mayor and Village Board Members, My name is Vicki Brew and I am the newly appointed president of the Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC). First, I want to thank you for your time and

consideration. It is my sincere hope that tonight's meeting—and the words of the BVAC team—will spark renewed discussions about preserving the 63-year legacy of the Brockport Volunteer Ambulance, rather than its termination. A little about me: I've lived in Brockport for over 50 years. I graduated from Brockport High and attended SUNY Brockport, where I met my husband of 32 years. Together, we raised our three children here. Two of them are currently attending SUNY Brockport, and one is starting his own family in the village. For the past 27 years, I've worked at Monroe-Orleans BOCES, where I've served as president of the paraprofessionals for the last four years and was vice president for 20 years prior. My husband and I also own and operate a local pool business serving Monroe and surrounding counties for over 30 years. I share this to highlight my deep roots in this community and my proven dedication—qualities I believe are vital to securing a contract and rebuilding trust, reliability, and relationships with local government and the community we so passionately serve. I stand before you today on behalf of the Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps to advocate for the renewal of our contract to serve this remarkable village. For nearly six decades, BVAC has been a cornerstone of emergency medical services in Brockport, and I'm here to affirm our unwavering commitment to this community while outlining why renewing our contract is in the best interest of our residents. Since our founding in 1962, BVAC has evolved with the times, adapting to the ever-changing landscape of emergency medical services while staying true to our mission: providing reliable, compassionate, and skilled care to those in need. We've grown from a small squad of dedicated volunteers to a professional organization equipped with two ambulances, certified EMTs on every run, and a legacy of service that spans generations. Today, as we seek to renew our contract, we bring not just history but a forward-looking vision to ensure Brockport's safety and well-being. Our response times remain among the fastest in the region because we're rooted right here in the community—our crews know these streets, these homes, and these people. When seconds matter, BVAC is the neighbor you can count on. Renewing our contract ensures that this localized, rapid response capability remains intact, avoiding the uncertainties of outsourcing to external agencies that may not share our deep connection to Brockport. Financially, we understand the village's need for efficiency. BVAC operates with a blend of volunteer dedication and paid staff, keeping costs manageable. We've weathered challenges—rising insurance costs, equipment upgrades, and the shift toward paid personnel—yet we've done so responsibly. Our budget is transparent, and we're committed to working with the village to explore funding options, whether through grants, community donations, or third-party billing, to minimize the tax burden. In contrast, external providers like Monroe Ambulance, while capable, often come with higher costs and less flexibility to prioritize Brockport's unique needs. Renewing with BVAC is a vote for cost-effective, community-driven service. Collaboration is at the heart of what we do. We've partnered with the Brockport Fire Department, String West, and mutual aid agencies across Monroe County to ensure seamless emergency response. Our history shows this: when merger talks with Central Orleans Volunteer Ambulance fell through in 2019, we didn't falter. We adapted, securing temporary coverage with Monroe Ambulance while rebuilding our capacity. Today, we're stronger, staffed, and ready to serve independently under this contract. We're not just asking for renewal; we're pledging to deepen our partnership with the village—working with you, Mayor, and the Board to address any concerns, refine our operations, and keep Brockport safe. Finally, let's consider the human element. BVAC isn't just an ambulance service: it's a lifeline woven into the fabric of this community. Our volunteers and staff are your neighbors, your friends, your family. We've been there for the late-night calls, the icy roads, the moments of crisis when hope feels far away. Renewing our contract preserves that trust, that familiarity, that sense of Brockport taking care of its own. Mayor, I respectfully urge you and the Village Board to renew the Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps contract. Let's secure a future where our residents know that help is always close, reliable, and rooted in the heart of this village. Together, we can continue a legacy of care that's as strong as Brockport itself. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Vicki Brew, Board President of Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corp

- Lyndsay Laney, LeRoy, NY – Hello and good evening. My name is Lyndsay Laney and I am a recent addition to the Brockport Volunteer Ambulance Corps board. I joined the board just a short two months ago in January of this year and I am already so excited to be a part of this community and see what we can improve moving forward. I am the "community outreach representative" whereas my job lies in putting both our feet out into the community, meaning physically and socially on social media. Outreach and response is what is important to us, not only with the calls we receive, but to the community who supports us. Our goal is to be more available and do more than just service the patients we come in contact with. We as a team would like to show our faces more in the public and get to know the community we serve better. As a new board I believe it's important for people to see our faces and understand we are here to help because we want to be here to help. We plan to get out in the community to gather some feedback from those that we have served and may serve in the future, to gain some constructive criticisms to better ourselves and take our service to the absolute next level to keep the community safe and happy. We have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser happening this month and we already have so much support behind us and in hope that this first dinner with our new board, sets the precedent for our future relationship with the community we serve. Two of our EMTs just spent time with a Brockport Boy Scouts troop teaching them vital skills such as CPR, first aid and how to stop the bleed. These are things that will stick with our youth and be helpful in many situations. As the community continues to give us these chances and opportunities to serve, they will find that the hand they reach with will never be left empty.