

Town of Massena Museum
200 E. Orvis St.
Massena, NY 13662
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 4, 2016

Present: Ann Greene (Treasurer), Joseph Macauley (President), Paul Rufa, David Talarico, Bonnie Weitz, Sally Yeddo
Mary Ellen Casselman (Historian), Linda McDonald (Archivist)
Samuel Carbone (Town Councilman)

Excused: Joseph Savoca (Secretary)

Absent: Steven O'Shaughnessy (Town Councilman)

In Joseph Savoca's absence, meeting notes were taken by Ann Greene and edited and compiled by Joseph Savoca.

The board met at 6:30 P. M. to view items for possible deaccession.

Call to Order and Attendance: Time: 7:00 P. M. New board member Paul Rufa was introduced.

Minutes: A motion to approve the June 2016 minutes was made by David Talarico with a second by Sally Yeddo. Yes 6 No 0 Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for June 2016 and July 2016, as discussed, was made by Sally Yeddo with a second by Bonnie Weitz. Yes 6 No 0 Motion Passed A motion to put \$100.00 in the petty cash account was made by Bonnie Weitz with a second by David Talarico. Yes 6 No 0 Motion Passed

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Accessions and Deaccessions: Items for deaccession were discussed.
2. Photographic History Books sold in June, 2016: 1; July, 2016: 0.
3. Visitors Tally for June, 2016: 38; July, 2016: 51.
4. Facebook Likes: 156.
5. Discussion on Move to New Building: The date for the move is undecided. Some of the display cases need new glass before installation. Other items of concern were the status of the internet service, fire alarm and security. Mary Ellen Casselman and Linda McDonald expressed their concerns regarding the move. They would like to move in stages rather than one big move. An auctioneer from Ogdensburg, Ray Chapman [chappysplace.com], will pick up items from the museum on Friday, August 12, 2016. The auction will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 12:00 P. M. in Ogdensburg.
6. Any Other Items from Board Members: Joseph Macauley will email Town Supervisor Joseph

Gray expressing concern over the storage of the hearse. Climate control including temperature, circulation of air, light, etc., is an issue and it is essential to find the right place for storage.

[Sec. Note: A copy of this email follows in order to accurately summarize the board's discussion and position.

Concern One: The move to the new building that we thought could take place by September 30, does not look like it will happen. Mary Ellen informed us that the security, fire alarm and internet connections have not taken place yet. On our part we have not had the cabinets removed and made ready for moving to the new building. I am hoping that this problem will be solved in the next couple of weeks. We will then have to order new glass doors for at least two of the cabinets as the old glass is tempered glass and cannot be cut down to fit. Mary Ellen also does not want to just move everything, she still wants to move and set up as we go, the Board also agrees that would be the best way for the move.

Concern Two: The Board was made aware of the offer for storage of the hearse. Mary Ellen said that a gentle (forgot his name) was in the other day with Bob and was discussing the storage of the hearse. He is the owner of the storage building on East Orvis street. If this is the person who you were talking about in the email, then we do not agree that this is an option for the hearse. Mary Ellen said that in her discussion with him he told her that the building is not heated and has no climate control. He also wanted to display the hearse in the window while it is stored there, that is out of the question, as the hearse cannot be exposed to direct sunlight because of the age of the wood and the other materials involved and must be kept in a building with climate control. Mary Ellen has a couple articles that explain what needs to be done in order to keep the hearse in as best condition as possible. I am sure she would share them with you.

Concern Three: Mary Ellen told us that she and Linda have been receiving calls from people concerned about the items we are sending out to auction. The Board from the beginning of this move was in favor of keeping a low profile about the auction, but that was not possible once the newspaper printed the article about the auction. I would say that we may as well let the auctioneer go ahead and advertise as he thinks is best to get the most attention to the actual auction. Now that the "cat is out of the bag" we may as well do everything possible to maximize the profit from the sale.]

Historian's Report: Two pictures were moved—one to the Massena Chamber of Commerce and another to the Knights of Columbus in Georgia.

Archivist's Report: There is a display of photos and other items concerning Massena movie theaters at the Massena Public Library.

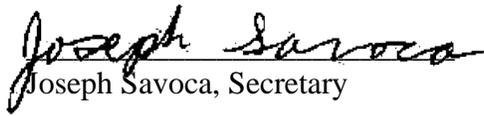
Town Board Representatives' Comments: Samuel Carbone will continue to contact Joseph Gray to express the stated concerns about the move (internet, fire alarm and security).

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Sally Yeddo with a second by Bonnie Weitz. Yes 6 No 0 Motion Passed Time: 7:55 P. M.

Next Meeting **Thursday, September 1, 2016 7:00 P. M.** The board will meet at **6:30 P. M.** to

view items for possible deaccession.

Respectfully submitted,

 Date Approved 9/1/16
Joseph Savoca, Secretary