

At a special meeting of the Malone Village Board of Trustees, held on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. at the Malone Village Office Board Room, located at 14 Elm Street, the following were present:

**BRENT S. STEWART**

**MAYOR**

**Susan Hafter  
Lenora Richards  
Todd LePine  
Dailon Patnode**

**Trustee  
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Trustee**

**Also in attendance:**

**Tammy R. LaValley, Village Clerk  
Dolly Maguire, Village Treasurer  
Bruce Cox, Village of Malone,  
retired police officer**

**BILLS PAID.**

Upon motion made by Trustee Patnode, seconded by Trustee LePine and unanimously carried by Trustee Richards, Trustee Hafter and Mayor Stewart, the following bills were authorized for payment:

<b>Revolving Loan Fund -</b>	<b>\$8245.00</b>
<b>Joint Recreation Fund -</b>	<b>\$21853.55</b>
<b>Sewer Fund -</b>	<b>\$35965.94</b>
<b>Water Fund -</b>	<b>\$44298.94</b>
<b>General Fund -</b>	<b>\$140399.74</b>
<b>Trust and Agency Fund -</b>	<b><u>\$180714.85</u></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$431478.02</b>

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE.**

Trustee Hafter explained what has occurred to this point; the Village was trying to get possible coverage from MVP but there seems to be some trouble with getting the over 65 Medicare people covered. BCBS has come back again with new rates; lower than the first proposal but the new rates would still mean that the active employees will have to contribute to the premiums. The increase is at 12.8%. The Trustees and the Mayor, along with the Clerk discussed the events over the last several weeks and the one conclusion is that we need to sign the renewal rate/coverage sheet before the end of December so as not to disrupt coverage for the employees/retirees. MVP is still looking for other options for the Medicare +65 people. And CSEA has been notified and the insurance specialist there is working on any possible options. Mayor Stewart acknowledged that the insurance committee along with the clerk and the treasurer have put a lot of time into this; trying to figure out other solutions that would not cost the employees money; that would save them and the Village money.

It was also discussed that next year at this time, we should get the rates sooner from BCBS so we have more time to review and discuss this matter. Mayor Stewart stated that he told Pat Maguire, the broker, that we need to have those rates sooner; Carole Martin, sales representative for BCBS, told Pat that because we are signing this so late, it may effect the employees by which they may have to pay some out of pocket expense until all of the new rate information is put in the computer system; the employees would be reimbursed if they had to pay. However, when the clerk spoke with Carole Martin last week, she never mentioned this out of pocket item. The employees should not be held responsible for BCBS dragging their feet on this. Pat Maguire is also aware of this.

**Bruce Cox thanked the board for all their work and for thinking of the employees and retired individuals.**

**Upon motion made by Trustee Hafter, seconded by Trustee Richards and unanimously carried by Trustee Patnode, Trustee LePine and Mayor Stewart, the Malone Village Board hereby accepts the latest proposal from Excellus BCBS renewal rates, with a 12.8% increase and authorize the Group Representative, Tammy LaValley, to sign such proposal. It is also stressed that the insurance committee along with employees will seek better insurance rates, and if found, will bring this back to the Village Board for reconsideration of coverage.**

**ADJOURN.**

**Upon motion made by Trustee Patnode, seconded by Trustee LePine and unanimously carried by Trustee Hafter, Trustee Richards and Mayor Stewart, this meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**TAMMY R. LAVALLEY  
Malone Village Clerk**