A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown was held at the Village Office Building, 22 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York on September 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jeff Katz, Trustees Ellen Tillapaugh, Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Louis W. Allstadt and Richard Sternberg. Also in attendance were DPW Superintendent Brian Clancy, Village Attorney Martin Tillapaugh (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Village Treasurer Derek Bloomfield, Police Chief Michael Covert and Village Clerk – Teri Barown. There were four (4) members of the public present.

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comment** – Hilda Wilcox, Pine Boulevard, Cooperstown, stated that she has spent 47 seasons at eitherThree Mile Point Park and Fairy Spring during the summer read a statement expressing her painful disappointment that one or both of the waterfronts were closed that last couple of weeks of the season. (A copy of the statement is on file with the original minutes.)

She noted that the salaries at the Country Club and Otesaga exceeded the pay for the Village lifeguards and some choose to work at those locations.

She said that the she heard that some necessary items for the guards ceased to be supplied by the Village and that the supplies are needed as the lifeguards need to be identified as figures of authority.

She stated that the caretaker at Fairy Spring is excellent and has fostered a sense of community. She encouraged the Board to hire mature, responsible caretakers such as those who were hired this season.

**Minutes** – Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting with corrections as submitted to the Clerk. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

**Zoning Officials Report** – Minutes of the various boards were provided by email to the Trustees and posted on the website.

**Police Committee** – A copy of the September committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that the SEI data has been cleaned up and the program is working well.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that once the paid parking season is complete, parking citation data will be requested to review against the previous year.

Discussion was held regarding providing additional Village Official parking. Ms. Tillapaugh stated she would propose one additional spot at Fish Road to add to the two spots already in place, three spots in the middle of the block on Fair Street between River and Fair Streets and two or three places in Fowler Way parking lot.

Mayor Katz stated that there are already plenty of free all day parking spaces.

Dr. Sternberg stated he would rather get heat for creating additional spaces than for uneven enforcement of the parking regulations.

Dr Falk stated she would agree, but feels that there is already more demand for spaces in the Fowler Way lot than can be accommodated.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to set a public hearing for October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to establish three Village Official parking spaces on Fish Road, two spaces in Fowler Way parking lot and three spaces in the middle of the block on Lake Street, between Fair and River Streets, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., excluding NYS Holidays. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Fire Committee** – A copy of the September committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packet.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to declare the old frequency pagers surplus equipment so that they can be sold. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

It was noted by members of the department that the cars parking on Main Street, between Railroad Avenue and Grove Street pose a potential public safety hazard, as this significantly narrows the street and they are parking too close to the fire hydrant. This issue was referred to Streets Committee.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that a Scriven grant funded the purchase of two cardiac monitors.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Fire Committee report as presented. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Doubleday Field Committee** – A copy of the September Committee report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Barown noted that the RFP for Field Rental and Scheduling should be ready to be released in the next week.

Mayor Katz stated that in regard to the potential for a donation of a tarp, issues occurred in the past with a team who donated a tarp that required too much manpower to use and this should be taken into consideration if we are going to accept the donation.

He stated regarding the concerns Mr. Lach expressed, he has been treated the same as other renters.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to accept the Doubleday Field Committee report as presented. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Streets Committee** – A copy of the September committee report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Falk noted that the CGP students will meet with the Streets Committee in October and the Trustees on December 6 regarding an ADA accessibility self-study.

Dr. Falk stated that a member of Ms. Barown's staff is going to be inputting the car counting data collected this past August.

Dr. Falk noted that Delaware Engineering has applied for a grant that would provide 100% funding for the Willow Brook issues on Grove Street.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to accept the Streets Committee report as presented. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Buildings Committee** – A copy of the September minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Allstadt noted that scheduling to finish work on the front vestibule is occurring.

He stated that the Library will be closed October 7-11 so that work can be completed on the Children's Library. He noted that the work is currently coming in under estimate.

Mr. Allstadt stated that the beginning of the work on the east side of the building is weather dependent.

Mr. Allstadt said he and Mr. Clancy will be meeting with a representative from Constellation Energy regarding potential savings in 22 Main Street building, as well as the Water and Sewer plants.

He also noted that the CEC Energy Program has the potential to provide \$100,000 with no match if we can show that we have instituted energy saving projects.

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the Buildings Committee report as presented. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Discussion was held regarding the projected increase in yearly contributions. This year's contribution is approximately \$65,000, next year is project at \$79,000. It was noted that changes in the portfolio could result in the forward year changing. Mr. Bloomfield was asked to check if reduced fees on the fund could result in savings. Mr. Allstadt stated he feels we are being conservative in relation to what others are doing.

#### Permits:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the permit application of American Fireworks as submitted for a firework display from Fairy Spring on October 9, 2016 with the condition that the firework company notify the Fire Department in advance. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the permit application of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce for the Halloween Parade as submitted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to approve the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce request for "Save the Date" for Cooperstown on October 7, 2017. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the request of the Friends of the Village Library to utilize the main hallway of 22 Main Street for a reception for the grand opening of the Children's Library room on November 6, 2016. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

# **Finance and Personnel Committee:**

### Finance:

Trustees reviewed the August 2016 RBC Wealth Management (LOSAP) statement. Mr. Bloomfield was asked to inquire of RBC Wealth Management for guidance in moving in a staged way away from fossil fuel investments.

Trustees reviewed the sales tax revenue update for July.

Mr. Bloomfield reviewed his takeaways from the NYCOM Fall Training School Conference held September 12-15, 2016.

# **Buildings**:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the final payment on the Fire Hall retaining wall project in the amount of \$1,393 (Village share). Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Trustees reviewed the Library Renovation Project update showing cost outlays thus far vs. budget.

### Streets:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to go to bid for tree removal/trimming. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

# Water and Sewer:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve payment of Delaware Engineering Invoice for the WWTP Upgrade Project in the amount of \$4,215.00. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the budget modification to transfer \$12,500 from Sewer Fund surplus to G8120.440 to fund the Delaware Engineering agreement for the WWTP Plant Upgrade project. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to award the water valve replacement project to Postler and Jaeckle in the amount of \$23,333 as the lowest quote received. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

# Personnel:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the conference and training request of Brian Clancy to attend NYCOM Public Works School in Gevena, NY, October 16 – 19, 2016 as submitted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the conference and training request of Quinton Hasak to attend the Regional Education Conference on December 1, 2016 in Hauppauge, NY with condition that conference host pay all expenses. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg

Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the following conference and training requests as submitted:

- 1. Conference & Training Fire Department Hoarder Home Fires
- 2. Conference & Training EMS (various sessions)
- 3. Conference & Training Dennis Elliott & Scott Folts SENY WWC

Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the seasonal appointment of Zach Crippen as a seasonal laborer in the Streets Department from October 11, 2016 through December 10, 2016 at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to authorize coverage of 15% co-insurance under the current Village health insurance by the Village of Cooperstown for non-union employees. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Barown reviewed her conference report from the NYCOM Fall Training School in September.

Trustees reviewed the overtime report for payroll number 71 and the hours of leave report for September.

Mayor Katz made a motion to advertise for a part-time clerk for the purpose of taking and transcribing minutes. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the following abstracts:

Treasurer's report Sept 22, 2016

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Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Finance and Personnel Committee report as presented. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Watershed Supervisory Committee** – A copy of the September committee report was provided in the Trustee packets.

**Economic Development and Sustainability Committee** – A copy of the September committee report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Falk noted that the public information session for the Comprehensive Plan will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. She noted that a public hearing will be set at a later date.

Dr. Falk stated that an Induction meeting was held this morning and the prevailing theme was that of the need for better communication internal and external. She stated that another meeting will be scheduled for early November.

She stated that the committee discussed the new Zombie property legislation and it is felt that this issue is at most small and probably negligible within the Village.

A discussion was held regarding taxi registration and the issue will be researched further.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee report as presented. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

**Parks Board** – A copy of the September Board minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated many of Hilda Wilcox's comments and concerns were addressed at the Parks Board meeting. She said that increase in salaries of the lifeguards will not necessarily eliminate this problem. She noted that she is putting together salary information from surrounding beaches and private entities.

She stated that the reports of the caretakers from both Fairy Spring and Three Mile Point were reviewed by the Board and noted that Three Mile had the best revenue season ever with collections over \$10,000.

It was noted that an opening of the boat wash will be held next spring with a dedication of the boat wash in honor of Carl Good a long time proponent of this program.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Parks Board report as presented. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Water and Sewer Board- A copy of the September minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to accept the Water and Sewer Board report as submitted. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Discussion was held on establishing regulations for temporary mobile storage units. Mr. Tillapaugh provided amendments to proposed language, which will be referred to the Planning Board for review.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss the work history of particular individuals. Mayor Katz seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Mayor Katz made a motion to return to regular session at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Mayor Katz made a motion to approve the part-time appointment of Bruce Baker to the position of Police Officer (part-time) effective September 27, 2016 at a salary of \$17.50 per hour. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Mayor Katz made a motion to approve the probationary appointment of Richard Kimmerer to the position of full-time Police Officer effective October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 at a salary of \$17.9540 per hour. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Mayor Katz made a motion to remove Byron Bubencik from the position of HMEO effective September 27, 2016 and terminate his employment with the Village effective immediately. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Mayor Katz made a motion to appoint Teri Barown to the position of Village Administrator retaining the duties and position of Village Clerk effective September 27, 2016 with an annual salary of \$70,000 for a two-year appointment. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

Dr. Falk made a motion to advertise for the full-time position of HMEO and part-time position of Zoning Enforcement Officer. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L. Barown, RMC Village Administrator, Village of Cooperstown