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 April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh, Trustees Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Lou Allstadt, Richard Sternberg and Jeanne Dewey. Also in attendance were Village Treasurer Debra Guerin, Zoning Enforcement Officer Jane Gentile, DPW Superintendent Mitch Hotaling, Village Attorney Martin Tillapaugh and Village Administrator – Teri Barown. There were twenty-one (21) members of the public present.

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

Public Comment – William Crankshaw, CCS Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the 2018-19 school budget, noted that the budget hearing would occur on May 2, 2018 and the budget vote would be held on May 15, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

Minutes – Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 regular Trustee meeting with corrections as submitted. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Zoning Official Report – A copy of the Zoning Officer's report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mrs. Gentile reviewed the report as submitted with the Trustees. She noted that the open application for a tourist accommodation would be voted on at the May ZBA meeting.

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the Zoning Official's Report as presented. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Permits:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to approve the permit application of the Growing Community for the Harvest Supper to be held on September 30, 2018 as submitted with the exception that the fire hall cannot be used in the event of rain and that a rain date can be resubmitted. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to approve the permit application for the annual book sale/setup/breakdown as submitted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

Fire Committee – A copy of the April committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Sternberg noted department concerns regarding residue on the blacktop due to construction activities at Mel's at 22.

He stated that the department is requesting the tree in the triangle area be removed and the area being blacktopped.

Mayor Tillapaugh stated that the tree suggested for removal was a memorial tree donated and planted in memory of Stuart Taugher.

Dr. Sternberg stated that discussion occurred regarding establishing a line item for future purchase of ambulances as those currently being operated were purchased 4 years ago as used ambulances (5 years old at the time) from Cazenovia and they will be selling two ambulances next year and have offered Cooperstown right of first refusal.

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the Public Safety Committee reports as presented. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Doubleday Field Committee – A copy of the April committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Maxson noted that games at the field had been cancelled through April 23 due to poor weather and field conditions.

Mayor Tillapaugh appointed Jeff Katz, President of the Friends of Doubleday, to the Doubleday Field Committee as a member.

Dr. Falk made a motion to ratify the appointment as made by Mayor Tillapaugh. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

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

Streets Committee – A copy of the April committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Falk noted that the Pioneer Street contractors are returning tomorrow and will finish the project no later than the Wednesday before Memorial Day.

Dr. Falk stated that paid parking will begin the Saturday before Memorial Day and permits are now available in the Village Office.

Dr. Falk noted that the installation of the EV Chargers in Doubleday Parking Lot will require the Village to establish a law reserving those spaces for vehicle charging.

Dr. Falk made a motion to set a public hearing for the regular Trustee meeting in May, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to designate two spaces next to NYSEG Electric Pole #101129220N to be restricted for electric or hybrid-electric vehicles engaged in charging. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Sternberg questioned the location of the paid parking permits on the windshield of vehicles as he was informed by a constituent that he received a ticket from the NY State Police for obstruction of view. Mr. Tillapaugh stated that he believe any tickets would be written for that violation unless it was to give a break to someone who was stopped for a different reason as in speed violation.

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

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

Public Hearings – Mayor Tillapaugh opened the following public hearings at 7:02 p.m., Village Administrator, Teri Barown read the public hearing notice and Mayor Tillapaugh read the guidelines for public comment:

Special Use Permit Application – 133 Chestnut Street – convert an existing office building to a two family dwelling in a commercial district

Special Use Permit Application – 64 Chestnut Street – ability to hold outdoor weddings/receptions at the Landmark Inn

Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 - regulating the use of drones in the Village of Cooperstown

Mayor Tillapaugh asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any of the public hearings.

Fred Schneider, owner of the Landmark Inn, stated he is seeking to be allowed to hold a limited number of weddings and receptions on the inn property to create additional opportunities for his 6 full-time employees.

Dave Russell, 63 Chestnut Street, stated he submitted a letter to the Trustees regarding the request to amend the special use permit for the Landmark Inn. He stated he has lived at his residence since 2001 and the Landmark Inn received their hotel permit in 2004 with the stipulation that there were no public events with alcohol.

He stated that the Landmark Inn have been fine neighbors, but he feels this would open up turning a residential neighborhood into a public event center. He stated that he is aware that the Trustees are concerned with keeping up the residential character of the Village and that granting this would not be in keeping up the residential character of the neighborhood.

Merrilyn O'Connell, Trustee of the United Methodist Church, 66 Chestnut Street, read a letter that she has provided to the Trustees expressing concerns over the Landmark Inn being allowed to hold outdoor weddings and receptions. A copy of the letter is on file with the original minutes.

Bill Waller, 66 Beaver Street, stated that Mr. Tillapaugh used an innovative approach in drafting the drone regulations by using the Zoning law to prohibit.

He stated that if this is primarily to prohibit during special events, temporary flight restrictions can be applied for and he has discussed this possibility with the FAA.

He stated that notice needs to be given by posting regulations and requirements on an application and placing signage at the Village entrances as well as the Village parks.

He stated that responsible drone operators take the time to find out regulations from the FAA.

He stated that the Village should be backing the federal law by having our police department enforcing the federal regulations.

Jonathan Flyte, Bassett Healthcare, stated that the hospital generally favors the drone law and their reasons are 1) patient privacy concerns and 2) public health and safety concerns.

Richard Blabey, 90 Grove Street, stated he was speaking regarding the Landmark Inn's application for expansion of use. He stated that there is enthusiasm for Cooperstown being a wedding destination and various benefits to other Village businesses.

He said if we are going to develop this industry we need a variety of places that provide those service including smaller venues.

He said to be careful of imagining the worst case scenario as we have rules on the books regarding noise, lighting and parking. He noted that conditions to the permit could be placed to address those specific concerns.

Margaret Savoie, Don Olin Realty, stated she is speaking regarding the extension of the special use permit of the Landmark Inn. She stated that there were many meetings held regarding short term rentals and the affect they have on the disintegration of neighborhoods. She said people in the neighborhood that have been assaulted by the Railroad Inn in their front yard would noW be affected by the Landmark Inn in their back yard. She stated that taxpayers have the right to a quiet neighborhood.

Fred Schneider, 64 Chestnut Street, stated that he loves his neighbors and wants to be a good neighbor and doesn't want to disturb his neighbors. He said he was surprised by the turnout regarding his application. He stated that he was withdrawing his request for holding weddings and receptions.

Evan Chase, Baseball Hall of Fame, stated that he believes if the Village doesn't have a law there is a danger to the Village. He said the Hall of Fame has contacted the FAA and temporary flight restrictions are very difficult to obtain.

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Tillapaugh closed the public hearings at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Tillapaugh noted that a vote was not necessary on Landmark Inn request as Mr. Schneider has withdrawn his request.

Mayor Tillapaugh asked if there was any discussion on the special use permit for 133 Chestnut Street converting an existing office building to a two family dwelling.

Mr. Allstadt stated he felt that this was in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Falk stated that it is also in keeping with the surrounding use of existing buildings.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to approve the special use permit for 133 Chestnut Street to convert an existing office building to a two family residence. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mayor Tillapaugh asked for Trustee discussion on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 – regulating the use of drones in the Village of Cooperstown.

Dr. Sternberg stated we cannot regulation flight but only where they are taking off from.

He stated that there was an incident on Main Street where traffic was stopped due to a child attempting to launch a drone from the middle of the street. He feels the law is the responsible way to go.

Mr. Allstadt stated he has mixed feelings regarding the law. He stated that temporary flight restrictions should be applied for if there are sizeable gatherings.

Mr. Maxson stated he is in favor with revisions and said that he has concerns over the notice requirement.

Mr. Tillapaugh stated signs would need to be changed at the entrance to the Village and possibly in the parks.

Mr. Dean stated he supports the law as it gives a foundation and makes sense.

Dr. Falk stated that she supports the law and thanked Mr. Waller for his information as she has learned a lot. She stated certain information should be added to permit applications regarding the law.

Mr. Tillapaugh noted that it only restricts flight from private property during mass gatherings, but can apply for a permit.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to adopt proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 regulating the use of drones in the Village of Cooperstown as submitted. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Buildings Committee – A copy of the April committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Allstadt stated that the library lease approval would be addressed in Finance Committee report.

He said that the ballroom ceiling patch is completed and we should be able to finish the rest of the items with the money donated.

He stated that the CFA project three components, window replacement, gutters and trenching and elevator replacement have been bundled into one project.

He said that we are waiting on designs for wayfinding signage at 22 Main Street from Paperkite.

Mr. Allstadt noted that Kevin Preston is doing some groundwork on electric requirements for a generator at 22 Main Street and that there is some debate on sizing a generator for the whole building or only the lower floor. He stated that common practice is to keep the command center separate from where people gather.

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

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

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

Finance and Personnel Committee:

Finance:

Trustees reviewed the March 2018 RBC Wealth Management Statement summary. It was noted that the full report is in the Treasurer's Office should anyone wish to review it.

Trustees reviewed the Sales Tax Report.

Parks:

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to accept the \$4,000 check from the Lagan Family Trust for \$4,000 to be used as reimbursement for removal of a tree in Lake Front Park where the roots are compromising the foundation of Mr. Lagan's home at 24 Lake Street (cost of which is approximately \$3200) with the remainder of the check after reimbursement for tree removal being donated to the Lake Front Concert trust fund. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Police:

Dr. Falk made a motion to authorize contracting with IMS Direct for the purposes of collecting unpaid parking tickets. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Energy Products:

Dr. Falk made a motion to approve contracting with LilyPad for EV Chargers as per their proposal for the Doubleday Parking Lot with grant monies being provided by DEC to be paid out of 1620.200 only following assurance from NYSEG that the proposed meters can be connected to the existing pole. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trolley:

Dr. Falk reviewed the proposed 2018 contract with Birnie Bus. She stated that the proposal includes running two routes in July and August as it is felt that the route is too long with only one trolley running. She stated it is a significant cost increase, which Scriven Foundation has agreed to underwrite up to \$40,000. She said she feels any losses will be minimal.

Mayor Tillapaugh inquired if there would be any confusion with running two different routes. She said she doesn't want to have added confusion nor lose money.

Dr. Falk stated she views this as a test and feels with additional funding coming from Scriven it would keep any loss to a minimum.

Following discussion, Dr. Sternberg made a motion to approve the Birnie Bus proposal with running two trolleys in July and August and accepting the donation of up to \$40,000 from Scriven Foundation. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the contract proposal from Sweet Home Productions for the trolley app system for 2018. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trustees reviewed the revenue split with Sweet Home Productions for the 2017 season for banner ads with the Village receiving a check for \$1,697.00.

Streets:

Trustees reviewed the proceeds from the sale of 2008 F-750 Super Duty Pickup at auction, which netted the Village \$15,600 to be allocated to the Village Equipment Reserve.

Library:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the library lease with modifications discussed on page 2 and with additional language to recognize future credits towards a future lease. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Personnel:

Trustees reviewed overtime analysis for payrolls 111-112 and leave analysis for March and April, 2018.

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the following training requests:

- a. Mitch Hotaling & Chris Satriano
- Drug and Alcohol Supervisor Training Class
- b. Chris Satriano Logging Timber Certification Level 2

Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the following abstracts and transfers:

Abstracts:		
General	27,316	PR#112
	28,567	PR#111
	8,877	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	49,378	Non-Payroll Expenses
	40,501	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Water	6,561	PR#112
	6,828	PR#111
	3,680	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	10,489	Non-Payroll Expenses
	6,809	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Sewer	6,366	PR#112
	6,320	PR#111
	1,943	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	13,009	Non-Payroll Expenses
	11,066	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Trolley		83 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
HTP Project	1,432	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid

Transfers:

Transfer From:	L-204-000	5	5.68	Monthly HRA Expenses
	F-233-000	117.00		
	G-233-000	1199.98		
Transfer To:	A-204-000	1322.36		

Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Finance and Personnel Committee report as presented. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Administrator's Report:

Ms. Barown stated that interviews will be scheduled in the next week for the full-time Parking Enforcement Officer vacancy. She noted that she has discussed with seasonal PEO, Quentin Powers regarding returning as soon as he completes this year's college term in order to provide parking enforcement, as well as school crossing guard coverage and he has agreed.

Ms. Barown stated she is still waiting on a complete proposal regarding lifeguard scheduling. She noted ads have been placed in newspapers, Friends of Park Facebook page and CCS for lifeguards and to date only one application has been received.

She reported that the Three Mile Point caretaker from the past two seasons will again return and interviews are scheduled next week for the Fairy Spring caretaker position.

She stated she is working with OCCA and Paul Lord regarding start up of the 2018 boat wash season.

Ms. Barown provided information from NYCOM regarding the new state-mandated cancer benefit for volunteer firefighters. As noted in the information, insurance rates have not yet been provided by insurance companies. This legislation is slated to begin January 1, 2019.

Nepotism language from NYCOM and the Montgomery County Code of Ethics was reviewed and Mayor Tillapaugh asked the Trustees to provide suggested language for next month's meeting.

Ms. Barown provided updates on the following grants and projects:

- WWTP Upgrade project components and costs estimates are being developed. TEP Project – DOT will reallocate unused ROW acquisition funding to the construction allocation.
- 22 Main Restoration Project extensive work with the architect has been done in order to complete bid specifications and bundle the three components of the project into one bid.

Ms. Barown gave a reminder that articles for the May Village Voices are due to her by April 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Dean made a motion to accept the Administrator's Report as presented. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

Economic Development and Sustainability Committee – A copy of the April committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Falk inquired of Mr. Tillapaugh how revisions to the Comprehensive Plan would be made. He replied by Local Law.

Dr. Falk made a motion to allow sidewalk vending on Wednesday evening after 5 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to authorize applying for the next round of the Downtown Revitalization funding. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Sternberg 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: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey Motion carried.

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

Ms. Dewey reported that the new dock is still on track to be installed by May 11.

She stated that Parks Board is encouraging food trucks for the Tuesday evening concerts.

She noted that the Parks Survey is included in the packets and will be sent out with the May Water and Sewer bills.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement between the Village and Bassett Hospital for the donation of LED light poles for Fish Road. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Water and Sewer Board – A copy of the April minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Dewey made a motion to accept the Water and Sewer Board report as submitted. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

New Business:

Dr. Falk made a motion to adopt the following budget adoption resolution for the 2018-19 Village of Cooperstown budget:

BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION JUNE 1, 2018 – MAY 31, 2019

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2018 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2019, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH PERIOD.

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of the public hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; now, therefore, be it

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in column titled "Adopted" in Schedule A1 (Appropriations - General Fund), Schedule F1 (Appropriations - Water Fund), Schedule G1 (Appropriations - Sewer Fund) and Schedule E1 (Appropriations – Trolley Fund) be and they hereby are, appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget, shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2018.

Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

The May Trustee meeting was rescheduled to May 29, 2018 due to the Memorial Day Holliday on May 28, 2018.

Dr. Falk made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss current litigation and the work history of a particular individual. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to return to regular session at 9:12 p.m. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Dr. Falk made a motion to appoint Jason Brengel to the position of HMEO for a probationary period of one year effective from his start date to be determined at a salary of \$17.3259 per hour. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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