

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 June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh, Trustees Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Richard Sternberg and Jeanne Dewey. Trustee Lou Allstadt was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Martin Tillapaugh, Zoning Enforcement Officer Jane Gentile, Village Treasurer Debra Guerin, DPW Superintendent Mitch Hotaling and Village Administrator – Teri Barown. There was thirteen (13) member of the public present.

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

Mayor Tillapaugh stated that three pieces of correspondence were received regarding diagonal parking on Pioneer Street between Lake Street and Otsego Lake. One letter from Dr. and Mrs. Alan Leist, 5 Pioneer Street in opposition to the diagonal parking, email from David and Ceila Oxley, 14 Pioneer Street, in favor of the diagonal parking and an email from Patricia Smith, Pioneer Street, not in opposition to the diagonal parking with adjustments.

Mayor Tillapaugh read the guidelines for public comment.

Public Comment:

Veronica Gil Seaver, 160 Main Street, stated she submitted a petition to the Village requesting controlling the volume of the live music on Main Street. She said she was able to obtain over 20 signatures in one hour. She said people do not object to the live music, only to the loudness. She requested that the Village institute something with decibel levels in order to control the volume.

Anthony Casale, 11 Pioneer Street, read a statement requesting that the diagonal parking on Pioneer Street be removed and the parking returned to what it was. He also provided *Geometric Design Guidelines* from the City of San Jose Department of Transportation and *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets from 2001* from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. A copy of both documents provided and his Presentation to the Cooperstown Village Board of June 25, 2018 are on file with the original minutes.

Mr. Tillapaugh arrived at the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Dave Russell, 63 Chestnut Street, stated that he does not experience the noise from the live music at his residence but does feel that music that is allowed to be played until 11:30 p.m. is not fair to the residential neighbors so close to the business district.

Roger MacMillan, 12 Main Street, stated that he can also stand on his porch on Main Street and hear the music from Hardball Café. He feels at least the ordinance should be revised so that businesses need to stop music at 10:00 p.m.

Geri Brose, 12 Pine Boulevard, stated that the extremely loud noise from the music is not fair to the residential neighborhoods.

Rich McCaffery, 29 Delaware Street, stated he is a strong supporter of the diagonal parking on Pioneer Street. He said he organizes the Lake Front Concert series each summer and each concert sees approximately 150 individuals in attendance as well as band members. He said he is in favor as it will provide additional parking.

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to approve the permit application submitted by Karen Katz for a Families Belong Together Rally and March to be held on June 30, 2018. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the permit application for use of alcohol at the Three Mile Point Pavilion submitted by Doris Hansen for a private party contingent upon providing an insurance certificate. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the application by ORCA for a bike event on Village Streets on September 10. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the committee report as submitted. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Mayor Tillapaugh opened the following public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and Ms. Barown read the public hearing notice:

making application in the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process for the following:

22 Main Street Skylight and Park Project: Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) – Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF)

Net Zero Sewer Plant: NYSERDA Net Zero Energy for Economic Development

Dr. Falk stated that the proposal for the net zero application has been withdrawn.

There were no comments from the public regarding the public hearing. Mayor Tillapaugh stated she would leave this open for the time being.

Doubleday Advisory Committee – A copy of the June committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Sternberg stated that he was in Long Island and saw a Mavis Tire Company commercial that included footage of Doubleday Field. This issue will be looked into.

Mr. Dean made a motion to accept the Doubleday Field Committee report as presented. Ms. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Maxson, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

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

Dr. Falk stated she would like to recognize the service of Dennis Tallman to the Tree Committee, which was much appreciated over the several years he served.

She stated that we should receive the new trolley very soon and will have a public unveiling once it has arrived in the Village.

Dr. Falk stated that following comments and discussion at the committee meeting regarding the diagonal parking, no recommendation was made by Streets Committee and additional information would be obtained regarding options to provide to the Trustees.

She stated she would recommend setting a public hearing to do something, particularly regarding providing for accessible parking adjacent to Lake Front Park.

She added that there is nowhere in the parking regulations that the law refer to direction of parking angle, be it parallel or diagonal. She noted that Village Vehicle and Traffic regulations only provides for what is prohibited, restricted, or designated parking and doesn't speak to what is allowed.

Dr. Falk stated that late this afternoon she finished preparation of materials providing three options regarding parking on Pioneer Street between Lake Street and the Lake. She stated that Option No. 1 provides for all parallel parking and results in 20 spaces, Option 2 adds diagonal parking north of the driveway of 5 Pioneer Street, which was temporarily lined out after the paving of the street was completed and adds 23 spaces (it was noted this option has raised concerns regarding lights shining in the window of 5 Pioneer Street), and Option 3 would provide parallel parking in front of 5 Pioneer Street, with diagonal parking beyond that and elimination of parking on the west side of Pioneer Street and would garner 26 spaces. She noted that all options include providing an accessible space adjacent to the park.

She noted that NYS DOT does have provisions for narrowing streets for the purpose of traffic calming.

She noted that in response to complaints of vehicles driving fast on the street, the Trustees could petition the State Legislature for a lower speed limit.

She stated that the Trustees do need to decide on a trial period for the temporary striping and set a public hearing in July on one of the options.

Mr. Tillapaugh stated that the Trustees could set a public hearing on all three options to have the public comment on.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to set a public hearing on July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard on Options 1, 2 and 3 with details as provided by Dr. Falk and striping

Pioneer Street between Lake Street and the Lake as indicated in Option No. 3. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Casale asked how the residents would be able to see the information on the options. Ms. Barown stated she would have copies available in the morning of what Dr. Falk provided to the Trustees for tonight's meeting.

Dr. Falk noted that recommendation regarding changes in parking regulations for Linden Avenue would be held over until next month for a possible public hearing in August.

She stated that we have been working with ATI on some issues with the parking meters and most have been resolved.

She stated that paid parking revenues to date are \$95,000, with \$89,000 collected during the same time frame in 2017 and \$78,000 during that period in 2016.

She stated that a punch list for the Pioneer Street Infrastructure project has been developed and the TEP project bids are set to open on June 28.

Dr. Sternberg 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, Sternberg, Dewey Motion carried.

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

Dr. Falk noted that the bids for the 22 Main Street Renovation project came in much higher than expected and will be discussed further during Finance Committee report.

She stated that the Village is moving forward with the EV Charging Stations.

It was noted that the control panel at the fire hall for the boiler system has been replaced and currently operating.

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

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

Public Hearing - Mayor Tillapaugh closed the public hearing for the CFA application submission at 7:29 p.m.

Dr. Falk made a motion to authorize the Village to submit CFA applications for 22 Main Street Skylight and Park Project: Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) – Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF). Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Finance and Personnel Committee:

Finance:

Trustees reviewed the May 2018 RBC Wealth Management Statement and correspondence from Penflex regarding the annual contribution for 2018 of \$74,301. Dr. Falk made a motion to pay the Penflex Contribution as soon as possible due to obtaining additional interest. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to pay the Penflex fee invoice in the amount of \$5,145.00. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trustees reviewed the sales tax update report.

Buildings:

Dr. Falk made a motion to reject bids received for the 22 Main Street Restoration Project (windows, elevator, gutters) as they exceed the budget and re-bid only the second floor windows at this time. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trolley:

Dr. Falk made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cooperstown Trolley contract with Otsego County for 2018 reflecting additional insurance cost for new trolley. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Dr. Falk made a motion to accept the \$40,000 donation from Scriven Foundation to operate a second trolley in July and August, with any unused funds being returned to Scriven. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Water and Sewer Board

Following discussion on a request for reduction of high water/sewer billing for 39 Chestnut Street, no action was taken but correspondence will be sent to the home owner regarding results of meter testing.

Respectfully submitted,

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