

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 August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jeff Katz, Trustees Ellen Tillapaugh, Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Joan Nicols and Louis W. Allstadt. Also in attendance were Village Treasurer Derek Bloomfield, DPW Superintendent Brian Clancy, Zoning Officer Tavis Austin, and Village Clerk – Teri Barown. There were twenty-one (21) members of the public present.

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Katz read the guidelines for public comment.

**Public Comment** – James (Chip) Northrup, 17 River Street, Cooperstown, presented information from a proposal he submitted via email to the Board of Trustees (a copy of which is on file with the original minutes) requesting that they consider responding to a Request for Proposal from Otsego Land Trust in which they are proposing to sell 11 acres of the Brookwood property in the northern part of the parcel.

He stated that as his proposal to the Trustee states he believes that there are opportunities for the Village to obtain revenue from the property if they contract with a third party to manage concessions, i.e. wedding rentals, boat slips, and kayak rentals.

He stated that he would propose that the Village offer a \$1.00 donation for the property, with the proposal to remove the old house and repair the bridge. He stated he would provide funding for the removal of the house and repair of the bridge. He stated that if the Village wanted to do nothing further at that point than chain off access and keep as a nature preserve that would be their prerogative.

Mr. Northrup stated he feels this would be a way to protect the property from development.

Tier French, 45 Susquehanna Avenue, stated she was curious what the Village has planned now that a new law has been passed that all architectural and communication barriers must be removed for those with disabilities. She stated that the law pertains to hotels, restaurants, recreational areas and even public libraries. Mayor Katz asked Dr. Falk to add this as an agenda item for Economic Development and Sustainability Committee.

Roger MacMillan, 12 Main Street, stated he is not in favor of the Village buying Brookwood. He said that there are other priorities in the Village and doesn't see the pressing need for the Village to acquire another piece of land on the lake. He stated that even if the cost were only \$1.00, there would be other substantial expenses and issues that would go along with acquiring the property.

Mayor Katz stated that to this point it has only been a casual discussion by the Trustees and that no decision had been made. He stated that it will be a topic of discussion later in the meeting.

Wendall Tripp, 88 Fair Street, stated that he does have a positive feeling regarding Brookwood and that his only concern is that the Village should not become involved. He stated that the Village currently has 5 parks to maintain and run. He stated he is expressing his point of view with a long interest in both Brookwood and the Village. He stated he finds it alarming to think that the Village would become involved in another lakeside property outside the Village.

Bill Ralston, stated he resides outside of the Village, and stated that the need for another park is not the issue. He said he feels that Brookwood would add a lot and that the opportunity to acquire it may not come again. He stated he feels it is a shame not to consider it.

Pat Thorpe, Middlefield, stated she has spent a lot of time at Brookwood in the gardens. She said that the property offers something that nothing else here does, nature, quiet and the feeling of discovering a secret garden. She stated that this feeling would be seriously diminished if a condominium complex were placed next to it. She stated that even if the Village held onto the 11 acres and did nothing, it would be better than a development. She said she is much in favor of the Village acquiring the property.

Jeff Simonds, Middlefield, stated that he has spent a lot of time at Brookwood and it is a special place. He said he feels that someone should take stewardship of the property other than a condo development. He stated that this could be an opportunity lost by the Village similar to not acquiring the property owned by the Smith's on lower Pioneer Street when it had been up for sale.

May Britt-Joyce, Prospect Place, stated that she loves Brookwood and is a member of Friends of the Park and is well aware of the needs of the parks currently owned by the Village. She stated that as much as she loves Brookwood she doesn't see how the Village of Cooperstown can afford to take on another property. She said she hopes some other public entity will seriously look into acquiring it.

John May, 42 Lakeview Drive, stated that he owned the property adjacent to Brookwood for many years. He said he feels this is an amazing opportunity for the Village. He stated that the intention of Bob Cook was to create something peaceful for the enjoyment of nature. He said he feels it would be short sighted for the Village to not consider submitting a proposal.

Nancy Northrup, 17 River Street, stated that it is one of the last public places on the west side of the lake that can be seen from the water. She stated she would hate to see it change to something unattractive.

Sarah Stewart, 8 Old School Court, said she is 100% in favor of the Village submitting a proposal for the property. She stated that a more perfect opportunity to obtain additional green space will not happen and she would hate to see the Village let it go by. She stated that Bob Cook would be in favor of it.

Ron Bishop, Middlefield, stated he has had a special love/hate relationship with Brookwood. He said that it is not a great building site, but is a great nature preserve and that there is a benefactor to help with the cost of removal of the old house. He stated that he agrees with others that this is an amazing opportunity for the Village and doesn't have to be managed the same as other Village parks. He stated that the Village could reach out to volunteers and they would reserve assistance. He said he feels that the Village could get creative with management and volunteers for this property.

Bill Waller, 66 Beaver Street, stated that the property is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Otsego Zoning law and this property is not zoned for condos.

Tier French, 45 Susquehanna Avenue, asked how many wetlands we are losing in the United States and that we need to conserve as much land and water as we can. She said that there are ways the Village can keep this property for conservation purposes.

Hearing no further public comment, the Mayor proceeded to the meeting agenda.

**Minutes** – Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2015 regular Trustee meeting with corrections as noted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2015 special Trustee meeting as submitted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

**Zoning Official's Report** – A copy of the Zoning Official's Report was provided in the Trustee packet and reviewed with the Trustees at the meeting by Mr. Austin.

Mr. Austin stated that the demolition noted for 42 Lakeview Drive was mainly due to the presence of asbestos.

Planning Board Report regarding site plan review - Mr. Austin stated that this discussion occurred as the public is thrown for a loop when they have to go back to Planning Board for site plan review when they feel they have already gone through a public hearing process and received approval. He stated that the example would be Bassett Healthcare receiving a special use permit from the Trustees following a public hearing and then being told they still must go through site plan review with the Planning Board.

Mayor Katz asked if the adoption of the Institutional Zone regulations would have alleviated this type of issue. He suggested coming up with some language for a law change.

Mr. Austin stated that he feels the remainder of the unregistered bed and breakfasts is close to being wrapped up and will be discussing with Mr. Tillapaugh.

He stated that the grant research for updating the historic district information is complete and he will be forwarding to the State once he has found a format for storing the photographs. He said he believes that the County may be able to assist with the storage.

Mayor Katz asked if the Trustees would be able to see a draft of the proposed Planned Development District regulations by September or October.

Ms. Tillapaugh 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: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Maxson, Nicols, Allstadt                      Motion carried.

**Police Committee** – A copy of the Police Committee report for August was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that a resident of Pine Boulevard attended the meeting regarding traffic going to fast on the street since it was repaved and requesting lines being painted as it is felt there are more cars parking than before. She stated that the Chief will be placing the mobile speed unit there once he obtains it from the Sheriff's Department and the request for line painting will be referred to Streets Committee.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that the committee will be working on a draft for a permit system for contractors particularly during the paid parking season.

She said that the committee reviewed the draft of the Complete Streets Resolution and has no suggested changes.

She said that the Village Attorney is reviewing the Body Worn Camera policy. She said as the policy comes from NYMIR it is felt that it is defensible. Mr. Allstadt made a couple of suggested changes which will be reviewed with Mr. Tillapaugh and Chief Covert.

Mayor Katz asked if the dramatic drop in tickets could be a result of cars not having to move from the same street. Ms. Tillapaugh stated that the majority of those tickets were being discussed and the revenue is also showing a large drop this year.

Discussion was held on where we are with past ticket collection. Ms. Tillapaugh stated she will be working on a meeting with Complus and also reviewing when their contract is up.

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

Mr. Allstadt asked that retrofitting the bay doors be looked into as a possibility, as replacement would be at a very large cost.

Ms. Tillapaugh reported that the protocol for FOCUS calls going first to CMT is a huge success and that since July 1; only 3 calls have been placed to the Cooperstown EMS. She requested that a letter be sent to E911 requesting that this protocol be continued going forward.

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

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

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

Mr. Maxson reviewed action items resulting from the committee meeting.

Mr. Maxson made a motion to send a letter to the Rockland Boulders regarding inappropriate behavior at the field, which he will work with Mr. Hasak to compose. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Maxson made a motion to grant Upstate Youth Baseball Association a credit of \$1,000 for up to two games during the 2016 season, to be scheduled after the main scheduling takes place. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Maxson made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the Doubleday Field Use Application for 2016 as made by the committee with further review at the August meeting for a 60

day notice clause for cancellation with language as provided by Ms. Tillapaugh. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Maxson made a motion to approve the special use of the field as requested by the Australian Women's Baseball Team. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Maxson made a motion to approve the use of the field for the CCS Alumni Game on October 17, 2015. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Dean asked that the banner sales agreement be reviewed as he feels it is under performing.

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

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

**Streets Committee** – A copy of the August committee report was provided in the Trustee packet.

Dr. Falk thanked Rich McCaffery, Lynne Mebust and Tom Hohensee, volunteers who cleaned out the rain gardens this past Saturday.

She noted to date there is a total of \$317,615.25 in parking revenue. She stated that on-street paid parking will end after Labor Day and Doubleday Parking lot will continue paid everyday through Columbus Day.

She stated that ATI is working to make the machines more usable by updating their software to prevent some of the glare that has been noted with the machines. She stated that the Doubleday machines will have the software installed as a test when the street machines are turned off after Labor Day.

Trustees reviewed the Complete Streets Draft Resolution. Following discussion it was recommended to rework the documentation for purposes of condensing the information.

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, Nicols, Allstadt                      Motion carried.

**Buildings Committee** – A copy of the August committee report was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Allstadt stated discussion occurred regarding applying for a \$3,000 grant for the ballroom for a lighting and sound study, which would require a \$500 match from the Village.

He said that there was good discussion on the coordination of the shutdown of the Library for the renovation work from the grant received.

He said that lease language has been circulated regarding construction projects in the building.

It was noted that a new cleaning contractor has begun work in the Village Office and Fire Hall and work will be monitored.

He stated that specifications are being worked on by the engineer for the retaining wall re-bid.

Proposal submission on the solar project has been deferred to October 15.

Dr. Falk made a motion to contract with Neil Rockman for \$3,000 plus travel costs of the contingent upon receipt of the TAG grant for the lighting and sound study for the ballroom with a \$500 match from the Village. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

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

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

Mr. Bloomfield noted he is working with RBC to determine the impact of the market decline.

#### **Finance and Personnel Committee:**

##### **Finance:**

Trustees reviewed the July 2015 RBC Wealth Management Statement and the Sales Tax Report.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to contract with MunciPay as a merchant service provider for acceptance of credit card payment pending review by the Village Attorney and to purchase two card acceptance units and a printer if approved following review. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

##### **Sewer:**

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to authorize repair of the RBC based on the quotes from Mountain Machine Works in an amount not to exceed \$35,185.00 subject to permissive referendum. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

**Capital Projects:**

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to authorize payment to Barton & Loguidice for progress report #5 as submitted with submission to NYS DOT for allowed reimbursement. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

**Personnel:**

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the conference requests of Scott Folts, Discharge Monitoring Reports on November 17 and Derek Wedderspoon, NYS EMT Basic Original beginning August 27 as submitted. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the conference requests of Bob Satriano and Fred Lemister to Vital Signs in Syracuse with additional hotel cost for Bob Satriano of \$139 and Fred Lemister of \$526.00. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the conference requests of Bob Satriano and Chip Dunn AAREMS Teaching Day on October 31 as submitted. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trustees reviewed the overtime analysis for Payroll 42 and 43 and the hours of leave report for July, 2015.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the seasonal appointment of Erik Mebust as Lifeguard effective August 17, 2015 and ending September 7, 2015 at a salary of \$9.50 per hour. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

**ABSTRACTS:****GENERAL**

2a	43,102.52 PR # 42
2b	39,170.65 PR # 43
A1a	81,518.43 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
A1b	109,833.44 Non-Payroll Expenses

**WATER**

2a	7,444.88 PR # 42
2b	7,412.92 PR # 43
F1a	16,288.80 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
F1b	3,435.07 Non-Payroll Expenses

**SEWER**

2a	7,250.82 PR # 42
2b	7,324.50 PR # 43
G2a	15,904.37 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
G2b	5,745.68 Non-Payroll Expenses

**TROLLEY**

E2a	7,210.85 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
E2b	7,828.19 Non-Payroll Expenses
ET2a	2,240.21 Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
ET2a	7,617.41 Non-Payroll Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Falk noted that the committee is still in the information collection stage regarding the thin film plastic bag ban proposal.

She stated that she has spoken with Kyle Fabiano regarding the website and some changes have been made, but it is a work in progress.

Dr. Falk noted two talks sponsored by the Urban Land Institute being held in Ithaca regarding cities and towns and responsible tourism and advised she had information if anyone is interested in attending.

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, Nicols, Allstadt                      Motion carried.

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

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that the rope swing tree has been taken down and the tree has been removed by the contractor.

She stated that discussion occurred regarding keeping the parks open on Induction weekend and that they were kept open to extent possible with lifeguard availability. As many of the lifeguards this year were high school students they had school commitments for Induction sales.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that Paul Lord did a trial turn around with a large boat at the proposed boat wash area and that the area has been marked for a turn radius.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to declare the refrigerator from Fairy Spring caretaker cottage as surplus equipment as a new refrigerator has been donated by Friends of the Park as a replacement. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

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

**Water Board** – A copy of the August board minutes was provided in the Trustee packet.

It was noted that substantial discussion occurred regarding the Allen service line and that it was determined to be a private service with the homeowner having responsibility for repairs.

It was requested that a deadline be provided to Lamont Engineers for finalizing the control panel bids.

Mr. Maxson made a motion to accept the Water Board report as presented. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

**Sewer Board** – A copy of the August board minutes was provided in the Trustee packet.

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

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

**Permit:**

Following discussion, Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the permit application of Ann Williams for use of the Board room at a use fee of \$100.00. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

**New Business** - Trustee discussion was held regarding the proposal submitted and reviewed by Chip Northrup for the Village of Cooperstown to respond to the Otsego Land Trust RFP for acquisition of 11 acres of Brookwood property.

Mayor Katz reviewed the presentation that he attended at Brookwood sponsored by the Otsego Land Trust regarding the request for proposals for purchase of 11 acres of the northern portion of the property.

He stated that the question for tonight is does the Village want to respond to the RFP and if so, under what terms.

Mr. Dean stated he would like to submit a proposal for the 11 acres on the northern portion of the property pursuant to the proposal submitted to the Trustees by Mr. Northrup. He stated that Mr. Northrup has made a good proposal and done this type of thing before. He said we are a long lasting agency and believes acquisition of the property would be an enhancement for the Cooperstown area.

Dr. Falk stated that she feels strongly the Brookwood property remain public. She said she feels Mr. Northrup's proposal confuses the issue as the property should remain a nature preserve and not income producing. She said she is not opposed to submitting a proposal and offering a \$1.00 donation and holding the property for a specified period of time. She said her one concern is the proposal to tear down the house as the Village had made many efforts in historic preservation.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated she feels it is unfortunate that the Town of Otsego is not willing to undertake the acquisition as it is the only township without a park. She feels it would make perfect sense for them to acquire the property. She said she does concur with the sentiment expressed earlier regarding not acquiring property adjacent to Lake Front Park when it was for sale and feels it was an opportunity lost. She said she is also not opposed to submitting a proposal for \$1.00 and the Village holding the property for a period of time. However, she feels they need to sell the property to fund the maintenance of the remaining 11 acres.

Mr. Allstadt stated that his feelings are similar to those express by Wendall Tripp. He said he doesn't believe that the Village should be in the middle of this even if it is strictly a nature preserve. We would still have a liability. He noted that we currently have 4 waterfront parks, 2 of which are already not contiguous to the Village. He said Brookwood does not have any amenities that are not available in the other parks.

Mr. Allstadt stated that if we pick this up something could then fall in our lap because of it. He noted that we are starving every department budget as it is streets, water, sewer, fire department and this would just take more away from them.

He said he doesn't understand why the Town of Otsego doesn't step up and our County Representative.

He said if we did acquire it for \$1.00 he would want to see a guarantee we are completely out of it at a certain point and the property reverts back to the Otsego Land Trust.

Mrs. Nicols stated she would like to see it remain a preserve but agrees with Mr. Allstadt that it is not our responsibility. She said she feels we can't extend further than we already have.

Mr. Maxson stated if the house were taken down he feels there would be unintended consequences with historic preservation. He said he has no problem making a motion supporting another public entity submitting a proposal for the property. He said he feels you can get the same quiet at Fairy Spring as Brookwood. He said he also feels that Mr. Northrup's proposal is generated towards the southern 11 acres, which is not for sale.

Mr. Dean stated that Mr. Northrup has stated he will pay to have the house removed and repair the bridge.

Dr. Falk noted that this would be maintaining a water source and a resource of tree specimens that cannot be found elsewhere in the area.

Mayor Katz stated that there are good points on both sides. He said he does not have an issue with submitting a proposal for \$1.00 and keep for public access without expending any money. He said he also understands it could be a liability issue and in the recent past have not taken on other property, i.e. Pioneer Alley. He said it is easy for non-Village residents to advocate spending Village taxpayer money.

Mr. Allstadt stated he feels that it needs more work and thought than can occur by listening to a half hour of public comment and a half hour of Trustee discussion.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated she feels it would be more appropriate for the Town of Otsego or County of Otsego to submit a proposal.

Mayor Katz made a motion for the Village of Cooperstown to respond to Otsego Land Trust the request for proposal for a donation of \$1.00. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean NOES: Tillapaugh, Maxson, Nicols, Allstadt, Katz Motion failed.

Mr. Maxson made a motion to encourage the Town of Otsego, County of Otsego, where the property lies in its entirety, or other appropriate non-profit entity to explore the option of responding to the request for proposal for acquisition of the northern 11 acres of Brookwood so that it remains in public hands. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Maxson, Nicols, Allstadt, Katz NOES: Dean Motion carried.

Mr. Dean inquired as to who manages the money if the property becomes private. Mr. Allstadt stated that he already has acknowledged in an email that he has been asked to sit on the Land Trust Board.

Mayor Katz made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss union contract negotiations and discuss the work history of particular individuals. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to return to regular session at 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to allow use of remaining personal and vacation time for Al Keck for a current leave and allow use of up to 80 sick bank days should they be required for this leave. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Fire and Ambulance Contracts – Mayor Katz made a motion to increase the current amount of fire and ambulance contracts for the Town of Otsego, Town of Middlefield and Town of Springfield by 2 percent in 2016. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Mrs. Nicols seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri L. Barown, RMC  
Village Clerk, Village of Cooperstown