

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 January 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jeff Katz, Trustees Ellen Tillapaugh, Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Richard Sternberg and Louis W. Allstadt. Also in attendance were Planning Board Chair Eugene Berman, DPW Superintendent Brian Clancy, Police Chief Michael Covert, Village Treasurer Derek Bloomfield, Village Attorney Martin Tillapaugh (arrived at 6:50 p.m.) and Village Clerk – Teri Barown. There were fifteen (15) 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 – Mayor Katz reminded everyone of the guidelines for public comment and opened the floor to comments.

John Odell, 6 Maple Street, read a letter (on file with original minutes) from the “Think Rink” group of Friends of the Park. He stated that there has been a lot of concern and drama about the rink. He stated that the group is glad to see the resumption of the core coverage of the rink by Village staff and would like to see that continue.

He stated that the letter outlines certain volunteer activities in which the group would like to assist the Village.

Bill Ralston, stated that he did talk to the Village Attorney who didn’t see a problem with increased volunteerism. Mr. Ralston stated that volunteers could fill in when weather makes it necessary for Village staff to be performing other tasks.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that this has been a difficult season to get started due to the unseasonably warm weather. She stated we did open this past Friday and re-schedule 2 Village employees to staff the rink.

She stated that there are a lot of items in the letter provided by Think Rink that she concurs with and is very glad that volunteers are interested in assisting. She stated at the December Parks meeting Mr. Odell had originally felt it was going to be difficult to recruit volunteers.

She noted that the only part of the proposal that there is an issue with is volunteers operating Village motorized equipment. She stated that in checking with our insurance representatives they felt that Friends of the Park could be held liable in the event of an accident and should provide the Village with a certificate of insurance naming us as additional insured.

Mr. Odell stated he would be in touch with the Village Clerk to discuss this issue. He also noted he would keep a list of individual who have keys to the shed at Badger Park.

Minutes – Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting as corrected. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Zoning Official Report – Trustees reviewed memorandums and recommendations received from the Planning Board.

Planning Board Memorandum – Definition of Tourist Accommodation – Mr. Berman noted that the Planning Board feels that the current language for the definition is sufficient and should address

the issue of Air BnB brought up by the Village Attorney last month. Dr. Falk stated that she feels this discussion should wait until Mr. Tillapaugh arrives as he is the one who felt it needed to be addressed.

HPARB Public Hearings Concerning Demolitions – Mayor Katz stated in reviewing the proposal, he is not sure that public hearings for demolitions should be at the discretion of the HPARB Board. He stated he would like to see guidelines established for demolitions before looking at a definition that provides discretion.

Mr. Dean stated he would like to see a tipping point where it goes to the Board of Trustees for determination. Mayor Katz stated that would not happen as HPARB is an independent board that decides entirely on demolitions.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated she wouldn't think that removing siding would be considered a demolition.

Dr. Falk stated that the current definition of demolition in the law is a standard definition.

Consensus of the Trustees was to refer the matter back to HPARB to provide a proposal on guidelines to be established for demolitions. Mr. Berman stated that any guidelines should be adopted by the Trustees to have the effect of law.

Mr. Tillapaugh arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Proposed Local Law concerning the removal of privately owned trees – Trustees reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Board for changes proposed and made a couple of minor revisions.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed local law for February 22, 2016 Trustee meeting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Mr. Maxson seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Definition of Tourist Accommodation – Mr. Tillapaugh noted that sharing economy as it relates to Air BnB's is now an industry term and the recommendation came from a court case he advised the Trustees about at last month's meeting. He stated he met with Mr. Berman regarding this issue who believes the current language addresses the court concerns.

He stated that the largest portion of enforcement is with transient rentals. He stated that there were 32 air bnb rentals in the Village last year.

Mr. Membrino, Planning Board member, stated that the Planning Board feels the current definition would cover this situation.

No recommendation was made to make a change at this time.

Public Hearing – Mayor Katz opened the following public hearing at 7:07 p.m. and the Clerk read the public hearing notice:

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2016, to amend Chapter 270 Vehicles and Traffic – Article IV Paid Parking – to extend on-street paid parking through Columbus Day and revise the paid parking permit system

Joan Clark, 90 Main Street, owner of Riverwood building, stated she is surprised that there are not more people here tonight. She stated she is aware that the Chamber surveyed the merchants and understands that according to the survey they are unfavorable towards the expansion.

She said she asked people why they weren't coming tonight, and they said why bother as they feel they won't be listened to.

She said that there were a number of people here last year when the Trustees proposed expanding to Church Street and River Street and she noted that last year she asked what was going to be next.

She stated that local people are not coming downtown when there is paid parking and won't come back when they see it has been expanded.

Mrs. Clark thanked Chief Covert for establishing the drug program in Cooperstown and stated she feels it is a wonderful program.

Matt Hazzard, Executive Director, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, 31 Chestnut Street, stated that a survey was sent out to their entire membership and was only about the expansion of on-street paid parking through Columbus Day. He stated that 68% of those responding were against the expansion and if it had only been based on the response of Main Street merchants the percentage would have been much higher.

He stated it is felt that this expansion works against business growing in the shoulder seasons. He concurred with Mrs. Clark that the perception is that it doesn't matter how they feel, so merchants won't attend a meeting to speak against the proposal.

He stated that Cooptoberfest is a great event and he had to fight tooth and nail to get this approved again this year due to only two negative comments from two separate business owners and yet there are multiple merchants who feel expansion is not good for their businesses.

He stated that the Chamber and business owners would welcome a conversation with the Village to develop something that might work for everyone. He stated that businesses know that paid parking is here to stay and they realize it is needed to provide revenue but feel that the expansion to Columbus Day would negatively impact their businesses.

He stated that as 68% of those responding were against, he hopes the Village takes this into consideration.

Mayor Katz asked in actual numbers how many members responded out of how many total members. Mr. Hazzard replied that 56 businesses responded out of 350 total members. He stated he did go door to door with the survey as this was the same request for Cooptoberfest.

Rich McCaffery, 29 Delaware Street, stated he was a member of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce Board for 16 years, 2 years of those as President. He stated that he was also a member of the Otsego County Tourism Board for 8 years. He said he is no stranger to public criticism.

He stated that the business community never supported a collaborative effort with the Chamber of Commerce and this is why the Merchants Committee was dropped by the Chamber.

He stated that the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce is touting a partnership with the Village of Cooperstown. He stated he doesn't believe that a partner should develop a survey in a negative connotation. He said he doesn't believe this is how a partner should treat another partner.

Mr. McCaffery stated that he also has been made aware that two non-members filled out the survey.

He stated that currently the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce is closed three days a week and has no published hours.

He noted that Cooptoberfest never had a survey.

Mr. McCaffery stated that the signature events take place in the fall season and the Village is not a winter destination.

He stated that small businesses are the heart of the community, but many businesses in the Village are not locally owned.

He stated he feels that this survey was geared toward a select group and didn't take into consideration the entire community. He stated that the Village has to take everyone in the community into consideration and he is in support of the extension of on-street paid parking through Columbus Day.

Mr. McCaffery stated that if the Chamber hadn't mentioned this to the merchants it would not even have been noticed.

Noting no further public comment, Mayor Katz stated he would leave the hearing open for a time and continued with the agenda.

Zoning Official Report (cont.)

Mayor Katz appointed Brian Alexander as member to the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Snell through January 1, 2017.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to ratify the appointment as made. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

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

Discussion and review occurred regarding establishing regulations for Contractor's parking permits in locations where on-street paid parking occurs.

Dr. Falk stated she would not be in favor of an additional \$25.00 permit fee as we would already be collected \$15.00 a day per space which would cover our costs.

Mr. Allstadt stated he has an issue with limiting the spaces to three per project as most projects have multiple contractors needed to complete.

Mayor Katz provided background on the issue of contractors taking up spaces during the paid parking season for weeks at a time with just the placement of an orange cone behind their vehicles.

Mr. Dean stated he is in favor of the \$25.00 permit fee as this is an additional requirement for Village staff and takes up their time. He stated permits the \$15.00 fee should be a per space fee then multiple contractors for the project could come and go in the spot throughout the day.

Mayor Katz asked the Trustees to review the information over the month and provide any recommendation to Ms. Tillapaugh for the next Police Committee meeting.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that the committee has been having presentations for new ticketing programs and expects proposals from SEI, NuPark and Complus. She stated she is also working with our current provider, Complus, for clarification on the numbers provided in their reports.

She stated that the following is a comparison between 2014 and 2015 for tickets issued and associated revenue:

2014 – 5553 tickets issued with revenue of \$254,590

2015 – 2336 tickets issued with revenue of \$134,345.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that the NuPark presentation resulted in a finding that it would mesh with our meters, would be a potential for pay by phone but we still need to ascertain if it would be compatible with the Court program which is SEI.

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

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that we cannot replace the bay door as this model has long been out of production.

She stated that everyone is still proceeding well with the new protocol for FOCUS for the initial call being placed with CMT.

Mr. Tillapaugh provided an agreement for approval by the Board between the Village and Otsego County Emergency Services to provide ride along with the Cooperstown Emergency Squad to provide needed student credit hours. This would be reviewed and voted on later in tonight's meeting.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Public Safety committee reports as presented. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Public Hearing (cont.) – Mayor Katz closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. and asked if there were any additional comments from the Trustees.

Dr. Sternberg stated that he had no specific comments.

Mr. Allstadt stated that he believes that the Board has been prudent in making changes one at a time and doesn't feel this proposed change is unreasonable.

Mr. Maxson thanked Mr. Hazzard and stated he appreciates his efforts. He stated he believes that we do represent everyone not just the business community. He said he is okay with the extension of the timeframe to Columbus Day but would not support expanding the area of paid parking further out.

Mr. Dean stated that he feels Memorial Day to Labor Day is a no brainer and wants to make sure that the extension to Columbus Day doesn't catch locals. He said he would like us to revisit if it doesn't work out.

Dr. Falk stated that the other change proposed has not been commented on and that is regarding the permit system. She stated that these changes are critical to note in relation to the extension of the time period. She stated we will now be able to take payment on-line and that permits purchased after Labor Day are reduced to \$10.00 a permit.

She stated she does have concerns about the extension of the season and whether there are enough visitors to warrant the extension but feels that this will help us get a better handle on it. She noted that it will also match the same timeframe that is currently in place in Doubleday Parking lot. She said she agrees with Mr. Dean that it should be revisited if it is largely impacting locals.

She stated that she appreciates Mr. Hazzard's comments about getting input but is concerned about the small sample size in the survey and doesn't feel that it is enough to vote against the proposed law.

She noted that there is a direct relationship between paid parking and taxes and if we don't have paid parking then taxes will need to go up.

Ms. Tillapaugh thanked everyone who attended to speak regarding the proposed local law. She stated that democracy is not a spectator sport and she believes that the Trustees do listen. She stated last year there was a good amount of individuals who spoke against expanding the area to Church Street and River Street and it was ultimately not passed.

She stated that she also concurs that the sample size in the survey is small.

She noted that there has been a zero percent increase in taxes since 2013 and notable infrastructure improvements that has been largely contributed to by visitors with paid parking. She said that the expansion does conform to the time period for paid parking in Doubleday parking lot.

She said she feels that this is very viable for Main Street with store fronts that have high leases/rents.

She noted that we are not raising the rates for paid parking.

Mayor Katz stated that since the initial paid parking law was passed in 2007 the Trustees have reviewed every year and conducted a public hearing on changes to the law.

He stated the impact of paid parking is part of the overall Village and is bigger than the business community. He said it is a misnomer that the Village is anti-business. He said the Village has

heard the most from businesses, for example regarding the hotel project that was proposed for Main Street, which was criticized by downtown businesses.

He stated that the Village needs to look at the bigger picture that not only encompasses businesses but residents as well.

He stated that the statistics in the survey that 68% of 56 respondents opposed would equate to 10.27% of the overall Chamber membership.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2016 - to amend Chapter 270 Vehicles and Traffic – Article IV Paid Parking – to extend on-street paid parking through Columbus Day and revise the paid parking permit system as proposed. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Hazzard stated that he was here tonight to represent the businesses and stated that he would be happy to pass any information to the press that the Trustees would like him to.

Mr. Allstadt noted that many of the recent projects undertaken only happened due to paid parking revenue.

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

Special Request – Mr. Maxson made a motion to approve the use of Doubleday Field on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at a rate of 1.5 times the normal rate or \$600 per time slot for the submitted request of Mr. Schnapf, Environmental Law Section of NYSBA, and a second request should one be submitted for the same date. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion.

Dr. Falk noted that as Columbus Day changes as far as actual date goes every year that she feels this needs to be taken into consideration by the committee when making recommendations for use of the field at a higher rate as the date in this request could just have well as fallen during the timeframe of Columbus Day.

A vote on the motion had the following results:

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

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Doubleday Field Advisory Committee report as submitted. Mr. Allstadt 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 January committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Falk made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the shared services agreement with NYS DOT for emergency assistance. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

TEP Project – Dr. Falk noted that the consultants have provided a draft of the final design report for review and comments prior to submitting the final design to DOT for approval. She noted that she, Mayor Katz, Mr. Clancy and Ms. Barown have reviewed and comments will be submitted to Barton and Loguidice.

She stated that it is felt that the crosswalk material should keep the more traditional pattern with permanent features rather than historic brick.

She noted another public information session will occur in the spring.

Parking Study RFP – Mr. Allstadt made a motion to distribute the RFP as prepared. Mr. Maxson 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 Streets 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.

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

Library Construction Grant Project – Mr. Allstadt stated that old flooring was not salvageable so the old was removed and new flooring, which is a very good match to existing, was installed. Due to good communication between all parties involved approval was quickly gained through the granting authority to make the revision to the project.

He stated that all parties concerned learned a lot through this project including coordination between all parties involved is essential prior to the start of the project, asbestos monitoring will most likely be a necessity for future projects and that there needs to be a fallback plan.

He stated that due to some unknowns including having to install new flooring and the asbestos monitoring funding was needed beyond the grant monies. He stated that the Village contributed \$5,000 and Friends of the Library contributed \$3,600 in order to complete the project. He stated that a very big plus is the main floor is brand new with a good piece of the work being covered through grant funds.

Retaining Wall – Mr. Allstadt stated that he and Mr. Clancy attended the Public Works Committee and he attended the Administration Committee and that those members have agreed that it is a shared wall and will recommend to the full Board that up to \$40,000 (including engineering) will be allocated towards this project. He stated that the full Board meets next Wednesday, but he feels that it will go through and then we will be able to re-bid.

Solar Project – Mr. Allstadt noted that there is a possibility of acquiring land nearby at the Cooperstown Sportsman Club between Cooperstown and Fly Creek for the placement of the solar panels. He stated that proposals are due to Solomon Energy on January 27 they will then review and schedule a meeting towards the end of February to discuss results with all participants.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Buildings Committee report as presented. Dr. Falk 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.

Mr. Bloomfield noted that there will be no recurring expenses with the in-house email server itself, only additional expense for an extended warranty. He noted that set up costs by Mr. Fabiano have been included on the quote.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that in discussion with NYCOM we can go out to bid to extend fuel pricing through the 2016-17 season, as this may be advantageous at this time due to a considerable drop in fuel prices. Ms. Barown noted that propane gas will be included as an option to try and obtain a lower price for this commodity.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that electronic payment online of utilities and taxes will be active for the February water and sewer billing and that over the counter credit/debit card payments can now be accepted at the Clerk's counter. He will prepare an article regarding this information for the February Village Voices.

Finance and Personnel Committee:

Finance:

Trustees reviewed the RBC Wealth Management Statement for December, 2015. Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Trustees to sign the 2015 sponsor approval form. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Katz Motion carried.

Trustees reviewed the sales tax report for November 2015 and outlook for full-year.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve Treasurer bookkeeping services for reconciliation of bank statements in the amount of \$450.00. 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 purchase of an in house server for managed email and authorize technical assistance from Mr. Fabiano as quoted with partial funding coming from the amount in office technology reserves subject to permissive reference and remaining costs necessary to cover costs coming through a transfer within the Treasurer's Department budget. 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 accept the proposal from electricity broker John Hamor from Four Corners Energy as submitted. 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 authorize bidding of the fuel and propane contracts for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Buildings:

Trustees reviewed the project and costing update on the library floor and 22 Main Street preliminary five year plan – non-recurring projects.

Parks:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to adjust the dock rental rates as recommended by Parks Board (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Streets:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to authorize cancellation of an invoice to Dan & Nalini Hage, 100 Pioneer Street for snow removal in 2015 due to a delay in billing. 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 low quote of \$5,975 for purchase of a new snow plow as a non-budgeted item and declare the old snow plow as surplus equipment to be sold. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Public Safety:

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to approve the purchase of a printer for the police department for an all in cost of \$999.00 as a non-budgeted item. 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 purchase of an EMS narcotics safe at a cost of \$260, a non-budgeted item. Dr. Falk 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 following conference requests:

Dennis Elliott, Basic Laboratory Skills, April 5, 2016 - \$100 registration fee
 Dennis Elliott, SENYWWC, January 20, 2016 – no registration fee (retroactive)

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 request:

Bob Satriano, CMT Marathon, January 30, 2016 - \$30.00

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

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

Trustees reviewed the overtime analysis for payroll #52, #53 and #54 and December 2015 hours of leave report.

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

Treasurer's report Feb 18, 2016

Abstracts:

General	7a	29,113	PR #55
	7b	31,101	PR #56
	A7a	33,356	Non-payroll expenses paid
	A7b		Non-payroll expenses
	A7c		
Water	7a	6,550	PR #55
	7b	7,402	PR #56
	F7a	4,971	Non-payroll expenses paid
	F7b		Non-payroll expenses
	F7c		
Sewer	7a	6,520	PR #55
	7b	7,523	PR #56
	G7a	2,995	Non-payroll expenses paid
	G7b		Non-payroll expenses
Trolley	E7a	47	E - Non-payroll expenses paid
	E7b	47	E - Non-payroll expenses
	ET7a	47	ET - Non-payroll expenses paid

ET7b	47	ET - Non-payroll expenses
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Transfers:

From A-5142-410 – Snow Removal & Supplies	5,011	
To A 5142-200 – Snow Removal Equipment	5,011	For new snowplow
From A-7140-480 – DD Field Repairs	593	
To A-7140-490 – DD Field Vehicle & Equip Repair	593	New batteries for groomer

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.

Trolley Committee – A copy of the January committee minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Dr. Sternberg noted that there was again no quorum for the committee to be able to take any action.

He noted that Ms. Bergene from the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce provided a proof of the Chamber area map with inclusion of Trolley information which would act as a Trolley brochure.

Dr. Sternberg made a motion to authorize the Trolley Committee to sign off on revisions to the area map for the Trolley information as the Chamber has a March 1 deadline for submission to the printer. There was no second made to the motion.

Mayor Katz noted that committees do not have authorization to make final approvals and act as a recommending body. Consensus of the Trustees was they would like to see the final proof before making a decision to use the area map as this year’s Trolley brochure.

Mayor Katz stated that in discussions held with the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan it was felt that a transportation committee would be a good idea for the Village. He stated that he feels that this would be more appropriate for the Village rather than a Trolley Committee and, in turn, would see more interest for participation and solve the current issues with not having a quorum.

Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to accept the Trolley 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.

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

Dr. Falk noted that she is continuing to work with Kyle regarding website content and asked the Trustees to review the direct links that have been added to the site.

She noted that education regarding the use of plastic bags was discussed at the committee and that she also attended a presentation in her sons class that demonstrated how dangerous to the environment this item can be. She encouraged the press to provide educational information as well as an article that will be placed in Village Voices.

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 January board minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that she feels the rink season will be successful even though we had a late start due to the weather.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated that discussion did occur regarding the concept of increasing the number of day slips, however we currently have a total of 6 and she is reluctant to add to that until we know how rentals will go this season. Dr. Falk noted that better signage should be placed regarding the day slip locations.

Ms. Tillapaugh noted that an article will be placed in Village Voices regarding interest in a dog park in Badger Park.

She stated that the Parks Board is down on members and ask the Trustees to think about potential members.

Ms. Tillapaugh stated she talked to Paula Wikoff regarding her request last year for the Village to contribute to the ice breaking and informed her if she is looking to make a request this year, she should first submit a written proposal regarding costs.

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

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

Water Board – A copy of the January board minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Maxson noted inclusion of the 2015 lake level data.

Mr. Maxson noted that discussion occurred regarding painting the hydrants and Water Department felt this would be a good project for a summer seasonal worker. Mr. Clancy will also request a quote from the individual who wire brushed and painted the rain garden fences.

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

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

Sewer Board – A copy of the January board minutes was provided in the Trustee packets.

Mr. Maxson made a motion to accept the 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

Mayor Katz made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN
RESOLUTION
APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS
March 15, 2016
VILLAGE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to appoint election inspectors for the Village Election to be held on March 15, 2016 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. in the Village Fire Hall, 26 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to appoint one of the Inspectors to act as Chairperson for the Village Election; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to establish the compensation to be received by the inspectors, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed as election inspectors for the Village Election on March 15, 2016:

**DEMOCRAT
Tom Heitz
Ed Gwilt**

**REPUBLICAN
Tom Lyon
Les Rathbun**

ALTERNATES

**DEMOCRAT
John Davis
Karen Streck**

**REPUBLICAN
Fredric Jagels
Jo Ann Dow**

be it further

RESOLVED, that Tom Lyon be appointed as Chairperson for the Election Inspectors, be it further

RESOLVED, that the hours that the election inspectors shall be on duty on March 15, 2016 are 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., be it further

RESOLVED, that the election inspectors who work at the Village Election on March 15, 2016 will be compensated at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, per inspector.

RESOLVED, that any assignment for one of the four positions of election inspector due to a last minute emergency on the part of the inspector be filled by the Village Clerk with the list provided from Otsego County Board of Elections.

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

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

Permits:

Mayor Katz made a motion to approve the permit application from the Village Library for a knitting makerspace on March 12, 2016 as submitted. Dr. Falk 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 permit application from the Village Library for a family Lego event on April 9, 2016 as submitted. Dr. Falk 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 permit application from the Cooperstown Rotary Club for the Spring Fling event on March 28, 2016 as submitted. Ms. Tillapaugh seconded the application and a vote had the following results:

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

Mayor Katz made a motion to approve the following permit applications from the Clark Sports Center:

- a. Bob Smullens 5K – February 6, 2016(Save the date for 2017 Winter Carnival weekend)
- b. Base Race – May 28, 2016
- c. Rock to Rock Race – May 22, 2016 (Save the date 6-10-2017)
- d. Race the Lake Marathon – June 11, 2016
- e. Coop Loop – October 29, 2016 (Save the date October 28, 2017)
- f. Ugly Sweater Run – December 3, 2016 (Save the date December 2, 2017)

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

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

No action was needed on the Winter Carnival request for a bonfire at Vinnie Russo's parking lot as it is not Village property.

Village Attorney Report – Mr. Tillapaugh stated that he would need approval from the Trustees to hire Mike Maxwell for appraisal work and possible court time regarding the Lake Front Assessment case. Mayor Katz made a motion to authorize up to \$3500 from contingency to cover appraisal costs for Mike Maxwell and also expenditure of \$1600-\$1700 a day court time in the event it is needed. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Tillapaugh also stated that he has one tourist accommodation court case and Mr. Austin is a critical witness in the case. He stated he has spoken to Tavis who indicated he would be willing to return for the court case for a sum of \$500. Dr. Sternberg made a motion to authorize up to \$500 in the event it is necessary for Mr. Austin to return for court. 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 authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement between Otsego County Emergency Services and the Village to authorize student ride along with Cooperstown EMS for necessary credit hours. Mr. Allstadt 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 adjourn to executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the work history of particular individuals and union contract negotiations. 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 return to regular session at 10:00 p.m. Dr. Falk 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 ratify the terms as agreed upon by the mediation document dated January 15, 2016, changing days of the week for on-call from Thursday to Thursday, with all other terms remaining terms as listed in the current contract between Teamsters Local 317 and the Village of Cooperstown for the DPW union to be incorporated into a new contract effective June 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2018. Ms. Tillapaugh 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 enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Village of Cooperstown and Teamsters Local 317 under the police contract to “agree to pay 15% co-insurance as needed (when employee exceeds deductible).” 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 adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Respectfully submitted,

January 25, 2016

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Village Clerk, Village of Cooperstown