

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 July 23 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh, Trustees Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Lou Allstadt, Richard Sternberg and Jeanne Dewey. Trustee Bruce Maxson 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 nineteen (19) member of the public present.

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

Public Comment:

Carol Stiegelman, Lake Street, stated that she was involved in two accidents in one month's time. She said that one totaled her vehicle and another a car going to fast became airborne and struck the tree in her front yard and damaged her stone wall. She said there needs to be more of a law enforcement presence in this area of Lake Street as cars drive too fast and don't obey the speed limit.

Matt Hazzard, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, stated he is hoping that the Trustees will approve the placement of the touch screen on the kiosk, which is a large investment and one that will enhance the visitor experience in Cooperstown.

Mr. Hazzard noted that he spoke with Mr. Ferrara regarding the concerns of residents of the volume of the music at Hard Ball Café and Mr. Ferrara stated that the music would not go until 11:30 p.m. but rather end at 10:00 p.m.

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Tillapaugh closed public comment at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Tillapaugh noted that the purchase of two portable radar speed signs is on tonight's agenda under the Finance Committee report. She further stated that the Village continues looking into revisions to the Noise Ordinance to include decibel levels.

Minutes – Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting with corrections as submitted. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Zoning Official's Report – Mrs. Gentile reviewed the Zoning Officer's Report as submitted with the Trustee packets.

She noted that the Planning Board provided a recommendation for a special use permit for 46 Chestnut Street for an 8 room hotel.

She stated that the request for the touch screen on the kiosk at Pioneer Park was tabled by the Planning Board as they felt it was hard to categorize as a sign.

She informed the Trustees the Noise Ordinance review was tabled until the August meeting.

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

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Public Hearings – Mayor Tillapaugh read the public comment guidelines and Ms. Barown read the public hearing notices for the following public hearings:

46 Chestnut Street - Applicant seeks a special use permit for an eight (8) room hotel

Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 - to amend Section 270-12 Vehicles and Traffic -- amend parking prohibited designation on east and west side of Pioneer Street, north of Lake Street and amend Section 270-14 Vehicles and Traffic -- Parking reserved in designated locations A. Handicapped Parking – amend to read Accessible Parking and amend language for the currently designated space on the east side of Pioneer Street at the northernmost parking space

Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 - to amend Section 270-12 Vehicles and Traffic -- amend parking prohibited designation on east and west side of Pioneer Street, north of Lake Street and amend Section 270-14 Vehicles and Traffic -- Parking reserved in designated locations A. Handicapped Parking – amend to read Accessible Parking and amend language for the currently designated space on the east side of Pioneer Street at the northernmost parking space

Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2018 - to amend Section 270-12 Vehicles and Traffic -- amend parking prohibited designation on east and west side of Pioneer Street, north of Lake Street and amend Section 270-14 Vehicles and Traffic -- Parking reserved in designated locations A. Handicapped Parking – amend to read Accessible Parking and amend language for the currently designated space on the east side of Pioneer Street at the northernmost parking space

Mayor Tillapaugh reviewed correspondence received regarding proposed Local Laws 4-6 parking on lower Pioneer Street, copies of which are on file with the original minutes and were also made available to the public at the Trustee meeting. She also stated that color diagrams have been prepared regarding the parking on lower Pioneer Street to correspond with the proposed Local Laws, Option 1 corresponding with proposed Local Law 4, Option 2 corresponding with proposed Local Law 5 and Option 3 corresponding with Local Law 6. Copies of the diagrams are on file with the original minutes and were also made available to the public at the Trustee meeting..

Mayor Tillapaugh opened public comment for all public hearings at 7:02 p.m.

Alan Leist, 5 Pioneer Street, stated that since the trial of the diagonal parking on lower Pioneer Street he has become more empathetic to the parking problem. He said he doesn't feel that the diagonal parking is appropriate on this street and the thoughts behind this are laid out in the letter provided to the Trustees this morning. He said that this is a Dead End Street and most other Dead End streets have signage indicating such, but there is none on this street.

He said his concern with the diagonal parking is basically for safety reasons. He said diagonal parking on Main Street only necessitates looking one way when backing out, but due to individuals walking in the street often with children, those backing out on lower Pioneer Street need to look both ways.

He stated that seven out of eight residents signed the letter submitted to the Trustees.

He said that in a perfect world lower Pioneer Street would have no parking, but the residents are requesting that the parking be returned to parallel.

Connie Leist, 5 Pioneer Street, stated that in the last month larger vehicles have been parking on the street including large pickup trucks and that congestion has doubled. She said that vehicles cannot see down the street as well as they could with the parallel parking.

She said she feels the diagonal parking diminishes the view of the lake. She said the Trustees work for protecting the beautiful area and with the diagonal line up on the right hand side of the street it impacts the vista of the lake. She said she also feels it impacts the values on the homes on the street. She said she wants to go back to parallel parking and accepts the fact that it is all day parking. She said is very disturbed by the diagonal parking.

Rick Hulse, 9 Pioneer Street, stated he has owned his home for 47 years and is asking that the parallel parking be restored. He said he feels the diagonal parking visually detracts from the residential character of the neighborhood and the residential aspect should be considered first and foremost. He stated that although there is a sidewalk, pedestrians most often choose to walk up the center of the street.

He stated that the diagonal parking dramatically narrows the street and vehicles struggle to make the turn-around at the end of the street. He stated that cars parked in the diagonal spots have no alternative but to unload coolers and chairs in the street before talking them to the park.

He said he feels that the diagonal parking is a safety issues and asks that the parallel parking be restored to maintain the residential character of the street.

Mary Margaret Robbins, 20 Pioneer Street, stated she loves Cooperstown and this issue has brought out strong emotions. She said she feels that the process was important to show all the options to form an educated position. She said that a bus became stuck trying to turn around, a truck backing up the street almost hit her daughter who was playing outside. She said people will go down the street for a mirage of a parking space because they can't see there isn't one.

She said she feels the Trustees also need to look into lowering the speed and understands there is a process with the state.

She said in order to preserve the integrity of the Village the parking needs to be returned to parallel.

She said she feels that the Village should charge large amounts for riding the trolley Induction weekend and offer it free the rest of the year.

Vincent Russo, 74 Main Street, stated he has been in the Village for 28 years and parking is the most frequently talked about issue. He stated that the diagonal parking on lower Pioneer Street turns a residential street into a commercial one.

He stated he is a bit of an expert in parking as he owned a car rental business for many years. He said if the Village became a little more creative they could find additional spaces, by placing bumpers, stripping and adding compact car spaces. He stated that for example with the circle

parking lot at the top of Lake Front Park, the number of spaces is determined by who parks there first.

He said the Village needs to be more creative and not infringe on a residential street.

He also stated that the proposed accessible spot for lower Pioneer Street would not meet ADA standards.

Anthony Casale, 11 Pioneer Street, stated he would like to offer a solution with everything presented he would be in favor of Local Law #4 of 2018 as it reverts back to the previous parking configuration. He said it solves all the problems and provides for parallel parking, an accessible spot and legally puts a limit on the point where vehicles are to turn around.

He said the parking spots are taken by employees working within the Village and the residents understand it is not totally a residential area.

He said that all studies state that diagonal parking is the least desirable.

Carol Waller, 66 Beaver Street, stated that she thought the mission was that the residents come first and asked what happened to residential quality coming first. She said the street is too narrow for diagonal parking.

Matt Hazzard, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce, stated he would like to speak in support of 46 Chestnut Street obtaining hotel status. He said the planned off-season activities would offer additional amenities to the Village and hopes that the Trustees will approve the application.

Bill Waller, 66 Beaver Street, stated he is also in support of the approval of hotel status for 46 Chestnut Street and recommended that different categories be looked into rather than one hotel/motel definition.

Matt Sohns, 20 Pioneer Street, stated he is in support of the application submitted by 46 Chestnut Street and asked the next steps regarding the parking issue on lower Pioneer Street and will it be voted on tonight.

Julie Tirrell, 17 Leatherstocking Street, asked if providing hotel status for 46 Chestnut Street will set a precedent. She said there are several large houses on her street and she is worried that if this is approved it will set a precedent.

Mayor Tillapaugh clarified restrictions already in place in order to be considered for hotel status.

Connie Leist, 5 Pioneer Street, asked if a vote would be taken on the parking tonight.

Mayor Tillapaugh stated that she believes the Trustees have done their due diligence on this issue and once the public hearings are closed the Trustees will discuss.

Ed Landers, 6 Glen Avenue, stated that 46 Chestnut Street currently has 8 rooms and that the hotel status would not be an expansion of use. He stated that the State and the County currently view it as hotel, while the Village views it as a bed and breakfast.

should be considered. He said no one parks on Delaware Street and perhaps this is a location for all day parking.

Mr. Allstadt stated he feels it was a worthwhile academic exercise. He said he has gone down several times including 4 times today. He said every time he goes down there is at least 3 to 4 cars looking for a spot to park. He said he prefers option 1 (Local Law No. 4).

Dr. Sternberg stated he has also been down to the street. He said he likes having the option for additional parking for the park and feels there is an argument for 2 to 4 hour parking.

Mrs. Dewey stated that she has spent a lot of time in this area and doesn't like the angled parking. She said she feels the parallel spots are bigger than they need to be. She said she if not sure if the State has rules regarding compact cars.

Dr. Sternberg stated he doesn't believe compact cars would solve the problem.

Mr. Allstadt stated he is in favor of compact car spots and that there are 4 on Main Street.

Mayor Tillapaugh asked if someone wanted to make a motion.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2018 as proposed. Mrs. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Dean, Allstadt, Dewey NOES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Sternberg Motion failed.

Dr. Falk made a motion to reject Local Law No. 5 of 2018 as proposed. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to reject Local Law No. 6 of 2018 as proposed. Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Dean, Allstadt, Dewey NOES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Sternberg Motion failed.

Rick Hulse stated that diagonal parking was tried 12 years ago and it was determined at that time that the street was not wide enough for diagonal parking. He asked that the Trustees consider taking the stripping out and they would then be able to pick up additional parking spaces with parallel.

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

Finance and Personnel Committee:

Finance:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to reject the proposal from Otsego County Soil and Water District and recommend that County effort be made to support this program rather than support being provided through local municipalities. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trustees reviewed the June 2018 RBC Wealth Management Statement and the Sales Tax Update report.

Doubleday:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize establishing a Doubleday Field Capital Project checking account and deposit the \$20,000 reimbursement check from Delaware Engineering into said account. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Parks:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize going to bid for the Fairy Spring roofing projects. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Streets:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize re-bid for painting fire hydrants and rain garden fences. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Police/DPW:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to authorize the purchase of two portable electronic radar speed sign packages at a cost not to exceed \$6000. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Trolley:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to define the Family Trolley Pass as 2 adults and up to 3 dependent children. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to suspend use of the Family Trolley Pass option for Induction weekend (July 27 – 30). Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Personnel:

Trustees reviewed the overtime analysis for payrolls 118 and 119 and the leave analysis report for June and July, 2018.

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

1. Request for Training – Snow and Ice Control Operations – September 27, 2018
Chris Satriano, Zach Crippen, Jason Brengel - \$50 each
2. Request for training – NYCOM Fall Training School – September 24 -28, 2018 –
Lake Placid, NY – Teri Barown and Deb Guerin

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

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

Finance:

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to approve the following abstracts and transfers:

Abstracts:

General	46,799	PR# 119
	39,973	PR# 118
	96,285	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	125,089	Non-Payroll Expenses
	28,804	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Water	7,423	PR# 119
	7,308	PR# 118
	3,587	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	5,997	Non-Payroll Expenses
	2,410	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Sewer	6,872	PR# 119
	7,027	PR# 118
	2,127	Non-Payroll Expenses Paid
	16,454	Non-Payroll Expenses
	14,327	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid
Trolley	4,054	Non-Payroll Expenses to be Paid

Transfers:

Transfer From:	A-204-000	47,000	Year End Transfers to Reserves
Transfer To:	A-230-C00	30,000	(Fire Equipment Reserve)

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Dr. Falk stated that the committee did recommend placement of the touch screen on kiosk in Pioneer Park.

Mr. Dean stated asked if the grant from Otsego County for \$4,000 to the chamber was for staffing. Dr. Sternberg stated he would like to see a copy of the County resolution.

Mr. Dean made a motion to accept the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee report as presented. Mrs. Dewey seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Dewey stated that Badger Park is felt to be underutilized and the members discussed the possibility of bringing back the idea of a dog park.

Mrs. Dewey made a motion to set a public hearing for the August 27, 2018 trustee meeting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to designate a van accessible spot on the first parking space past the boat wash station on the west side of Fish Road and amend the language from handicap to accessible parking in Section 270-14 A. Vehicle and Traffic Regulations. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the potential for a couple of grills in Lake Front Park pursuant to a request by a local apartment dweller. No consensus was reached.

Following discussion regarding the placement of a touch pad screen on the Chamber Kiosk in Pioneer Park, Mrs. Dewey made a motion to approve the placement of the touch screen on the west side of the kiosk as denoted in the photograph provided. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

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

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the early bird swim and the proposed “Rock the Dock” applications. Mr. Dean made a motion to approve both events at Fairy Spring Park with the recommendation that the band not play on the dock by the water. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Trustees reviewed Part 1 of the EAF form for SEQRA for the Planning Grant for Lake Front Park as part of the CFA application.

Following review, Dr. Falk made a motion to classify the Planning Grant as a Type II action under SEQRA with no further review required. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

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

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

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

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

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Tillapaugh advised the Trustees that the Village prevailed on the appeal by Mr. Zamelis on behalf of 25 Chestnut Street to overturn the zoning board of appeals decisions.

Discussion was held regarding property owner by Mr. Ferrara on the east side of Key Bank. Mr. Tillapaugh advised that a filed survey shows that he only owns 3 to 8 inches on the east side which is not adequate space to place picnic tables on Induction weekend. Permit requests were reviewed and Ms. Barown will review approvals and denials with Mr. Ferrara's manager.

Mrs. Dewey made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the work history of particular individuals. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Mr. Allstadt made a motion to return to regular session at 9:07 p.m. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Discussion occurred regarding parking on lower Pioneer Street and Mayor Tillapaugh requested Mrs. Dewey to take the color diagrams for the 3 options to Parks Board for review.

Mr. Dean made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Dr. Sternberg seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Falk, Dean, Allstadt, Sternberg, Dewey

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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