

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 8, 2006

Present:
Mayor: Robert Corby
Trustees: Paula Sherwood
Tim Galli
Thomas Farlow – arrived at 8:30 PM
Excused: Steve Maddox
Attorney: John C. Osborn
Treasurer: Mary Marowski
DPW Superintendent: John Cufari
Recording Secretary: Anne Hartsig

Mayor Corby called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MARY MAROWSKI

The Board reviewed the vouchers for approval. A motion made by Trustee Galli, seconded by Mayor Corby to approve the following vouchers as presented and to charge them to the appropriate accounts.

General Fund (#85-#101.):	\$ 9,129.49
Total Vouchers for Approval:	\$ 9,129.49

Vote: Corby– yes, Galli – yes, Sherwood – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Corby and PZBA Chairperson Remegia Mitchell requested permission to attend a conference entitled “Lighting the Great Outdoors”. The conference will be held at the RG&E Operations Center in October and the cost is \$149 per person. Trustees agreed that this would be a valuable conference and granted permission.

DPW REPORT – JOHN CUFARI

Mr. Cufari reported that the Department would like to **auction** the mini-packer and the orange Ford pick-up truck. August 11th is the deadline to consign for this auction. Board members approved. **State contract prices for new trucks** are expected to be awarded in the next 30-60 days. Pittsford Traffic & Radar demonstrated their **speed monitor on Jefferson Road**. While the monitor weighs less than the one the Village owns and is capable of printing valuable data charts, the cost for this product is about \$4000. It is an Austrian product and would have to be shipped to Austria for repairs. It is more vulnerable to vandalism even though it can be locked. Board members will keep it in mind for the future. **Traffic calming initiatives on Boughton Avenue** were discussed. Trustee Sherwood believes the alternate parking is working to slow traffic. Mr. Cufari requested permission to send Andy Caschetta to a **highway conference** in Batavia. Topics of discussion at the conference will include cross walks, plantings and other issues of interest. The cost of the conference is \$40.00. The Board agreed to send Mr. Caschetta to this conference. The **communication system** has failed. The radio base in the office is not working at all. It was noted that it is quite old. Mr. Cufari is obtaining a quote to upgrade the system. **Clothing** issues were discussed. The Board thanked Mr. Cufari for putting up **Sam Patch** directional parking signs on Schoen Place, for “Village of Pittsford” **signs on the towpath** and for the **good job** that he and the DPW are doing.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

This topic was deferred until Trustee Maddox returns from vacation.

CODE CHANGE DISCUSSION RE: VOTING BY ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER

A request for a Code change that would allow the alternate member of the APRB to vote when a member is absent as opposed to only being able to vote when the alternate is the 3rd member of a quorum was

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discussed. It was decided that Attorney Turner would review this with NYCOM and if appropriate, draft a new local law for consideration.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

The Northwest Quadrant of the Village consists of approximately 32 acres; 21 acres owned by the Town and 11.3 acres owned by the Village. All but a small area is within the Village's Historic District.

Mayor Corby and Trustee Galli reported on their morning meeting with Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter and Deputy Town Supervisor Sandy Zutes, to discuss Village/Town Collaborative planning of the NW Quadrant. The Mayor presented a draft outline of issues that were presented to the Supervisor. Supervisor Carpenter will share it with the Town Board. Mayor Corby also presented a copy of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Design Guidelines.

Supervisor Carpenter suggested the possibility of a design charette. Mayor Corby expressed a concern that the planning process must allow adequate input from Village citizens on the future of the Village DPW property and the potential impact of development on the Grove/Line/ Elm Street neighborhood.

Members concurred that the property needs to be mapped for development and engineering. Board members discussed the possibility of conducting a survey to see what Village residents would like to see happen in the NW quadrant. In addition, conducting informational meetings both at the Village Hall and on site was suggested. Board members agreed that the next step would be to look at the grant and to meet with the Supervisor.

MEMBER ITEMS

The Village **zoning map** changes are almost complete. Mayor Corby will consult with Mike Ross the Town GIS specialist, about developing a new zoning map. If a map is generated and approved by the Board, it would become the official zoning map.

Trustee Sherwood is concerned about the increasing number of "for rent" properties. Attorney Osborn said the Village cannot prevent **rental properties**.

Compliance issues that were discussed included a **house on Boughton Avenue** that has been in disrepair for a long period of time. The lawn is not cut and there are rats that seem to be in the house. Mayor Corby will address this with the Building Inspector. Other issues to be addressed are the **junk storage at the house on the corner of South and Wood Street** and the **bench** that has appeared **on village property** in front of the hair salon **on South Main Street**. The bench requires a permit. It is causing the Village-installed bike rack to be unusable and it sets a precedent. The owner of the salon also pipes music outside.

NYCOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor Corby told the Board that he has been appointed to the Executive Board of the New York Conference of Mayors.

ERIE CANAL GREENWAY GRANT PROGRAM - DISCUSSION

Remegia Mitchell submitted a report to the Board stating that the engineering costs for plans to install drinking fountains along the towpath would be very costly. Coupling this project with another would eliminate duplicate engineering costs. Board members talked about additional improvements along Schoen Place. They discussed the possibilities for grant funding from the Erie Canal Greenway Grant program and decided to support an application for this grant. The Board discussed a cap of \$100,000 total, recognizing that this is a matching grant. Therefore, Resolution #10 of 2006 was offered and approved as follows:

WHEREAS, the New York State Canal Corporation is soliciting projects to implement Governor George E. Pataki's vision for an Erie Canal Greenway, first proposed by the Governor in May 2005, and

WHEREAS, the December 2005 report released by the NY State Canal Corporation Interagency Task Force, entitled "*Report on the Future of New York State Canals*", recommended a voluntary collaborative

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strategy for providing assistance to communities along all four canals of the New York State Canal System through a canal-wide “greenway program, and

WHEREAS, funding for a grant program to implement the vision of the Governor and the recommendations of the Task Force was approved in the 2006-2007 New York State Budget, and \$6 million is available under four grant categories, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on a motion made by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Sherwood that the Village of Pittsford supports the creation of a voluntary Erie Canal Greenway, as proposed by the Governor and recommended in the *Report* by the Interagency Task Force based upon six (6) principles, including: (1) waterfront public access; (2) tourism; (3) recreational development; (4) natural and cultural resource protection; (5) local and regional planning and (6) economic revitalization, and

The Village of Pittsford authorizes Remegia Mitchell to prepare a grant application for funding from the New York State Canal Corporation through the 2006 Erie Canal Greenway Grant Program for the enhancement to Schoen Place and for pedestrian improvements along Schoen Place and to authorize the Mayor to sign any application forms necessary for the submission of this grant application.

Vote: Corby –yes, Sherwood – yes, Galli – yes. **Motion carried.**

Trustee Farlow arrived at 8:30 PM

SCHOEN PLACE WATERFRONT PARK RULES

Members discussed the enforcement of the proposed rules for the canal park. Attorney Osborn said he would check with NYCOM to see if either the parking monitor or the building inspector or both can enforce the rules once they become part of the Code. He told the Board that the Sheriff’s office would act as backup enforcement if it becomes necessary. Mr. Osborn recommends that he and the Board meet with Captain Nyhan and Mr. Walsh, the attorney for the Sheriff’s office, once the proposed rules are codified. A motion was made by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Galli to hold a public hearing at the August 29, 2006 meeting to consider amending the Village Code by adding rules for the Schoen Place Waterfront Park.

Vote: Corby –yes, Sherwood – yes, Galli – yes, Farlow – yes. **Motion carried.**

INTERNET ACCESS FOR DPW

The Clerk presented quotes from Frontier and Time Warner for the monthly fee for internet access at the DPW. Mayor Corby will discuss internet access in greater detail with the DPW Superintendent.

MINUTES

July 14, 2006: A motion was made by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Farlow to approve these minutes as presented.

Vote: Corby –yes, Sherwood – abstain, Galli – yes, Farlow – yes. **Motion carried.**

July 25, 2006: A motion was made by Trustee Galli, seconded by Trustee Sherwood to approve these minutes as amended.

Vote: Corby –yes, Sherwood – yes, Galli – yes, Farlow – abstain. **Motion carried.**

TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CHURCH STREET

A Church Street resident submitted a folder of photos taken in May and June showing a profile of trucks that are using their street as a cut-through or making deliveries. Residents are concerned about the number of trucks and their speed. Trustees commented that Church Street is not unlike many village streets that also experience a similar number of trucks. Members noted that weight limit signs have been installed. A crosswalk located in the middle of the street could slow the trucks. They agreed that deliveries at Great Northern Pizza and Starbucks should be enforced. A meeting will be held with the Building Inspector to review the truck delivery issues that are taking place at many village businesses.

ACTION LIST REVIEW

Members reviewed the Action List. As a result of the review, it was decided that Mr. Bailey should discuss the GIS parking map with the parking monitor so that final revisions can be made. Mayor Corby said he

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would contact Village Engineer Scott Harter to obtain a standard specification for paving and concrete work in the Village.

APPOINTMENTS

For purposes of Village records, Mayor Corby reappointed all officials of the Village of Pittsford as of this date and noted that they are required to take an oath of office within thirty days of this date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Anne Z. Hartsig, Recording Secretary