

**Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees
Held on February 8, 2016**

Attended:	Charles Coolidge	Mayor
	Bob Brogcinski	Trustee
	Greg Cappelli	Trustee
	Patra Lowes	Trustee
	Sherman Wilkens	Trustee
	Seth Krull	Engineer
	Harold Morton	DPW Supervisor

Also attended: Avis King – Earth Arts, John Thomas – The Villager, Jan Wiswall from Ellicottville Times and Nancy Rogan and Jack Kramer from the Planning Board.

Business from the Floor:

Avis King asked about the totes and about the sandwich boards from the articles in the paper. Mayor Coolidge stated that he and the Village Board have been working for many months to solve problems related to the population growth of the moveable signs on main Village street corners. Existing law permits each storefront to place one sandwich board sign outside and it must be placed within one foot of the building. In recent years, however, multiple signs from the same businesses have been showing up on street corners far from the actual business. Mayor Coolidge and the board are concerned that they are tripping hazards, plus they make routine maintenance (snow removal and mowing) difficult for Village employees and they are unsightly. As an alternative to such signs and to help visitors find shops, several years ago the Village installed maroon and white directional signs to shops at each of the main Village intersections. Business owners in the Village will soon be receiving copies of the zoning ordinance related to sandwich board signs, along with a letter from Mayor Coolidge asking for cooperation and compliance.

Patra stated that the store owners on Monroe Street do not have the space on the sidewalk and have to use the green space for the sandwich boards. Patra suggested that those people on Monroe get a permit if they have the issue. Ms. Rogan suggested sending out something every year, and to give them a consequence if not complying with the rules. Patra asked why restaurants should be able to put things out and not other businesses. Ms. Rogan responded that the other shop owners have not come to the planning board and the restaurants have when getting the permits.

Zoning Law Changes

Does anyone have any questions on the zoning changes asked Mayor Coolidge? Greg Cappelli asked about section 3B page 10. Why is VR the only one to not have nightly rates? Nancy stated that we had several misprints in the last zoning charts. When it came about years ago people saw an opportunity to have the buildings as a rentals and not residential. Character of the community, we would limit it for longer than 30 days. We are keeping the integrity of the Village. You are penalizing a certain spot in the Village and not all stated Greg Cappelli. Mayor Coolidge added when this came about that we had 25 homes that could do the 30 day rentals. As the properties were sold it went away and we are down to 7 legal rentals. When this came about we set up that anyone could come and get a permit in the Village office and no one came.

Ms Rogan stated that in its review of zoning law, the Village Planning Board recommended no changes to existing law except to reduce the maximum size of future signs from 4' to 3' tall. Businesses with signs that comply with current law may continue to use them. Only new signs are subject to the new maximum dimensions. The board acknowledges that much of the problem has to do with the fact that people don't know the specifics of the law, especially the newer businesses in the Village.

Nancy spoke on the land use map. If we went to the Signore property we proposed that we revert back to medium density. Nussbaumer and Clarke recommended leaving it as is because of the Brown Field situation. Until they have a plan we are not changing that zoning map. Greg also stated that he noticed in the zoning laws that we do have size specifications on trees for new properties. Nancy said we do have time to change that section before the SEQR. Nancy asked Seth if it would be a problem for Jason to change before the public hearing.

Motion: to have the Board serve as the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review of the law to the county by Ms. Lowes

Second: by Mr. Brogcinski All ayes. Carried

Bob- yes, Patra- yes, Greg- yes, Sherman- yes, and Mayor Coolidge- yes.

We will set the public hearing for April. Bob Simon needs to do more paperwork and will be ready for the April meeting.

DPW and Sewer Reports

1. Removed the brush along the side of the road on McKinley
2. Plowed and sanded when needed.
3. Repaired the plow on the 2018 One Ton.
4. Removed the snow from Monroe Street.
5. Removed the snow from the courthouse and the back of the post office.

6. Did the maintenance work on the vehicles.
7. Patched the holes around the Village with cold patch.

We should have the backhoe by next week and the truck will arrive in March stated Harold Morton.

Sewer Report

1. Drained the lagoon #1 and replaced the aerators.
2. Had the wet well emptied by Zuechs.
3. Changed the UV lites in the tank.
4. Had to dig up the drain valve for lagoon #1 so we could drain it.
5. Filled lagoon #2 up.
6. Took pump #2 down to Erie to be rebuilt.
7. Tore the check valve apart and cleaned it so pump #3 will work. It works beautifully thanks to Tom Dineen.
8. All new piping for lagoons 1 & 2 are completed.
9. Filling lagoon #1.

Patra said that drivers are still going both ways on Hughey Alley, which has been one way only from Monroe Street to Ellicottville Optical since last summer. Visitors are not the only violators; employees who park behind Washington Street businesses also are traveling both ways. Mort said he uses the DOT standard heights for all signs. Charlie will talk to Don Auge about enforcing it more.

Motion: to accept the DPW and Sewer reports by Mr. Wilkens.

Second: by Mr. Brogcinski All ayes. Carried

Zoning Report

PB-2015-13 – Edward & Maribeth Rick (Applicants) 26-28 Washington Street – Proposal to operate five seasonal and short term rental units in an existing commercial building.

PB-2015-15 – Frank Maduri (Applicant) 21 Monroe Street- Special Use Permit to operate a pizza shop in an existing commercial building. Discussion on parking spaces.

PB-2015-14 – Steve Feldman (Applicant) 21 Monroe Street – Architectural Design Review.

Motion to accept the Zoning report by Mr. Wilkens.

Second: by Ms. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Engineer's Report

Seth Krull represented the Village engineer Mike Smith, reported that progress continues to be made on the Village wastewater treatment plant, however, the electrical and general contractors both had requested extensions to the “substantial completion” date until the

end of April in order to properly test all systems. The final completion date of May 31 will not change.

Motion: to grant the extension by Mr. Brogcinski.

Second: by Mr. Wilkens All ayes. Carried

Amount of payment was too much; application for January of overpayment is changed and corrected in this month's billing. The retainer was added and now corrected. The amount will be \$237,673.82 for STC Construction and O'Connell will be \$116,529.88 is the correct and updated amounts.

Motion: by Mr. Wilkens to accept the Engineers Report.

Second: by Mr. Brogcinski All ayes. Carried

Special Events Reort

Patra Lowes reported that the committee has met with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce about the planned Mardi Gras parade on March 12th. She said that the Chamber still needs to provide the Village with copies of the State DOT permit to close Rt. 219 for the parade. It also needs to provide proof of insurance for the Town, fire department and any other organizations that volunteer to manage traffic detours.

Motion: to accept the Special Events Report with the above stipulations by Mr. Wilkens.

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried.

Old Business

Brush – Tickets in process.

Garbage Totes – Mayor Coolidge suggested we table until next month. Need to put some policing behind the refuse. We have some concern that garbage cans are being left on the road and we need to impose a fine for the offenders. Register stickers for the totes for the owners would be very inexpensive.

New Business

Mort brought up that a salesman came in and wants to give us an auction price on the leaf blower and backhoe. And also the old blowers could also be auctioned and put a minimum price on all and we would be guaranteed to get that price. They also do an internet auction. Bob Simon commented that as long as we got a minimum price he thought we could do it. Bob will check into it and get back to us tomorrow.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Motion: by Mr. Cappelli to accept the Minutes.

Second: by Mr. Brogcinski All ayes. Carried

Treasurer's Report & Audit of Claims

General - \$52,253.03
Water- \$12,671.71
Sewer- \$17,479.07
Sewer Cap- \$376,520.22

Motion: by Mr. Wilkens to pay the bills.

Second: by Mr. Brogcinski All ayes. Carried

Tentative budget for 2016-2017

Questions? Mr. Cappelli asked about Streets and why did it go down? Mayor Coolidge and Harold Morton explained that we decided the Streets that we will be working on this year will be covered with the appropriate amount.

Motion: for public hearing on March 14th by Ms. Lowes

Second: by Mr. Wilkens All ayes. Carried

Motion: by Ms. Lowes to go into executive session.

Second: by Mr. Wilkens All ayes. Carried

Motion: to adjourn by Ms. Lowes