

The regular meeting of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm there were:

PRESENT

Mayor Donna Schiener, Trustee Lisa Byers, Trustee Andrew Koerner, Trustee Elwyn Roll, Trustee Eric Szucs, arrived at 7:34pm, Superintendent of Public Works Andrew Bartz, Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Kraft, Police Chief Matt Krist, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Karpinski, Bethany Jordan, Clerk Treasurer Trainee.

ALSO PRESENT

Lindsay Zefting, of Verity, Kathy Landahl, Sherri Bell-Beyer, Michelle Bijhower, Sandie Dutton, Gillian Koerner, Cheryl Parker, Joanne Offers, Chris Lester, Brian Meyers, Dave Bray, Don Meyers, Justin Haggerty, Doug Berwanger, Dustin Bliss, Josh Cutler, Ann O'Donnell,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schiener opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY PRESENTATION

Lindsay Zefting, Verity, presented the final GTC Trail Feasibility Study/Plan to the VOA Board. The study will be posted on the VOA website.

During the study the group reviewed existing conditions and surrounding destinations, held public meetings-trying to find out what the public is interested in. Plenty of feedback, a loop trail as well as a trail along the A&A Railroad. Safety was a big focus. Many alternatives. Regionally there are abandoned railroad corridors, we focused on the core of the Village. Arcade Java rail trail, over 12 miles, some right ways would be needed, 15 road crossings, 15 million dollars, would parallel the railroad, with some sort of fencing or vertical divide.

Cattaraugus creek trail, 5 crossings, \$2,000,000

Clear Creek trail, under 1 mile, no railroad crossings, \$3,000,000

North Street Connection, shared trail, .6 miles, no acquisition needed, no crossing, \$500,000

Utility line, some easements need amendments, 6 crossing 1 railroad crossing, \$7,000,000

Countyline Road \$500,000

Main Street, bicycle and pedestrian paved, two alternatives, 1, narrowing the lanes and creating additional road space and sidewalk, 2. Create a side path along the road, should be in the existing roadway

Summary of priority routes, all routes are recommended to have a complete trail within the Village.

Identified funding sources, TAPS- application due in January,

Next step, create a railtrail working group, county, town village, put together letters of support, pursue funding to create conceptual designs,

Continue to obtain easements for Clear Creek, utility line and ?

Questions from the public:

How many attended the meetings? About 50 each time

Who is responsible for maintenance? It would depend on the municipality it physically is in

What about safety? This would be covered in the design process, we did not get into that level of detail at this point

Will there be restrooms? This would be covered in the design process

Will horses be allowed? Not in the Village, the proximity to the railroad may not be conducive to an equestrian trail

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Brian Meyers discussed ambulance concerns as well as parking lot concerns. The Chief has contacted three paving contractors, two have not responded and one refused to give an amount. Other items that are needed include air pack replacements, cardiac monitors and the purchase of a new ambulance. For now the department will wait on the parking lot as the Towns and Village are not prepared to budget the projected \$80,000.

Dustin Bliss asked for updated information from the fire department regarding the age of the equipment and a replacement schedule for the equipment. He has also asked for the balance in any reserves the fire department currently has from fund raising efforts.

Mayor Schiener suggested the Towns and the Village, along with the fire Chief, meet a few times a year to discuss the needs of the fire department, what equipment needs replacing, what are the long-term needs of the department.

Mayor Schiener, Dustin Bliss, Doug Berwanger and Brian Meyers will meet to discuss the fire budget further.

COURT CLERK POSITION DISCUSSION

The Mayor proposed a possible change in the position of the court clerk from full time to part time, or full time outside of the union contract. The Mayor also suggested the court clerk be available one evening a week to accept fine payments and answer calls. Justice Bell-Beyer did not feel the position should become part time nor did she feel the hours should be adjusted. There was discussion regarding the duties of the court clerk and the importance of hiring a competent person, she felt that making the position part time and without benefits would make that difficult to do.

Trustee Roll, in reviewing timesheets, has calculated an average number of hours worked per week at 28.5 hours over 35 weeks. This is due to using vacation, comp time accrued, sick time and working for the Village of Perry one day a week for two months. If the work is being accomplished in this amount of time, why would we need a 40 hour a week position?

Trustee Koerner feels it should be a full-time position with benefits in order to get a quality applicant.

MOA with CSEA position is limited to 40 hours, hours will be adjusted as needed to prevent overtime.

Motion by Trustee Koerner and seconded by Trustee Szucs to post the position of court clerk as a full time position with full benefits.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE									
Mayor Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Lisa Byers	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Elwyn Roll	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Eric Szucs	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent	
RESULTS	X	PASS					FAIL		

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Byers and seconded by Trustee Szucs, the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 26, 2023, be approved as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Kraft.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE									
Mayor Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Lisa Byers	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Elwyn Roll	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Eric Szucs	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent	
RESULTS	X	PASS					FAIL		

PROJECT UPDATES

SPW Bartz updated the Board on various projects in the departments.

Liberty Street has been milled and paving will begin tomorrow.

AUDIT BILLS

Motion by Trustee Koerner and seconded by Trustee Roll, the Village bills be audited and paid in the amount of \$71,276.25 and that the Clerk be authorized to transfer funds from the money market accounts to the checking accounts to cover such bills.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE								
Mayor Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Lisa Byers	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Elwyn Roll	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Eric Szucs	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
VOTE TOTAL:								
	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent
RESULTS		X	PASS				FAIL	

REPORTS RECEIVED

The following reports were received, reviewed, and placed on file:

- Revenue vs Expenses General, Water, Sewer and Electric.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 9:15 pm upon motion by Trustee Szucs and seconded by Trustee Byers.

Clerk/Treasurer

VOUCHER	AMOUNT	VOUCHER	AMOUNT
CATT CO DSS	\$ 365.22	WOODRUFF, JAY	\$ 400.00
ACTIVE IT DESIGN, LLC	\$ 5,131.25	KOERNER, ANDY	\$ 246.53
OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER	\$ 1,747.75	BST & CO. CPAS, LLP	\$ 9,060.00
BELL-BEYER, SHERI	\$ 244.05	CINTAS CORPORATION #782	\$ 170.57
SS DIESEL & AUTO LLC	\$ 718.50	COUNTY LINE STONE CO INC.	\$ 2,029.40
JIM'S EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC	\$ 56.66	NOCO ENERGY CORP	\$ 3,768.91
CONNOR, FRANCIS S.	\$ 1,012.00	MARTIN BROS CHEVROLET INC	\$ 812.58
KEY BANK	\$ 4,241.36	KOERNER, GILLIAN	\$ 247.99
FORBES COURT REPORTING SERVICE	\$ 130.65	NYS ASSOC OF CITY & VILL CLERK	\$ 50.00
GREENWOOD ECOLOGICS INC	\$ 1,600.00	SOUTER, ROBERT A	\$ 445.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW YORK L	\$ 10,680.65	TRI-COUNTY SUPPLY INC	\$ 195.99
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	\$ 10.00	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	\$ 75.98
BLOOMS FLOORING & FURNITURE, I	\$ 7,537.11	VERIZON	\$ 142.01
RILEIGHS OUTDOOR LLC	\$ 5,202.87	GRAINGER	\$ 211.22
PANNIER CORPORATION	\$ 14,480.00	WYOMING COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH	\$ 262.00
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 53,158.07	COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 18,118.18
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 71,276.25