

The special work session of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00pm there were:

PRESENT

Mayor Rich Kosmerl, Deputy Mayor Hugh Ely, Trustee Jim McGarvey, Trustee Paul Burkett, Trustee Brian Burton, Superintendent of Public Works Larry Kilburn, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Donna Miller

ABSENT

Clerk/Treasurer Beiersdorf

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kosmerl opened the meeting with the Pledge to Allegiance.

TRI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTUS

Superintendent of Public Works (SPW) Kilburn distributed this prospectus to the work session. Mayor Kosmerl asked that it be checked back in by Clerk/Treasurer Beiersdorf or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Miller after each Board Member's review.

DISCUSS FUTURE USES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM FUNDS

Mayor Kosmerl commented that Clerk/Treasurer Beiersdorf had provided the Board with a copy of the bank statement dated 11/30/2007, which showed the balance to be \$291,491.43. Mayor Kosmerl asked SPW Kilburn and Streets and Parks Department Foreman Dan Laird to put together an estimate for the creation of sidewalks. SPW Kilburn provided the Board with a package presenting various options regarding sidewalk installation and estimates for each. SPW Kilburn noted that those areas which would require storm sewers increased the estimates significantly. Trustee Burkett asked about the estimates on labor and observed that there was no overhead built into the estimates and SPW Kilburn concurred that the labor estimates were straight labor. Trustee Burkett asked if the work on the sidewalks would be contracted out or done by Village of Arcade employees. SPW Kilburn stated the work would be contracted out.

As an alternative for using the economic development loan program funds for sidewalks, SPW Kilburn introduced the Safe Routes to School Program that encourages children to walk and bicycle to school. Grant funding for this project is one hundred percent (100%) reimbursable. He also noted that there are limits on the grant. The expense to the project must be a minimum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The non-infrastructure limit is one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) and a limit of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for infrastructure, although it was not yet known what would be considered infrastructure. Also, the project would need to be administered by either a municipality or a school. Deputy Mayor Ely expressed his concerns that residents would need to be informed of the Board's decision for sidewalk installation and/or improvements outlined by the grant.

The Board's consensus was to continue discussions at the board meeting on 12/18/2007 once SPW Kilburn provided a preliminary report on the information he obtained at the Safe Routes to School Program training. The Board was in agreement that sidewalks are needed and plans will be made to implement them.

There was discussion of providing economic development loans for people who wish to start or enhance small business in the Village of Arcade. Trustee Burkett commented that in the past, the interest rate to be charged was too high and it discouraged people from partaking in the loan program. It was discussed who should receive advertisement of the loan program (e.g., commercial customers, residential customers inside or outside the VOA) It was decided that information regarding the loans should be noted on all utility bills being mailed in January 2008 and the loan program outline should be advertised in the Arcade Herald and Arcade Pennysaver.

FUTURE OF THE OLD FIREHALL

The Board's agreed it was not plausible to invest in the repairs needed to the roof, windows, and heating at the old firehall on Liberty Street and the lack of parking has been an ongoing concern. Mayor Kosmerl commented that the building is not a historical structure. The Board decided to contract a realtor to sell the old firehall. Discussions took place about moving the Youth center and the possibility of re-dedicating the bell to the new firehall or cemetery. Mayor Kosmerl requested that further discussion with regards to the old firehall be included at the 12/18/2007 board meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 8:02pm upon motion by Trustee Burkett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ely.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer