

The special board meeting of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 11:00 am there were:

PRESENT

Mayor Jay May, Trustee Ken Rule, Trustee Jim McGarvey, Trustee Donna Schiener Trustee Andrew Koerner, Superintendent of Public Works Larry Kilburn, Police Chief Anthony Biscaro, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Karpinski.

ABSENT

Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Kraft

ALSO PRESENT

NYS DOT Reps- Brian Holmes-Resident Engineer of Wyoming County, Brian McMahon-Regional Director Of Operations, Bob Traver-Regional Director, Dave Goehring-Traffic and Safety Engineer
Senator Gallivan's office- Mark Rieman
James Pump, Arthur Ledinski, Michael Putt, Chris Lester, Art Souter, Al Ackerman, Kim & Joanne Offers, Diane Lilga, David & Sandra Dutton, Kathy Landahl, Mike Landis, Dan Reisdorf, Ginger Comstock, Amanda Grandits, Ron Preivity.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor May opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RT. 39 ROAD CONDITION

Mayor May called the meeting to order. The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the ongoing deterioration of Rt. 39 through the Village of Arcade. The Mayor summarized the issues stating the original work milled down three inches but only replaced the pavement with two inches which resulted in issues with drainage to the DIs. The fact they took a four lane highway and put it down to a three lane, it is putting more traffic on the two lanes. Apparently improper material was used and while the Village appreciates the fact the DOT repaired Main Street last summer, the result was a patchwork quilt effect and the road appears to be deteriorating where the repairs were done. Last year a traffic study was done but we were unable to get the results in a timely fashion to send off to Albany. The Mayor asked "Where are we going forward?"

The spokesperson for the DOT out of Rochester, Bob Traver, admitted they were aware of the faulty material and the impact that is having on the deterioration. He stated the DOT is doing their best but the repairs are not holding. This winter has been particularly bad with the freeze and thaw cycles. They are having a difficult time securing funding for this project. The DOT-Rochester is responsible for 4400 miles of highway and 760 bridges. The funding to address all of that is very limited. The federal government funds are to be used on principal arterials, this leaves the roads in the rural areas underfunded. At the current time the only recourse will be more of the same repairs that leave looking like a patchwork.

Brian Holmes, Wyoming County, stated the current plan would be to do more patching, like what has been done previously. The question was raised why would you lay down less material than was removed, he stated he was not sure if that was the case. The project in 2008 was the removal of 1.5-2 inches of pavement, not 3. He also stated that in 2009 they realized premature deterioration and found the material used to be faulty. They have worked with the Village to repair the manholes and agreed those too were deteriorating. If there is not going to be a full blown project they will mill out the bad areas and repair them. He will also continue to work with Larry on the manholes. Bob Traver stated in the last two years \$200,000 has been spent on the Village. He said they have tried. He agreed this winter has been particularly difficult throughout the state. There is an area of the 490 that is closed down because of the poor road conditions.

Mayor May shared the concern and dismay felt by the Village residents and while he is empathetic to the bigger concern he stated the concern today was only for the Village road. Bob Traver stated that he only shared the example of the 490 to demonstrate the needs throughout the region. He said that funding needs to be spread out and if he could he would repair our road but his hands are tied, this is the fiscal reality. In the short term they will do whatever they can, in the long term this project is number two on their list. They will try to gain funding throughout the federal programs but it is very, very difficult. The original project should have lasted 10 years, with repairs only being needed after six years.

There were many comments made by the public which were addressed by the DOT representatives. They reiterated the lack of viable funding to do the project over at this time and explained the problems with the materials

and how that has impacted the deterioration. The material used is not normally used in this region (6), but more often used in region 5. The project met the specs, the contractors did their jobs.

Trustee Koerner asked "Where do we go to try and get funding for this job, the governor?"

Brian Holmes referred to the Highway Dedicated Trust Fund that is no longer being used solely for road repairs. The money that is available often is spent on the bridge repairs that are extremely costly, down state. Five years ago the DOT in Rochester took a 20-30% hit on their funding. The cost of doing business has increased. All these issues combined make funding scarce.

Chris Lester shared an article from Thomas DiNapoli which discussed the funding or lack thereof, from the Funds Dedicated for Highway & Bridge Capital Projects. Mark Rieman stated he would take the concerns raised today back to Senator Gallivan. He raised the necessity to bring concerns to the elected officials. The Senator is aware of the dangerous road condition. He recommended the Mayor send a letter to the Senator on behalf of the Village residents.

A resident questioned if this is the time to return the road back to a four lane highway? Could this be impacting the deterioration? Brian McMahon did not feel the traffic volume impacted the deterioration.

Dave Goehring stated a traffic study has shown a remarkable drop in the number of accidents, at both intersections and the road in between. The safety benefit has proven to be significant. The issues with the traffic lights have been addressed.

Bob Traver said that although he cannot promise anything in the immediate future he reminded everyone we were number two on the list and that is a good thing.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 12:25 pm upon motion by Trustee Schiener and seconded by Trustee McGarvey.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer