

The regular meeting of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm there were:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Karpinski

ALSO PRESENT

Carole Jones, Zoning Officer Chris Lexer, Errol Ireland, Jim Pump

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor May opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MADISON AVENUE

Village resident, Errol Ireland, shared his concerns regarding the opening of Madison Avenue to allow through traffic to the VOA Park. Errol resides on Clough Avenue and expressed concern over the traffic on Clough. Although there is a speed limit of 25 mph, the limit is not obeyed. Why should the residents of Clough Avenue experience all the traffic, why not Madison Avenue? Although historically Madison and Parkview have not been open to through traffic he felt it was time for history to change. Jim Pump discussed his concern with the traffic on Maple Avenue. All the complaints the residents of Madison and Parkview residents voiced regarding traffic are the same complaints for the residents of the other streets that lead to the Park. Mayor May indicated that the traffic concerns are still under review and consideration.

ZONING

Zoning Officer Chris Lexer discussed the zoning regulations for fences. The current zoning law has ambiguous language. The language does not allow for bushes, trees, split rail fence or any other decorative item in the front yard of any village property. Currently there are many violations throughout the Village. Perhaps the language should be reviewed for modification and the law regulated. Mayor May suggested Chris Lexer return to the board with sample wording for the board to review. Chris will develop language that is manageable from the perspective of the Zoning Officer. The board will review the proposed wording at the October 7, 2014 VOA board meeting. Chris will also bring pictures of the yard items in question. If language is agreed upon the VOA will then send any proposed changes to the Planning Board for review and comment.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Trustee Koerner discussed some options for the proposed Property Maintenance law. The VOA could adopt the NYS property maintenance code and then add our law to run in conjunction with the State code. Chris Lexer stated the County Code Enforcement officer should be taking care of dangerous situations and that the Zoning Officer cannot handle building code issues. Don Roberts is a certified building inspector therefore he can enforce building code. Perhaps we should begin with lawn and brush maintenance not necessarily the building itself. There also was discussion on the assessment of fines for any violations. Clerk Treasurer Kraft will call the Village of Perry and discuss their law with the Clerk/Treasurer. Trustee Koerner will draft up a maintenance law for review.

WYOMING COUNTY ZONING SURVEY

The Clerk/Treasurer received a survey from Wyoming County regarding zoning. The County is interested in opinions regarding consolidation of municipal zoning services. At the present time the Village of Arcade is not interested in consolidation of services but is interested in the results of the survey. The Clerk/Treasurer will fill out and return the survey requesting a copy of the results.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Koerner and seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 19, 2014 be approved as presented by Clerk/Treasurer Kraft.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE								
Mayor Jay May		Yes		No	X	Abstain		Absent
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
VOTE TOTAL:	4	Yes	0	No	1	Abstain	0	Absent
RESULTS	X	PASS				FAIL		

STAMPED CROSSWALKS

Superintendent of Public Works Kilburn discussed the cost of replacing the stamped decorative crosswalk. Perhaps we would allow the NYS DOT to install a traditional crosswalk, which would not cost the Village any money. The board agreed to have the NYS DOT install a traditional crosswalk.

PERMISSION TO DESTROY RECORDS

Motion by Trustee Schiener and seconded by Trustee Rule to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Kraft to destroy the following records in accordance with the NYS MU 1 records retention schedule. All of these records are electronically saved as well as downloaded into the new FileBound records program.

- Personnel Files former employees A-Z
- Pay Roll 1958-1983
- Project contract documents 1938-1982
- Studies & Reports 1947 – 1996
- Budgets 1956-2013
- Contracts and Negotiations 1972-2008 including fact finding 2004 and memoranda 2002-2003
- Master Plan, including drafts and reports 1960-1985
- Audits 1955-1994
- Planning Board minutes and correspondence 1960-2014
- Zoning Board minutes and correspondence 1973-2013
- Misc PB/ZBA/ zoning files 1964-1991

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE								
Mayor Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
VOTE TOTAL:	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent
RESULTS	X	PASS				FAIL		

SUMMER RECREATION

Motion by Trustee Schiener and seconded by Trustee Rule to authorize the payment of stipends to the following summer recreation staff. The stipend represents gratitude for going above and beyond during this transitional summer recreation season.

EMPLOYEE	AMOUNT
Brittany Pleace	\$300.00
Josh Wittmeyer	\$200.00
Cody Benzel	\$200.00
Samantha Schasel	\$150.00
Skylar Wagner	\$ 75.00
TOTAL	\$925.00

AUDIT BILLS

Motion by Mayor May and seconded by Trustee McGarvey, the Village bills be audited and paid in the amount of \$543,616.21 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 Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
VOTE TOTAL:									
	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent	
RESULTS		X	PASS				FAIL		

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

Due to the absence of the Superintendent of Public Works Kilburn and Clerk Treasurer Kraft the next meeting, scheduled for September 16, 2014 has been changed to September 23, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee McGarvey and seconded by Trustee Rule, the Board enter into executive session to discuss the following topic(s) at 8:33 pm:

- Sale, acquisition or lease of real property

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE									
Mayor Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Donna Schiener	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
VOTE TOTAL:									
	5	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	0	Absent	
RESULTS		X	PASS				FAIL		

Motion by Trustee McGarvey and seconded by Trustee Rule, the Board exit executive session at 8:45 pm.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE									
Mayor Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Andy Koerner	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Donna Schiener	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 and Expense reports for general, water, sewer and electric funds

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 8:45 pm upon motion by Trustee Rule and seconded by Trustee McGarvey.

Clerk/Treasurer