

# PROCEEDING OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5 PM

### PRESENT:

**Mayor:** Alysa Plummer  
**Trustees:** Lili Lanphear  
Justin Leitgeb  
David Marshall  
Lisa Cove- left early at 6:20 PM  
**Village Attorney:** Jeffery Turner- absent  
**Village Clerk:** Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

### CALL TO ORDER

**Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Cove** *to call the meeting to order.*

**Vote:** Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – Absent. *Motion passed.*

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Plummer asked the board if they had anything to disclose. Trustee Leitgeb stated that he had a conflict of interest regarding the Ethics Board legal bill fee and that he would recuse himself. Trustee Lanphear also stated that she would recuse herself from the same discussion. The remaining trustees had no other conflicts of interest.

### GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Plummer asked the Village Clerk to read an overview of the open meeting compliance certification.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The room then stood and recited the Pledge.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Plummer asked if there were any public comments.

Art Pires, 70 State Street, stated that residential districts should stay as residential and that a district for short-term rentals is not written in the code. He did a quick calculation, and with 15 short-term rentals in the village and a direct impact to neighbors happening within 150 feet, that would mean that 20-30% of the village's households would be affected by an STR, which, in his opinion, is quite substantial. He also pointed out that the Town of Pittsford is disallowing short-term rentals.

Mayor Plummer thanked Mr. Piers for his comment but did state that her understanding is that the Town of Pittsford does have short-term rentals and does not have any regulations for them in code.

Peter Brizee, 81 South Main Street, thought that the moratorium on short-term rentals should be extended and that STRs should be allowed in the same zoning that hotels are permitted. He also felt that grandfathering current STRs is illegal. He asked the board to consider the community's future in their decision.

Bob Corby, 7 Washington Avenue, felt that the villages neighborhoods were small and fragile and that short-term rentals would hurt them. He supported the extension of the moratorium.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For approval, the Village Clerk presented vouchers listed in Abstract #28 of the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

**Vouchers for approval Abstract #27**

• General Fund (#711-#721):	\$ 56,157.92
• Sewer Fund (#711, #719):	\$ 206.30
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	\$ 56,364.22

The Village Clerk presented vouchers listed in Abstract #1 of the 2024/2025 fiscal year for approval.

**Vouchers for approval Abstract #2**

• General Fund (#711-#730):	\$ 17,313.05
• Sewer Fund (#715, #716, #720, #723, #728):	\$ 2,512.96
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	\$ 19,826.01

**Motion by Trustee Marshall, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve the bill pay as presented.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

**PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Mayor Plummer asked if there was a board discussion. There was not.

**Motion by Trustee Lanphear, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to open the public hearing.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

Maria Venette, 9 Elmbrook Drive: Given that this is such a polarizing issue within the community, would it be possible to put the decision to a public vote as a referendum? The board will take this under advisement outside of the public hearing as it was a different issue.

Jefrey Mason, 68 State Street, first thanked the former mayor for making the village a decent, civilized place to live. He then expressed his concern that short-term rentals might degrade the value of the residential homes.

**Motion by Trustee Cove, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to close the public hearing.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

Trustee Leitgeb said comments made during the last board meeting about the moratorium on short-term rentals would be recorded.

**Motion by Trustee Marshall, seconded by Trustee Cove, to designate the extension of the moratorium on short-term rental as a Type II SEQR Action.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

**Motion by Trustee Cove, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to extend the moratorium on short-term rentals to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

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Trustee Lanphear wanted to remind the public that prior to the September 8<sup>th</sup> expiration, the Board of Trustees would hold a public hearing on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6 PM on the draft legislation regarding short-term rentals.

Peggy Brizee, 81 South Main Street, asked when the draft legislation would be available to the public.

Village Clerk Ciccarelli said that once the village attorney made the newest changes, it would be reposted on the village website.

Art Piers, 70 State Street, asked if there were changes to the draft resolution and how soon the public would be able to see them.

The village clerk stated that changes could only be made at the public meeting and would be posted.

**SPECIAL PERMIT 19 STATE STREET**

**Motion by Trustee Marshall, seconded by Trustee Cove, to move the application for a health and wellness spa at 19 State Street to a public hearing on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6 PM.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

**MEMBER ITEMS**

Trustee Marshall would like to discuss some wording in the short-term rental legislation. The village clerk directed him to discuss those concerns directly with the village attorney.

Trustee Marshall would also like a tighter law regarding complaints and violations when referencing rentals.

**Motion by Trustee Marshall, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve mowing the property at 9 Courtenay Circle and bill it back to the landowners.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

A Village Resident asked why there were already so many short-term rentals in the village. Mayor Plummer responded that they had been established before the moratorium was set, which is why the village created the moratorium to prevent any further establishments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mayor Plummer, seconded by Trustee Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM.**

**Vote:** Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

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Laura Donk, Recording Secretary