

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Present:

Mayor:

Robert Corby
Lili Lanphear
Frank Galusha
Renee Stetzer
Dan Keating

Village Attorney:

Jeff Turner

Recording Secretary:

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

Deputy Treasurer:

Brooklyn Thomas

Deputy Clerk:

Marina Pacheco

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

The Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to report.

Trustee Lanphear presented a Proclamation to the Board.

***WHEREAS,** Robert C. Corby has assiduously served as Mayor of the Village of Pittsford for 28 years – a truly distinguished career in public service - applying a rare combination of talents, deep understanding of the Pittsford community, and strong drive for continual betterment of the quality of life for village residents; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Robert C. Corby, while serving as Mayor, through his collective knowledge, talents and informed guidance, and collaborative and playful approach, has embodied the fundamental role of local village government for village residents and property owners; and*

***WHEREAS,** on Robert C. Corby's vigilant watch, through his progressive commitment to preserving historic character and modeling context-sensitive development, retention of vital central institutional anchors (Sutherland High School, Pittsford Community Library, and the Spiegel Community Center); effectuation of two community-driven plans for the future; updating and streamlining the application of village codes; creation of three distinct public parks including the attractive Schoen Place Erie Canal Linear Park; and implementation of numerous traffic calming initiatives, the village has prospered and become enhanced as a highly desirable community in which to live, work, invest, and enjoy, thus becoming a model for other communities; and*

***WHEREAS,** Robert C. Corby's talents have been recognized state-wide with prestigious awards for excellence in historic preservation, architectural and urban design, land use planning and distinguished public service from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Planning Association, American Public Works Association, and NY Conference of Mayors, Landmark Society of Western New York, among others;*

***WHEREAS,** Robert C. Corby has enthusiastically dedicated the majority of his adult life to Village of Pittsford government*

and its people. Without question, the unique qualities and talents of Mayor Corby make him a truly irreplaceable figure in the history of our village and the greater Pittsford community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as Robert C. Corby has dedicated over 28 years to the people of the Village of Pittsford, we the Board of Trustees in recognition of his dedicated public service and leadership do hereby designate the 10-acres of Village-owned parkland in the northwest quadrant of the village hereafter to be named as the ***ROBERT C CORBY ARBORETUM AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.***

On this the 23rd day of March 2021

Trustee Lanphear opened the floor to public comment.

Fran Kramer – “First of all, I want to compliment you on reminding us all what’s happened in the last 28 years. So many accomplishments in so many areas. We’ll always remember Bob. And, by the way, we will continue to hopefully interact in some way with Bob, because his knowledge and experience is just unparalleled, we consider it an absolute joy and delight and a privilege to know him and continue to know him. To follow his advice. His leadership. His balancing act, in so many ways in terms of the Village. But basically, he’s really, as you say, he’s a Mayor’s Mayor, he really, for a small Village, has exemplified, and I’m not- I’m making this up guys. I’m not reading it. He has exemplified what we would all want in any Mayor in any town, and especially, one as historic as Pittsford Village. So Fran and Herb Kramer say thank you. And not “will we meet again” because we’re going to keep in touch with you, and we hope you keep in touch with us. Thank you. Thank you.”

Bill McBride – “I’ve lived here 27 years, so I’m not quite as old as Bob. But I’ve raised 4 kids here, and I want to offer a tribute up to Bob from a slightly different perspective. I raised four kids who are now spread around the country. But they all say this is the finest place- they’re out in California, and they’re in Nashville, and they’re all over. And they all say this was the finest area that they’ve ever lived in and a great area to be raised in. And a big part of that I attribute to Bob. Not just the physical character of this Village but the fact that we were going to lose a school building, which is one of the best schools in the country. Right up the street at Sutherland. Bob worked hard to keep that here. He worked hard to get the library here. And so for kids growing up, this was a fantastic place to grow up in that they’ll always remember as being the finest place to be raised in the country. So I put a little different perspective on Bob’s contribution because he gets remembered as the architect who maintained the historic character of the Village, but he did a lot more than that to make this a wonderful town to live in. Thanks.”

Art Pires – “Thank you for the opportunity. First of all, I’d like to thank Lili and whomever else was involved with drafting of the resolution. It was very well spoken, comprehensive, thorough and so appropriate across the board. As well as the other two residents and their comments. Rather than repeat that. But I’m in total agreement with what was stated and compliments to Bob. His dedication is un-ending and his unique service dedication to the community at large. I think everybody here recognizes because of the day in, day out, week by week, month by month, year by year that Bob has provided, once again with his insight, personal and professional performance. With always the central concern of the standard of living within this community. So, I cannot have enough words to say here in gratitude for Bob. Once again, this un-ending commitment to this community. The image that he has provided across the area, across the country, and I’m certain beyond and all of his professional capabilities. All of the programs that he has instituted and, for all those that have had any experience and exposure with any kind of other outside agencies, government, and any other agencies involved such as D.O.T. and the like. That it’s a long-drawn-out process, and Bob has been religious, and his dedication is un-ending. Once again prodding away, working away with the community at large. Here again, you get things accomplished, and there is a multitude of evidence including what was stated before. The fine quality, the vitality of the Village, and the projects that are currently in place. All thanks to you Bob. I’ll end it at this point. And I’m hoping I got the point

across. Thank you very much for all that you've done. I'm hoping that you will continue and whatever endeavor you choose, but certainly to continue to see you on Village streets and involved in our ongoing efforts to continue to make this Village one of the best places in the state and in the country. Thank you once again."

Dave Ferris – "I'd like to share some comments on behalf of myself and my wife Anne at 27 Monroe Avenue. Thank you, Mayor Corby, for your years of dedicated service to our Village and community. We've lived in the Village during your entire service as Mayor. Like Bill McBride, we've raised children here and they know it's a special place. We've seen the wonderful changes and improved quality of life during this time. The implementation of your vision, what makes a Village livable in a neighborhood where people deserve to live, will be your legacy. You fought to keep the library, recreation center and high school in the Village. Realizing how important they are to a viable Village, unlike neighboring towns. You did this while developing strong partnerships with the Town and schools. You saw the natural beauty of the North-West canal front property, and worked for years to partner with the Town, which acquired adjacent property to make a park area possible. Then you helped the Town get a critical State environmental grant to fund the park development. And importantly, you saw the potential of Schoen Place and the canal front, helping lead the transformation, what was formerly a dirt road agricultural area. With your leadership, the Village established a moratorium enabling the Village to develop an award-winning Comprehensive plan and updated code. As a result of the re-zoning to create a mixed use, a developer will now be able to economically re-purpose many of the historic barns. Saving the barns from being torn down, as was previously proposed. You worked tirelessly to better our Village. This history of the Village will always reflect the changes that took place under your leadership. And I thank you for making our Village a better community."

Bonnie Salem – "I can be brief, but I do want to be clear, I think we get to enjoy this beautiful Village and to show it off to our family and our friends when they visit us because Bob has been at the helm all these years. So all of the historic significance, the integrity of the Four Corners, the school and the library in the heart of the Village, which has been mentioned, all of that will be Bob's legacy. So we are forever grateful to Bob for all of your commitment and all that you have done and your vision. And I just wanted to send you my thanks."

Claire Gmelin – "Rob Corby, we love you. Mister Pittsford, you're a legend in your own time. Don't let the politics get you down. We are here for you always. Just like you have always been for us. See you on the streets Mister Pittsford."

Trustee Frank Galusha – "I'd like to say that Bob Corby's prime motivation for his 28 years as Mayor, it's been the historic preservation of our Village, but, more importantly, the well-being of our residents. For this, he has done an exemplary job and we are indebted to him."

Margot Fass – "Someone once asked me if I knew the Mayor of Pittsford and I said yes, he's my best friend. I have to say that Rob is a friend to everyone and he is a lot of people's best friend. And I just, the minute I met him I said, I am your servant. I just knew that I wanted to do something with him, and for him, because he has such a passion for wildlife that isn't always felt. He is so sensitive and so caring and so appreciative of other people. Then, but sensitive in the sense that when he's bullied, it's hurtful. And as a psychiatrist I know what it's like to be bullied and have been bullied myself and I've probably been a little mean sometimes to people but I just adore Rob and I hope that this is a change for the better for him so that he won't have to deal with sewers and things like that. But he can really pursue his passion and I really, really, really hope that he will see a way forward to work on the Village Arboretum, because it's such a beautiful project. And so exciting. I've always thought that under Bob's leadership that it could be a model community."

David Marshall – “I just had a few things written down. Mayor Corby, thank you, from the day I moved here three years ago, for being an incredibly welcoming person. To new ideas, to responding to sometimes different ideas that weren’t necessarily immediately, like in line with what you’re thinking. And being able to explain why you felt some, you know, certain ways about preservation and perspectives. Not in a way to belittle or to change, as much has to educate, and that strength of character, in welcoming new people, and bring them into the fold, was really just great. And I felt from the day I moved here, very welcomed by everybody. And that extends to others as well. Another, just, comment, your unrelenting dedication to the Village is inspiring and appreciated. Your long-term vision and understanding of Village residents. And it went beyond elections. And where we are today is not because you had a four-year plan or an eight-year plan, or you were responding to anything, but the long-term vision that you interpreted for residents to create a livable community. And I truly believe that you’ve succeeded in that. And that’s one of the main reasons why we’ve moved to this Village beyond any other in Monroe County. I guess, in closing, just this indelible foundation of preservation and historic relevance is, it’s just something else to live in and to be within and to think that you can do that in this era. And the protection of that over such a long period of time and to work toward, it’s really inspiring. And so thank you, for all of your time, your dedication. Truly appreciated.”

Lindsay Graham – “So I would say this extremely rarely, and I say it very passionately, probably the only other person I would say this for is for maybe a member of my family, like my mom or dad. But I’m new to the Village myself. I’ve been here three years and acceptance is a huge important feeling for everybody and I really felt accepted on just a really core level... I see Rob Corby...as somebody who is just open to everybody, and that’s huge, and it’s just genuine. I’ve never heard him give lip service to it. I’ve just felt it. And he says hello, even to those who treat him badly, and I would take a bullet for Bob Corby, and I don’t really say that very lightly. I think that he has dedicated his whole life to this Village and the people. And I’ve never ever met a more pure, unadulterated goodness, and I’ve met zillions of people in my life and tons of good ones. So, I think the loss is not his, it’s ours and I don’t think selfishly for him I don’t think he sees it as his loss, I think he’d the most emphatic human I’ve ever met and lip service doesn’t cut anything. It’s just actions. I think we; we just miss you already.”

Trustee Renee Stetzer – “I would not be in this seat, and my family and I would not be living in this Village if it weren’t for Mayor Corby. We share a lens on the importance of walkability and urban planning and as Dave said it a few minutes ago, thank you for being so welcoming. When we, my husband and I called Mayor Corby up when we were considering buying our house and asked him if he can help us restore a bus line. So, we didn’t have to buy a second car and we got to talking about the work that I do with pedestrian safety and transportation equity and all of that. And he welcomed me and my family after that, and I appreciated his openness to new ideas even when we disagreed. So, I want to say to you, Mayor Corby, the changing of the guard here does not undo any of the work that you did. And we appreciate it. And I want you to know that your work is still here and we thank you.

Mayor Corby noted that the retirement of Trustee Frank Galusha will be a loss on the Village Board. Mayor Corby thanked Trustee Galusha for his time served and his dedication to the Village.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to adopt the proclamation.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

DPW REPORT

Superintendent Bleier reviewed with the Board a request to purchase a Kubota Series RTV X110CWL in the amount of \$19,107, being paid for in full through the CHIPS fund.

Motion by Trustee Galusha, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve the request to purchase the Kubota Series RTV X110CWL in the amount of \$19,107 with funds appropriated from CHIPS.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Keating, to amend the budget to reflect the purchase of the Kubota for the DPW.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Deputy Village Treasurer presented vouchers listed on Abstract #19 of 2020 / 2021 fiscal year for approval. A motion was made by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve payment of the vouchers listed on Abstract #19, in the amounts stated below and to charge them to the appropriate accounts.

Vouchers for approval – Abstract #19

- General Fund (#86-516): \$25,061.92
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Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carried.*

MINUTES

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on February 16, 2021.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – abstain; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on February 17, 2021.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on February 23, 2021.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on March 9, 2021.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on March 10, 2021.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

SHORT TERM RETAIL BUSINESS LAW

Attorney Jeff Turner explained that the short-term business law mirrors the transient merchant law, but leave the power of approval with the Board of Trustees, rather than with the Clerk.

Trustee Lanphear cited a previous concern regarding allowing temporary businesses to operate while they are not paying taxes. Building Inspector Lauth explained that the fee associated with the permit should make up for the tax loss. Mayor Corby explained that using a fee rather than trying to tax temporary merchants was more feasible.

Planning and Zoning Chairperson Justin Vlietstra noted his concerns regarding the law. Stated that he believes it conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan and State law. Suggested holding a larger discussion about the law.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Mayor Corby, to set a Public Hearing on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed Short Term Retail Business Law.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to establish application fees of \$50 per day and \$100 per month for the short term retail business permit.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

SHORT TERM RETAIL PERMIT APPLICATION – Harladay Hots, Charles Clottin

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to set a Public Hearing on XXX at XX PM regarding the permit for Harladay Hots.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Public Comment

M.V. – “Hi, thank you so much Dorothea, I was having technical difficulties earlier, so I appreciate this opportunity. Rob I just want to say thank you so much, as everyone else has had to say tonight, for preserving our beautiful Village and it’s wonderful to have grown up here and now to see it and it’s still the same, juust a beautiful and spectacular as ever, and that has been built upon the changes that have been made have just added to its beauty. You are a friend to everyone. We all think that you are our best friend, and I’m sure you’re my best friend. It’s going to be wonderful to continue to pass you on the Street and still, have you be such a big part of this Village. And I can’t wait to see what path you’re going to blaze for yourself next. And may you next 28 years be just as productive as the last 28 beautiful years you have given to us. And thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

NON-MUNICIPAL USE PERMIT – LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

The Village Clerk presented on behalf of the Little League. Normal parade that takes place every year. Scheduled to take place May 1, 2021 and run from Sutherland High School to Lincoln Ave. Insurance information has been provided.

Trustee Stetzer asked if the only difference will be that it is a driving parade. The Village Clerk confirmed.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to approve the non-municipal use permit for the Little League Parade and waive the 45-day requirement.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

NON-MUNICIPAL USE PERMIT – CORNHILL NAVIGATION – SAM PATCH

The Village clerk presented on behalf of Cornhill Navigation – Sam Patch. Normal permit that they seek every year. Insurance information will be provided upon approval.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Mayor Corby, to approve the non-municipal use permit for Cornhill Navigation – Sam Patch.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

APPOINTMENT OF MARY MAROWSKI – TREASURER

The Village Clerk recommended extending the appointment of Mary Marowski as Village Treasurer until September 2021 in order to complete the budget season and further prepare Deputy Treasurer Brooklyn Thomas to take over.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Mayor Corby, to extend the term of Mary Marowski as Village Treasurer.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to appoint Maria Huot as an alternate member of the Historical Preservation Board.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – no; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Trustee Stetzer made comment that open positions on the Board should be advertised in order to encourage community involvement. Trustee Keating commented that publication of open Board positions and transparency around them was previously agreed upon in meetings. Further explained that due to this process not having been followed, Trustee Keating will vote no on the appointments being made.

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to appoint Jeffrey Pollock as a member of the Historical Preservation Board.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – no; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to appoint John Kitchura as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – no; Stetzer – no. *Motion Carries.*

HOME RULE LEGISLATION – AMENDED 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Trustee Stetzer updated the Board on the Home Rule legislation. Explained that Senator Brouk’s office decided to take a different approach and rather than changing VTL 1643 instead using a 2016 bill from Suffolk County which authorized the Villages of Sag Harbor and East Hampton to reduce speed limits on portions of specifically listed highways. Amended legislation lists out Roads that are not currently under Village jurisdiction (State, Monroe, North & South Main, East & West Jefferson, and Washington). Updated language gives a limited local exception for the roads that are listed rather than using the blanket term of “state roads” which might have caused issue with NYSDOT. Trustee Stetzer will send updated bill to the Board and to Attorney Turner for review. Then the bill will be sent to the assembly to be amended and a new home rule resolution will be needed.

STATE STREET BRIDGE CLOSURE

Mayor Corby updated the Board that NYSDOT has acquired more funding and now intends to replace the deck on the North Main Street bridge once the State Street bridge is completed. Mayor Corby stated that a meeting is scheduled with NYSDOT to discuss the North Main Street work on March 24, 2021 and that either Trustee Stetzer or Trustee Lanphear will attend the meeting as well.

MEMBER ITEMS

Trustee Lanphear

Trustee Lanphear thanked Trustee Frank Galusha for his years of service on the Board of Trustees. Stated that Trustee Galusha has been an excellent steward for the Village, particularly in matters of finance and the DPW.

Trustee Lanphear also informed the Board that she had received a request for a park bench dedication for Marguerite Rose to be placed on State Street near Wood Creek and the Northfield Common entrance. Ms. Rose was an elementary school teacher at Jefferson for many years and the Women's Club of Pittsford is donating the bench in her honor. Location of Wood Creek was chosen because Ms. Rose enjoyed spending her time there and also because there is currently no seating along the path in that area and it would be a benefit to the elderly who frequent that path to have a bench where they might rest.

Trustee Keating

Trustee Keating addressed the Board regarding the CCA. Explained that a resolution is needed from the Village Board before it can go out to bid. The previous resolution appointed Mayor Corby and Trustee Keating as representatives of the Board to make decisions upon its behalf, however, the resolution must be updated with Mayor Corby now leaving office. Attorney Turner stated that he had been informed and has contacted Roctricity and Susan Hughes to determine what is needed, has also been in contact with the Irondequoit attorney who has a similar resolution. Attorney Turner is preparing an updated resolution which will simply cite the Mayor, regardless of who it may be.

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to exit the Executive Session 9:15 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to adjourn the meeting 9:16 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes; Galusha – yes; Keating – yes; Stetzer – yes. *Motion Carries.*