Present
Mayor: Robert C. Corby
Trustees: Lili Lanphear
                Frank Galusha
                Margaret Caraberis
                Dan Keating

Village Attorney: Jeffrey Turner
Fire Marshal / Building Inspector: Kelly Cline
Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli / Cara R. Farrell

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Corby asked if any of the Board members had a conflict of interest or had accepted gifts associated with any of the meeting agenda items. None were reported.

75 MONROE AVENUE LITIGATION – VILLAGE BOARD ROLE

Village Clerk, Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, read aloud a letter from Friends of Pittsford Village regarding 75 Monroe Avenue’s project and potential legislative appeal.

Statement regarding 75 Monroe Litigation

Submitted by: Friends of Pittsford Village Board of Directors

To be read into the record at the Village Trustee Meeting October 11, 2018

Friends of Pittsford Village would like to thank the Village Boards for their continuing diligence in reviewing the 75 Monroe Project. FOPV appreciates the goal of ensuring the project complies with Village standards and codes. A few points of clarification for the record:

- Since 2012, the Architectural and Preservation Review Board (APRB) has conducted multiple reviews of the project. This Board has, with great consistency and thorough findings, denied every version of the project.
- Furthermore, the developer appealed the APRB’s decision denying the project due to incompatibility with Village scale. The APRB’s decision was upheld by the village’s Zoning Board of Appeals.
- In 2018, the Planning Board denied the Waterfront Consistency review as it was determined to be inconsistent with Village Waterfront standards.

Of note, board discussions have never been about denying any development on the 75 Monroe site. It is about submitting a project that is compatible with the scale and character of the Village and to be wholly in compliance with Village code and standards. FOPV has always fully supported compatible development of this site.
In 2012, FOPV conducted community surveys and found less than 5% of residents supported the 75 Monroe project. Regarding the developer’s efforts to compromise and comply with Village code little has changed, on the developer’s part, over the last six years. The project still has 167 apartments and a restaurant. The apartment buildings are now larger and the pavement has increased while trees and public greenspace have decreased.

Problems and inconsistencies identified long ago with this project remain unaddressed to this day. Briefly these are:

- The scale of development is grossly incompatible with the Village. This project, as it currently stands, not only is illegal in the Village, it is so large and dense it clearly does not comply with zoning requirements even by other standards codified in any Town or Village in Monroe county except for a small high-density housing section in Brighton. This finding of incompatibility is not new as in June of 2012, it was a conclusion made by professional planner and consultant, Doug Fox, in his report to the Village.
- The judge correctly ruled that an LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) review was required. This year the Planning Board reviewed LWRP compliance and found that the project does not comply.
- The traffic and associated safety problems identified in the traffic studies from 2007 and 2010 still have not been addressed.
- Old drainage problems remain unaddressed. These potential drainage issues may significantly impact the integrity of the CSX railroad bed.
- The developer has never submitted one definitive plan for review by all three boards. One project layout was approved by the Trustees, a different project was reviewed by the Planning Board, and now a third differing project is under review. The next step for the developer would be to submit identical sets of plans to all Boards addressing all of the problems identified over the past six years.

There are legitimate concerns about village taxes and the costs to defend litigation. However, Village tax rates are well within parameters of other Village tax rates within Monroe County. Less than 10% of everyone’s entire tax bill goes to the Village as the bulk of the bill goes to the Pittsford Central School District.

FOPV supports the Village Boards in continuing to treat this developer fairly, like all other applicants, holding them to Village design standards and code requirements as they would any other applicant. Quitting now will send a message that a different set rules applies to specific applicants.

There is an often repeated phrase, “freedom isn’t free”. The Village’s character, charming scale and vision are not achieved without cost. The Village is what it is today because of decades of hard work by citizen volunteers and Boards. FOPV recognizes recent decisions by the APRB, ZBA, and Planning Boards have been made under extremely difficult circumstances. These board members have conducted the Village’s business with great integrity and the conviction to enforce and uphold our Village’s standards and codes. These individuals need your support, not your criticism. They are standing up for the Village we all love. Please thank them.

Upon conclusion of this reading, Mayor Corby opened this to public comment.

Wally Morris, of 5 Sutherland Street, mentioned his hope for the Trustee’s influence on the APRB’s approval for the 75 Monroe Avenue project.
Jean Moe, Town Resident, stated that the Long Meadow area would be greatly affected by the project and applauded the Village Board’s effort.

Marie Powers Gulf Avenue, wants to see the project move forward for the purposes of walkability and increased foot traffic for local businesses.

Mark Harrington, of 58 State Street, is new to the Village and came to voice his support of the appeal.

Heather Erwin, of 18 Greenhill Lane, is hoping for communal support for the Board of Trustees and the decisions being made for the Village.

Former Trustee, David Ferris of 27 Monroe Avenue, discussed his opposition to Trustee engagement on social media. He also brought up budget issues and the ideas behind having multiple budgets to choose from.

Janet Reynolds, of 35 Church Street, noted the legalities of the Board’s decision-making authority and decisions being made behind closed doors.

Amy Kendall, the attorney for Friends of Pittsford, mentioned the opinion of her clients as the three Village boards approaching this project with integrity.

Mike Reynolds, of 35 Church Street, thinks it’s inappropriate and illegal for the Board of Trustees to interfere with the decisions of lower boards.

Jack Cargill, of 8 Boughton Avenue, discussed the inappropriate size and scale of the 75 Monroe Avenue project. He wonders how NYS Department of Transportation ever approved such a plan.

Alysa Plummer, of 66 South Main Street, suggests the Board host a coffee and conversation format regarding the issue. Mayor Corby agrees, and thinks this is a good idea for transparency and community communication to answer questions regarding litigations.

Ken Morrow, of 48 Sutherland Street, is in support of the PZBA’s decision to appeal.

Betsy Powers, of 91 Golf Avenue, mentions her worries about the Village becoming stagnant and the potential of the Village losing businesses due to limited growth opportunities.

Stacey Yadav, of 30 Washington Avenue, notes her hopefulness for transparency in the Village concerning this issue.

Sue Emmel, of 6 South Main Street, wants the Village of Pittsford to remain a pleasant place for people to work, live, visit, and conduct business.

A brief recess was taken.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to call the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Corby shares the proposal for multiple Monroe County municipal leaders to approve a community choice aggregation. The announcement is simply enabling the legislation that after the research and investigation to come, these municipalities would then be allowed to move forward should they choose. There is no obligation to move forward with community choice aggregation.
Trustee Caraberis mentions her attendance at a recent Town of Pittsford Board Meeting.

Mayor Corby said he has been in touch with the Village of Scottsville regarding the Community Choice Aggregation. An advantage of partnering with larger municipalities is saving money due to economy of scale.

Trustee Keating is curious about next steps and contractual information. Mayor Corby discusses the flexibility associated with the option.

**Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Keating**, to hold a public hearing on October 23rd to consider adoption of the CCA Authorizing Legislation.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

**SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODE**

Mayor Corby received a letter from Paul Zachman. He wishes to include the letter in the public record for when the public hearing is held.

**Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Caraberis**, to include the letter in the public record for when the public hearing is held.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Caraberis notes the receiving of revisions to the code. Village Clerk, Ms. Ciccarelli, brings up the 30-day minimum notice for publication to hold a public hearing for the County.

**7:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR MORATORIUM RELIEF (APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN)**

Village Attorney, Jeffrey Turner, shares why this is no longer an agenda item. This application was for relief from the moratorium for two buildings at 50 State Street at Northfield Common. The Building K use was determined not to require a special use permit, therefore, no relief was needed. Building G, as a brewery, is processing agricultural products, therefore, it is a permitted use, without a special use permit in the designated zone within the Village.

**4TH ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION CONFERENCE**

Mayor Corby will be attending the 4th Annual NYS Local Government Conference hosted in Albany on behalf of the Board.

**MEMBER ITEMS**

Trustee Lanphear requests the Board’s response to an email from Molly Gaudioso verifying the time on November 7th for the Code Review Workshop. The time was set for 5-9PM on the 7th.

Mayor Corby has been speaking with Bill McBride of the APRB. Mr. McBride has asked Cristina Lanahan to be an additional alternate.

**Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear**, to appoint Cristina Lanahan as an alternate for the APRB.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – abstain, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.
Trustee Keating reminds everyone of the Narcan Training coming up on November 1st at the Pittsford Community Library. He also wonders about the status of a newsletter draft.

Deputy Village Clerk, Cara R. Farrell, notes there is a draft of the newsletter which Mayor Corby will be editing in the coming days. Once completed, the draft will be sent to the Board for final revisions and comments.

Trustee Keating also wondered about the Integrated System expenses. He suggested buying computers and using our existing software instead of updating all computers. Ms. Ciccarelli and Mayor Corby agree to redo an inventory and check the office for partial upgrades.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**DPW**

Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Zack Bleier, brought up truck 12, a 2008 small dump truck in need of roof repair, and the potential cost of repair not being worth it for lack of return upon sale. Mayor Corby, Trustee Galusha, and Zack will come up with a plan for replacing or repairing the truck. Trustee Galusha suggests speaking with the Village Treasurer to get a new truck before it becomes unsafe or immobile. Mr. Bleier said it’s rarely a mechanical issue, it tends to be a physical problem due to wear and weather.

Mr. Bleier and the DPW Crew installed a new catch basin on Schoen Place in front of Towpath Bike Shop. Mayor Corby spoke with RG&E and was told the street lights on South Main Street were back up. Mr. Bleier said they aren’t and there should be a rush due to decreasing sunlight hours and Halloween. Permits need to be applied for and granted for this project.

Mr. Bleier stated that he is worried about throwing salt on fresh 6-inch concrete, and he suggested the sidewalk repair wait until spring. Trustee Galusha has been in touch with the fire department regarding this issue.

Mr. Bleier suggests a stone dust path behind Towpath Bike Shop through the Auburn Line Park to increase pedestrian safety between Schoen Place and the Pittsford Dairy. Mayor Corby is cautious because Ted Collins owns the lease where the retention pond begins. Since Ted Collins and Corn Hill Navigation hold active leases with RG&E, the Village would need approval for this project.

Mayor Corby and Mr. Bleier are looking to remount the Village entrance sign.

Mr. Bleier has been test-driving sidewalk clearing machines and comparing prices and doing exploratory research.

Erosion problems have popped up behind the little league fields. Last year, the DPW installed catch fences along the wall. Mr. Bleier will meet with Scott Harter to discuss alternatives to minimize further erosion.

Mr. Bleier has been in contact with the resident at 48 Rand Place to discuss the location of an ash tree. Ms. Farrell and Mr. Bleier researched the location of the tree on the property to better determine who will claim responsibility for removal. Mayor Corby determined if the tree is in our right-of-way, proper removal will be conducted through NYS DEC guidelines.

Trustee Lanphear determined six locations for potential crosswalk flag stations. Mr. Bleier will install them once the suggested locations are prioritized by the Board.
BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ms. Cline had nothing to report.

Trustee Galusha wonders about the activity at 26 Boughton Avenue. Ms. Cline has to look over the folders and get caught up on code issues.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Mr. Turner discussed 16/18 Wood Street’s at-risk tree. He wants to send a letter to the property owner regarding the tree’s removal. Ms. Cline has a similar issue with another tree on the Village Green’s property. Mr. Turner said he would send a letter to that property as well.

The sewer agreement is still pending on a lateral policy for the whole Village. Trustee Galusha states the policy has been approved, and the next step is to put it on the agenda for the next Trustee meeting.

There has been no movement regarding the ticket booth since the special-use permit from the moratorium was withdrawn. Mr. Turner said he remembers the ball being in the court of the applicant and their representative, Donald Young.

ATTORNEY – CLIENT SESSION

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to break for attorney-client session at 8:52 PM.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha - yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Keating, to return to regular session from attorney-client session at 9:15 PM.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha - yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S / VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT

Village Clerk, Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, presented vouchers listed on Abstract #6 of 2018/2019 fiscal year for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Caraberis, seconded by Trustee Keating, to approve payment of the vouchers listed on Abstract #6 in the amounts stated below and to charge them to the appropriate accounts.

Vouchers for approval – Abstract #6
- General Fund (#240-3246, #248-#267M #269-#280, #282-#292): $63,609.37
- Sewer Fund (#223, #259, #284): $39,238.04
- Bathroom Reno (#247,#268): $39,920.36

Total Vouchers for Approval: $133,767.77

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis– yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Ciccarelli reviewed with the Board the quotes received from Integrated Systems for the Village for the necessary IT improvements related to the needs assessment. Trustee Keating requested the Clerk review the use of previous Office licenses for the new computers.
Motion by Trustee Caraberis, seconded by Trustee Keating, to approve the quotes provided for 5 computers, cloud service, and Wi-Fi connections.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Ciccarelli shared the research on hotel tax. She had Deputy Village Clerk, Cara R. Farrell, reach out to surrounding municipalities to see who has completed this legislation. Ms. Farrell shared her findings and offered to continue research with regard to this topic.

Ms. Ciccarelli also requested Board approval for Ms. Farrell’s membership for the New York State City/County Management Association (NYSCMA).

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, seconded by Trustee Caraberis, to approve the NYSCMA membership fee.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

In addition to the annual fee, there is a one-day seminar Ms. Farrell wishes to attend and is seeking Board approval for registration fee of $50.00.

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve the training registration fee.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve the minutes for August 14th regular meeting.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to enter into an executive session on a specific personnal matter.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Keating to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM.
Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha- yes, Keating – yes, Caraberis – yes. Motion carried.

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli / Cara Farrell, Recording Secretary