

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

Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Lili Lanphear
Dan Keating
Justin Leitgeb
Village Attorney: Jeffrey L. Turner
Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, call the meeting to order.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The Building Inspector was present. Charles Corby requested an extension to April 15, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Leitgeb, and seconded by Trustee Keating, that the Board will seek refrain from further enforcement until April 15, 2023, deadline, requested by the property owner.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

DPW REPORT

Trustee Lanphear requested clarification on potential additional responsibilities for the DPW workers at 75 Monroe and what will be expected, as a village, regarding fiscal responsibility. The Superintendent needs to learn the scope of the DPW responsibilities at this time.

Robert Corby, 7 Washington Avenue, the center bench at the front of the library needs to be refinished.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Pay

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve the Bill Pay as presented.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Diversity Training Update

The Village Clerk will review the online Diversity Training course to ensure it works well.

Update on Newsletter

Work has begun on the draft. It should be ready next week.

Flower Basket Bids

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Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to accept the bid from Bundschuh's Greenhouses for \$6,465.00 for the Village of Pittsford spring flower planting.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Approval for Employee HSA

Motion by Trustee Leitgeb, and seconded by Trustee Keating, to approve one month of healthcare for Brandon Hopkins at \$250.00.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Code Review Meetings

The tentative meeting is set for February 28, 2023.

MEETING ITEMS

Consideration of application or Short-Term Retail Permit – Harladay Hots

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Keating, to move to the Public Hearing on March 9, 2023, at 7 PM, following additional information.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Comida Letter Request for 75 Monroe Avenue

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Mayor Plummer, to accept the letter of support draft by Hudson Russ.

Trustee Lanphear would feel more comfortable with additional financial information regarding what was being requested and what that would mean for village taxpayers.

Trustee Keating believes the letter should move forward as it's been agreed upon by previous Boards, and it would create a business-friendly relationship. In regard to Trustee Lanphear's comments, he suggested a meeting with the developer and the Board to discuss potential tax revenue based on a potential assessment.

Trustee Leitgeb believes this was not promised by previous Boards but extended as part of the settlement proposal.

Chris DiMarzo, Pittsford Canalside Properties, appreciates the Board's consideration. Right now, the village is receiving no revenue from this property. The revenue will be significant with a \$50 million investment in the community. He will proceed with the COMIDA application, regardless of the Board's support.

The Mayor reminds the Board that if the developer goes forward without the Board's support, the Village could potentially lose tax revenue from the restaurant. If the Board sends a letter, they can stipulate what they do and do not support for financial assistance.

Robert Corby, 7 Washington Avenue, agrees with the Board's points on getting more financial information.

Dave McGeough, 28 Washington Avenue, would like to see representatives finally recognize that this project is happening. The Board is only representing the village if they are entirely on board with this project. The developer should feel welcome to build the village's best possible project.

Art Pires, 70 State Street, believes the tax breaks would negatively impact the village.

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Nancy Coates, 50 Rand Place, is against tax relief for 75 Monroe.

Art Pires, 70 State Street, why would the village want to support a program which benefits a developer when the developer has cost the village residents much money by initiating lawsuits?

The motion is tabled for further discussion at the budget meeting on Monday, February 14, 2023, at 4 pm.

Chris DiMarzo, Pittsford Canalside Properties, withdraws the request for a support letter. He will have his lawyer draft a letter tomorrow.

7 PM – Public Hearing – Local Law Tax Cap Override

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to open Public Hearing.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to close Public Hearing.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve the Local Law for 2023 Tax Cap Override.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

RFQ Results for 75 Monroe Avenue Project

One bid has been received. The engineer will review it and report back to the Board.

Grant Opportunities

The Mayor discussed a grant opportunity through the Preservation League of NYS for updates at the Village Hall. The grant range is typically between \$5,000 -14,000.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Keating, to authorize the Village Clerk to pursue the Preservation League Grant for Village Hall update.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Trustee Leitgeb will assist with the grant application for porta potties.

Consideration of RFP for Engineering for the DPW Bathroom Engineering

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to authorize Scott Harter to create RFP for DPW Bathrooms.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve January 12, 2023, meeting minutes.

Vote: Lanphear – abstain, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve January 18, 2023, Budget meeting minutes.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to approve February 1, 2023, Budget meeting minutes.

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Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—abstain, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

MEMBER ITEMS

Trustee Keating favors directly working with the 75 Monroe developers to further the project in a way that keeps us out of court.

Trustee Leitgeb wants to confirm that the Superintendent received the map sent to him. Canal Corp. has received the map.

The mayor was honored to attend the Pittsford Fire Department Gala, 125th Anniversary. The fire department appreciated the proclamations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Corby, 7 Washington Avenue, would like the street sign removed from his road and the spruce tree needles removed from the top of the DPW shed, as they are acidic.

Dave McGeough, 28 Washington Avenue, thanks the Mayor for the updates that have been made to the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb—yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Question Report

Report Generated:

Topic Webinar ID Actual Start Time # Question
 Village of P 869 7169 7776 2/9/2023 18:20 8

Question Details

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Name
1	Very well spoken, Justin - regarding your on mark points as to how the Village (and in turn Villager residents) tax payers would be negatively impacted if COMIDA tax breaks would be provided for the 75 Monroe development.	art pires	address, pl	2/9/2023 19:08	2/9/2023 19:10	Dorothea Ciccarelli
2	70 State Street Pittsford Village	art pires	live answer	2/9/2023 19:10	2/9/2023 19:20	Dorothea Ciccarelli
3	As a village resident, I am against supporting tax relief for 75 Monroe. Nancy Coates, 50 Rand Place, Pittsford, NY.	art pires	live answer	2/9/2023 19:11	2/9/2023 19:20	Dorothea Ciccarelli
4	Why would the Village / Village residents want to support a program which benefits a development / developer who has cost the Village residents hundreds of dollars in defense of a lawsuit initiated by the developer.	Nancy Coates	live answer	2/9/2023 19:15	2/9/2023 19:20	Dorothea Ciccarelli
5	I am AGAINST tax relief- - not FOR it. Nancy Coates, 50 Rand	art pires	live answer	2/9/2023 19:16	2/9/2023 19:20	Dorothea Ciccarelli
6	Miss-spelling. Had meant to say hundreds of thousands of dollars in defense of developer's lawsuit.....	Nancy Coates	live answer	2/9/2023 19:21	2/9/2023 19:23	Dorothea Ciccarelli
7	Thank you Trustee , Lili. - for giving consideration of residents' concerns and Village tax revenues.	art pires	live answer	2/9/2023 19:24	2/9/2023 19:26	Dorothea Ciccarelli
8		art pires	live answer	2/9/2023 19:26	2/9/2023 19:33	Dorothea Ciccarelli