

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

**Present: Jeannette Barrett – Mayor; Mark Donecker, Letty Rudes , Rebecca Smith, Cindy Rumsey – Trustees; Roger Blanchard – WWTP Supervisor; Crystal O’Brien - Clerk – Treasurer; Tracy Marshall – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Guests – Shorty Hoffman and Eric Craven.**

MB: If we could stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America. And to the Republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MB: I would like to call this meeting to order and we will start with a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes.

TD: I make a motion.

MB: Not Cindy or Rebecca

TR: So Moved.

MB: Are there any comments or questions?

CO: I just need to make a correction. I neglected to **add ?????**

MB: All in favor say “Aye”

TD, TR, MB: Aye

MB: Opposed? Motion carries. At this time I would like to open it up to public comment. Ok, stand and be recognized. Say your name and where you are from.

MF: I am Marie Fox, better known as Mitzi. We have a house down on the lake. I have been involved with the community for about thirty years and I am here about the bench project. I am going to run through the background of it. Just for people who aren’t really familiar with it.

The revitalization committee which started by the Village and the Town, back about 15-20 years ago. It started as the beautification committee. To do things for the community to make it more attractive, to make it more appealing to visitors, residents and to definitely be a positive influence if we could. After a number of years, the name changed to revitalization committee

because we were applying for some grants and revitalization sounded a little bit more serious than beautification, or certainly, long distance importance. So one of the things that had come up was to bring enhancements to the community to have it more visually appealing and also more appealing for use for people, visitors to improve business climate and one of the ideas that came forth was for us to provide benches around the community so that people who are strolling and looking at the sights, visiting the stores and making themselves familiar have a place to rest, or for men to be able to sit while their wives do some shopping. After extensive studying of other towns, benches were already in place in Inlet, was one place, and another place was Middleberg (Middleboro?), NY down south slightly west and they settled on the type of bench that would be appropriate for here and then shopped around to find a vendor who would make the benches, provide them, and found Jerry, from Jerry woodworking would be very interested in doing that and he provided them. So, a program was settled on to make it a program that offered people the opportunity to endow a bench that was then part of the Village and part of the Town and that the bench would then become the property of the Village or the Town and the person endowing it would celebrate someone, memorialize someone or even just make a statement. A couple of the benches just had statements about something about the joy of being in the Adirondacks, thank you for the volunteers, or in memory of someone. They would have plaques on them so that people would be able to do that. So after they settled on the current cedar bench at \$500 an endowed bench. The benches cost \$350 from Jerry and the additional monies, \$150, was to go into a fund to maintain the benches to keep them certainly as we would want them to look for the people using them. We now have accumulated 37 benches. There are 28 in the Village, 7 in the town, and one in Arietta at the airport. They are not all out this year because of the COVID pandemic, they came out slowly. They are stored by the Village and by the Town in the wintertime in a trailer that was purchased by the Village to store these benches here, and I'm not quite sure where the town stores them. The one at the airport is stored inside the airport. So that is the story of the benches. We are now 11 years down the pike from when the benches first started. So, some benches are 11 years old, some benches were endowed and put into service later, so they are younger. Every year, I would review the benches and make a list of any repairs that needed to be done, and then when Roger would pick them up, or Randy Lavarney, in the Village and the Town, they would put them in the front and take those benches up to Jerry's for whatever needed to be done to them in the spring and when that was completed they would go out as they always have. Replacement of benches was determined by the endower and myself talking about the place that was important to them. Some wanted a bench on the lawn of the Speculator Department store because his wife always went and shopped there. So they have been placed all over the Village in that manor keeping everybody happy, so to speak. Now, my understanding is that our fund for refferishment of benches has been exhausted about a year ago, and the Village actually paid for the repair the previous year. So now we have a problem. There's no money, to repair the benches, the Village has the benches, owns the benches,

people are quite attached to their benches being that they endowed them for some specific reason, what to do, is the question. We need to have a plan to move forward for the Village that is agreeable to all to maintain the benches as long as their useful life exists. It is difficult to anticipate any time a small repair is needed that because it can't be done, the bench is then put into retirement. It doesn't seem fair. The Village owns the benches, people and visitors enjoy the benches and look forward to using the benches, over by the point park, down by the pavilion, along the road.

MB: Mitzi just to remind you that for public comment you are limited to ten minutes and so you are down to your last few minutes.

MF: Okay, well I have pretty much said it. We have got to do something. It's up to you people, let's get together and do it. My understanding here is that the possibility of the gentleman that works for water treatment area is interested in repairing benches possibly and Jerry who is not interested in caring for the benches anymore is perfectly willing to give some instruction and guidance to get this gentleman going. Whether this will work out, I don't know. But I give you this problem, and it's a problem of the village. I can participate in this problem but I don't repair benches.

TR: Mitzi, do you have any idea approximately what the cost would be annually for carrying out this procedure?

MF: I think it would be very difficult to say, Letty, because we don't know what goes wrong with them. This year, one of the benches was wounded and this doner was so excited about getting this bench back on site, they offered to pay for the repairs. But somebody has to administrate this. I am sort of done with the bench project. I would like to move on to something else, perhaps, but I am willing to do whatever needs to be done. I am emotionally attached to the benches. We need to work something out. There does come a time in a benches life where it does get retired. We will have to face that, obviously, but we have to also, I feel, deal with the repairs as they go on because they are part of the community, part of the outreach to the visitors, residents, shoppers, whomever.

MB: I am cutting you off by rules of procedure.

MF: I think I have said it all.

MB: Thank you. We have been in conversation and you have been in conversation with Crystal. We have gone back and reviewed some of the notes in the board meeting and in the revitalization committee folder and there is much lacking. As far as the agreements and what was promised, and as you said, benches have a finite life built in cedar, but we are evaluating

And going back and reviewing how much money was collected and there are actually 41 benches that are out there that we have been looking after and maintaining. If you have any notes from the revitalization committee, anyone that you know who is on the revitalization committee who could give us some information as to what those agreements were at the time, that would be most helpful for us to progress. We will put this as an agenda item for next business meeting.

MF: I have contacted people but they have not come up with any pertinent information that I could give to you. Neil McGovern was chair of the committee and one of the organizers.

MB: Neil reached out to me this morning and I have asked him for any additional information.

MF: He would be a very significant person to be able to provide you with any information.

MB: So this will be an agenda item for the next business meeting as to some possible resolutions. Thank you for bringing that.

MF: What is the date of that meeting?

MB: It is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Is there any other public comments?

TS: I have one question. Is the Town of Lake Pleasant also involved in these benches?

MB: Yes.

RB: They don't pick any up. We pick them up.

MB: Public comment being closed; I would like to have the report from Mr. Blanchard and that was provided earlier.

RB: I have a few extra if someone needs one. Okay, last 30 days we always start picking limbs and chipping limbs along the road whenever we get a chance. We paved our sidewalk, we mow, and trim as needed, we have been doing a little bit of shoulder work, not an awful lot since summer is over, we are going to start doing a little bit more of that, we did not haul any of our sand yet, we are going to do that next month. We have done garbage and recyclables, readying Black Bear Run for paving, we hauled in some item 4, we are constantly checking the dirt section of Elm Lake Road and we have fixed a few potholes, but we still have more to do. In the next 30 days, we have to fix the driveways and the lawns along the new sidewalk, mow and trim grass, which is slowing down quite a bit now, roadside ditching anytime we get a chance, shoulder work anytime we get a chance, garbage and recyclables of course, we are going to

pave Black Bear Run which is scheduled now for Thursday, but Randy says they scheduled him for Thursday but they haven't called me yet so I'm not sure what's going on.

MB: Do they think they are going to do both at the same time?

RB: Well, he want to do the town then come to us, but Randy said they moved him to 1 p.m. Thursday but Randy said he didn't really want to pave Thursday so he was going to talk to them and hopefully they will do us Thursday instead. I am going to put some letters on the doors so people will know to have their cars out if they will need to get out because they will be in for a little while.

MB: I have had some positive feedback on the sidewalk already.

RB: We are going to haul some winter sand, get our paving done, still working on the Elm Lake Road dirt section, we have to work on that quite often, we will haul in a little bit more item 4 for winter and get our trucks ready for winter. The next sixty days is road side ditching of course, skating rink work, shoulder work when we can, Elm Lake Road.

MB: Are you doing Black Bear Run as well? Black Bear?

RB: Yes, we are doing that next month. This is sixty days. Which we will be doing the shoulders on that we will be working on that but we might get that in this month coming too, I'm not sure. Then we have dress our trucks for winter, garbage and recyclables still, pick up benches, trash cans etc., clean our ditches any time we get a chance, cut down brush when we have to, and our CHIPS is pave Black Bear Run, haul item 4, order some stock culverts, spec our new pick up which I have here, dump truck, which finally came, it came in July. Lastly, pave sidewalk, which we got done. Our superintendents meeting Thursday they tell me that we are only going to get 80% of our CHIPS. This year we were supposed to get a \$60,115.90 which will be cut down by 20%. Which is twelve something.

MB: Has that been confirmed? Because we were at NYCOM fall training and they said that there was a potential and that they were more likely cutting CHIPS when people had gotten to their maximum level of CHIPS.

RB: What they said at the meeting was that if people put their stuff in early, it didn't get cut down but they still, when everything is said and done, might have to pay that back. Not sure yet. That's what Tracy was saying. It doesn't affect us too much because we have quite a bit of roll over, so we are still sitting really good, but then there was a rumor, which I can't substantiate, that they're not going to let us roll anymore but I'm not sure yet. I have to call him tomorrow and find out if that's true.

MB: You may not be able to roll over the money.

RB: And I don't know. That might just be the money they gave us this year that we can't roll over. I'm not sure and the person who said it said they weren't sure. I hate to bring it up because I don't know for sure.

MB: See if you can chase that down, that would be great. For those of you on-line, you can see the excel spread sheet for those board members it's an excel spreadsheet provided for fleet and equipment information. Do you want to go through the three that are highlighted?

RB: Well, the one that is highlighted under number one, is the truck that we are replacing with the truck that we are going to order that I have the specs for. Number two which is our rack truck, it has a hundred fifteen thousand miles on it, more now, is getting in fairly rough shape.

MB: That's the truck you use for recycling?

RB: Yes, for recycling. We use it for a lot more but recycling is the main thing. Of course, our John Deere backhoe, which is a 2005 so it is getting quite old. It still runs really good. We have put a pretty substantial amount of money into it because the rear end went in it once. Right now it's running really good but it's just one of those things.

MB: So how much money in repairs have you put towards the backhoe?

RB: It's not all really repairs, I've got all of our maintenance and everything. Give or take, there might be something missing, but give or take about \$22,500. Since 2005. The rear end was \$10,000 when we had to have it towed which I think the county did it so we probably didn't get charged for it but.

MB: And how many hours is on it?

RB: Six thousand, six hundred eighty-two.

MB: For those of you who do not know the life expectancy of a backhoe, I did look it up and it's 9,180 hours is the expected life. So it is about two-thirds into it. That's for moderate use, that's not beating it up.

TR: It's not out every day.

MB: Correct. So I think with the mild to moderate use that we have in theory it should last about another few thousand hours.

RB: That's our only tractor so we use that pretty much every day.

MB: Oh, you do use it every day.

RB: My only concern is, I mean, right now it is running fantastic, it should last another two years, my concern is that if it does break, we have nothing. The last time when the rear end went, and we had to borrow the Town's for a while. They had to use their front-end loader and not their backhoe. If they had a gig then they would switch over. That's my main concern is that it is our only tractor. If something happens we do have reserves with shared services.

MB: So you are looking to replace that in two to three years.

RB: I would like to, yes.

MB: And then the Chevy gets used with the top rack for recycling. Mark, you sent me information as far as a possible DEC grant.

TD: Yes, I did and Roger, he has to make some phone calls to see, it looks like they haven't accepted any applications this year but the application is August, September and October so I need Roger just to discuss with them, are there going to be applications accepted this year, so there is some money there that could be used to purchase the truck.

MB: So I thought it looked like, no it doesn't give the cut off, so if you can find out when the cut off is, Roger, we do have some connections with Lake Champlain Lake George regional planning that can help us write the grants, but we just need to get all the information.

TD: The big thing is if they are going to accept grants this year, again, most of the forms you can fill out online. I could help Roger with that. Our vehicle is going to be under the grant and are they going to accept applications this year.

RB: Do you want to give me the phone number tomorrow?

TD: I sent you an e-mail, Roger, and it has everything that you need to know.

RB: Okay, good.

MB: If you go to the second page of the excel spreadsheet I think that gives us the schedule for roads.

TD: Correct

MB: Is that up to date now?

TD: Yes.

MB: So Black Bear Run

RB: Will hopefully be done either this week or next week. We were going to do two this year but with all the COVID and my health, we couldn't get two roads ready.

MB: So next summer.

RB: So, I was going to do Brooks Avenue too, but we will do that next year and I wanted to do some of Elm Lake Road and maybe, depending on how much CHIPS money we have, some of Oak Mountain Drive.

MB: And are we looking into any coverts on Elm Lake Road? Seems to have gotten a little squirrely.

RB: We are really good right now other than the dirt section, there are still a few that we have to, they didn't wash out but, we would like to repair them, put a bigger size in.

TD: We're going to put together a list of culverts for CHIPS, but we will do that over the next couple of weeks and Roger can report on it during his next meeting.

MB: The other question I would ask as we look toward efficiency, going back to the vehicles and equipment, is there anything that we can decommission and not require a replacement? As we look toward creating efficiencies, as we look toward...

RB: We are replacing two with one. So, we are decommissioning one. I don't know which one, whether it is the water one our ours I don't know which one it will be, but we will be getting rid of one of these.

MB: So, this will be a shared vehicle. The first one, the Chevy 2500? That would be a shared vehicle, right?

RB: The one that we are doing this year, yes.

MB: At the next board meeting we will go through the vehicles and any equipment we have at the wastewater treatment plant. We will have a better idea of how we can consolidate. Roger, I just wanted to bring up now, the Adirondack Salt Initiative. Every year we get a request to be part of some kind of Adirondack Road salt reduction task force. And while it sounds good all



the time to reduce the amount of salt and commit to that, a lot of our roads within the Village are State or county owned so we don't have control over that and we do use minimal amount of salt, so I wanted you to address that.

RB: Yes, we limit our salt use as much as possible only during a freezing rainstorm or if the roads are really slippery but sometimes you get that snow that's right at that certain temperature when you hit it pretty much ices up. We limit our salt use, nothing like what the Town and County uses. I feel like we already limit it, if we sign that, that is restricting us so I think we are better off not signing it. I know the Town and County sort of stay away from it too.

MB: I think particularly with the State, they are not trimming the roads, so the roads are covered in shadows, so it makes it so that it doesn't allow the sunshine to melt the snow and ice that is already on the road.

RB: All the other superintendents feel that if they sign it, it's tying their hands if they do have to use more salt. They all try to use as little as they can, as possible, but they don't want to tie their hands to where they can't do it.

MB: So, does any of the board have any questions about this? Thought's about that or, are you okay with us not signing?

RS: I'm okay with that.

MB: Cindy, Letty?

TR: Yes.

MB: Mark? Good?

TD: Yes.

MB: We will put that aside. Thank you, Roger, I appreciate it. So, moving on. We will go a little out of order. We will let Letty go, but Letty, before you go, Letty turned in her resignation this morning that will be affective October 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to thank you for everything that you have done for the Village for so many years, serving on this board, and we wish you ever success in Ballston Spa.

TR: Thank you.

MB: Crystal.

CO: The results of the Village General Elections are as follows: There were 178 total voters this year. Twelve were disqualified, so there were 166 votes counted. Bobbi Hoover received 54 votes, Karen McComb received 61 votes, Cindy Rumsey received 100 votes, Rebecca Smith received 86 votes, proposition #1 received 136 yes votes and 11 no votes, proposition #2 received 135 yes votes and 12 no votes. This means the propositions passed. The fall training school took place last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday although the sessions that were offered were greatly reduced because of the on-line platform, I think they said about half of the sessions were able to be administered than usual when they are in person. It was still very informative and a great experience. They didn't just have webinars, they had this web app which you could download onto your phone or iPad as well where you could network with others that were attending as well as people from NYCOM OSC and different vendors. They had the virtual vendor booths. Usually at the Fall Training School in the lobby area they will have a number of vendors set up where you can stop by at the booth and get different information. They had those all on line and you could actually set up video chat. They had access to the agenda and the webinars through the web app as well, and you were able to put up questions or polls, within the app that other people attending could then go and comment on, give you advise or, just generally chat with each other. The networking aspect is a big part of the fall training school which was nice for them to put together something that also gave you the option since we are all remote this year. Tracy, Jeannette and I all attended the seminars for the three days. I did not keep track of what they attended, obviously. I know Tracy took some of the open meeting law ones and the minutes and procedures, how to take minutes and how to do that effectively. Which will be beneficial because she will probably be learning soon how to take minutes in case I'm not here for some reason. I attended myself, about three to four seminars each day. Some of the ones that I just wanted to touch on I took, mostly for a refresher because I did take them last year, Monitoring your cashflow and managing your budget during time of fiscal stress, the second I took because we are in a time of fiscal stress just to kind of refresh my memory a little bit. Last year Eric Craven put together a budget production and I have been working on updating that bi-monthly I will start doing that and also I will put together a cash flow chart and we had been talking about putting together a multi year financial plan. For the last year we have been but I haven't really started putting that together. Hopefully this winter. The OSC has a bunch of great planning tools for putting those things together. Second, the understanding FOIL was interesting and their new requirements for mostly for police and paid fire, which really didn't pertain, but they did touch on the fact the records retention schedule has been updated and I wasn't able to attend that one but they had another webinar the next day on new records retention schedule. It conflicted with the water/sewer one that I took fortunately they will have them all posted to their website in the next week or two and I will be able to look at it then. I want to take that webinar because apparently the new records retention schedule consolidates several of the different retention schedules for local governments into one new schedule called the LGS1 Schedule. We will also

be required to adopt this new retention schedule by January 1, 2021. The updates and the consolidation in August. They are requiring the local governments to adopt the new retention schedule by the first of the year. Lastly, the administration of public water and sewer systems was a really interesting webinar. The biggest thing was that during our current state of emergency for COVID, there was a legislative action taken against termination of services for any local government utility during the state of emergency, but it also states that you have to offer a differed payment plan to those who are claiming a change in financial circumstances due to COVID, or due to the state of emergency. They did suggest in the webinar that the board create some sort of guidelines in order to approve the deferred payment plan or somebody submitting a claim of change in financial circumstances to apply for this deferred payment plan. There were some people that were in the meeting that said that they were willing to just share what they had put together with others, which is great. We will hopefully have some sort of guideline or idea of what we could put together as far as guidelines for accepting because there are those people who are chronically late or who don't pay at all and they said you could get into a sticky situation where they are going to come into this deferred payment plan and then just not pay their bill. We don't know when the state of emergency is going to be lifted and the deferred payment has to be offered until 180 days after the state of emergency is lifted. So that's six months.

MB: I would like to recommend, if you would be able to gather the proposals from other villages, to ask the water and sewer committee to work with you on that. And I know we haven't appointed them yet but I know that you, Cindy and Mark Donecker, it should be relatively straight forward and I think that the good thing that Crystal brought up is we have never had a non-payment of water and sewer so I think the likelihood of it happening is extremely low, and I think that the fact that we have examples it should be pretty straightforward.

TD: If you get me the information, Crystal, I would be happy to work on it.

CO: Okay, wonderful, thank you. Some of the other seminars I took were, I took one on social media, protesting and the first amendment with various talk of signs and the first amendment and the financial officers meeting which talked a lot about, again, the water/sewer payments and the deferred payment plan. Lastly, last week we received information on or from the Hamilton County Public Health on Trick or Treating for Halloween. I have had people, as well as the library, ask me if the board had approved and set hours for Trick or Treating. We have not and I think we were waiting on public health to find out if that was an option or not. Now that it is an option, Halloween does fall on a Saturday this year and the normal hours for Trick or Treating, at least in the past years, the hours have been from 4-7 pm. So if the board doesn't have any objections to Trick or Treating in Speculator it would be on Saturday, October 31, from 4-7 pm.

MB: So, I would like a motion to designate Halloween Trick or Treating on Halloween from 4-7 pm. Would someone make that motion?

TD: Mark

MB: Mark Donecker, a second?

TR: I second.

MB: Cindy. Any discussion? There are handouts available from the Department of Health as well.

CO: We will put those on our website as well.

MB: Right. All in favor of Halloween Trick or Treating being on Halloween say "aye"

ALL: AYE

MB: All opposed say no? Rebecca did you have something to say? The look on your face.

TS: I am just kind of , they have decided the kids can go house to house and pick out of a bowl?

MB: Well they do have guidelines as far as masks, how many people can be coming, hand sanitizer being available, traveling in family groups, so there is restrictions around that so of course, if you feel comfortable, then that's fine, and if you don't feel comfortable. It isn't trick or treat as usual. They are also saying wear a face mask under any masks that the kids might have, so there are restrictions. So all in favor say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no. Motion carries for Halloween. At this point the board has had the opportunity to review the financial report and sign off on that so I would like a motion to approve financial report #3.

TD: Mark

MB: Mark Donecker. Second?

TS: I will second it.

MB: Rebecca. Any questions or comments? Hearing none, all in favor say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no. Motion carries to approve the financial report. Now I am looking for a motion to review abstract #8 that has been reviewed and signed by the board.

TD: Mark

MB: Mark makes a motion to approve abstract #8, second?

TR: Second.

MB: Cindy. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving the abstract say "aye"

ALL: Aye

MB: Opposed say no. Crystal, you may pay the bills. Now we move into the organizational portion of our meeting. As you know, it usually happens the first week in April following the election. Since it has been delayed for six months it is today. So I would like to welcome Cindy Rumsey and Rebecca Smith as our new trustees. Thank you for serving. We are very happy to have you here. Both of you have sworn your oath of office with Crystal prior to this meeting so you are welcome to participate. We have received a letter of resignation from Letty Rudes. Her term ends April of 2021. May I have a motion to accept the letter of Letty Rudes Resignation because she is moving to Ballston Spa by the end of the month.

TS: So moved.

MB: Second?

TR: Second.

MB: Cindy. Discussion? That means there is a vacant seat. So all in favor of accepting the resignation say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: Opposed? Letty may retire. I also received a letter from Dave McComb. His term has ended as zoning officer and he does not wish to continue in that capacity. At this point we will move on to appointments made by the mayor. The first appointment I would like to make is to have Mark Donecker continue to serve as Deputy Mayor. Mark, are you willing to do that?

TD: Yes.

MB: My next appointment will be to fill the Trustee position vacated by Letty Rudes and I am appointing Mark Crary for continuity to continue in that capacity until that term ends with that next election in April and he has agreed to do that so, Crystal, if you would contact Mark to come in and do that. There are a number of appointments that are made with the approval of the board. The Clerk-Treasurer is appointed in sync with the mayor. So, for our purposes, Crystal does not have to be reappointed but for NYS retirement she does need to be appointed. So, that is the first appointment along with the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Tracy Marshall. So all in favor.

TD: Yes.

MB: All in favor of approving that appointment and the same is true of Roger, for NYS he needs to be appointed, so all in favor of Roger continuing a Superintendent of Public works say, "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say, no. Roger says. The fire and building code enforcement officer has agreed to be reappointed, that would be Bob Benkovich. I am going to do a few of them. Land use enforcement officer, Rick Rumsey, who has agreed to fill that position starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a position on the Planning Board, and Charlie Asher has agreed to fill that. There is zoning board of appeals, there is an opening and I have not yet identified someone to take that position, but by next meeting we should have someone. Also, in that is the Registrar of vital statistics that will end in 2024 as Crystal is taking over for Bonnie Page, and then Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics taking over for Letty Rudes would be Tracy Marshall. I did want to put up the appointments just so people are aware.

TD: I think the only one you had was zoning board of appeals was Mark Crary so that's a vacancy.

MB: Yes, that's the only vacancy. The way it is set up in law is the number of people that you have on the planning board determine the number of years for the term. Then each year one person comes off and another comes on or the person is reappointed. The same with the zoning board. It is a three-year term because there are three people on the zoning board each one comes off. I would note that Neil McGovern under the zoning board of appeals, it was an incorrect appointment period noted for him. On April 9, 2018 his term actually ends 2021 and not 2023 as had been stated in proir minutes. All in favor of those, may I have a motion to accept those appointments.

TD: Mark.

MB: Mark and second?

TS: I will second it.

MB: Rebecca. Any discussion on the appointments? Hearing none, all in favor of accepting the appointments say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no. Motion carries for those appointments. The committees that have been set up, there is sewer and water, I am asking Mark Donecker and Cindy Rumsey to do that. Streets and Highways, Mark Donecker and Rebecca. If you would kindly do that. Parks and Playgrounds, Rebecca if you would work with Mark Crary? Finance and Office, myself and Mark Crary. Fire Commissioner, Cindy, if you would undertake being Fire Commissioner? It means touching base with the fire department and being the liaison between them and here. You do not have to respond to any fires. Next, I would like to go through designations. The way that we have done this in the past is, there are a number of motions that need to be made, for a whole variety of things. So I will go through and highlight on the list what we are making the motions for and those are available on screen. First for designating the official paper as the Hamilton County Express and any others as needed. We are setting a regular meeting time in place as the second and fourth Monday of each month unless they fall on a holiday then it should be on a Tuesday. They commence at 7:00 p.m. here at the Village Hall. Next we will adopt the rules of procedures for meetings. I would like to ask that we consider modifying two portions of rules of procedure. In the rules of procedure under order of business, I would like to add as we have been doing an additional time for public comment to be added at the end. Then the other is guidelines for public comment, and I would like to reduce the time for public comment from ten minutes per person to five minutes per person. So you can imagine, Mitzi, not that you went over, but you can imagine if there are a whole host of people who want to speak we could be here for a long, long time. Usually five minutes is sufficient for public comment and of course additional time may be requested. Just as a general rule. So I would like a motion, as we get to the end, to approve those times. Again, board members, if you have any comments as I am going through these, please stop me and we will fix them. The next is to adopt a resolution to authorize payment prior to auditive claims for our utility, postage and freight charges. So before it shows up on the abstract report, Crystal is able to pay those. We will adopt a resolution where there are two signatures on checks, the Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor and or Deputy-Mayor. We will continue to use NBT Bank. We will adopt the listing of water and sewer customers as the basis for computing fees. We will adopt a resolution for attendance at schools and conferences. We have already done the NYCOM February training

there are still one or two additional trainings for Crystal. We will adopt a resolution that provides for mileage reimbursement in lieu of auditing and allowing a claim for necessary expenses for automobiles and looking at that to be at a reimbursement at a fixed rate by the federal rate. And then we would set the next organizational meeting for April 12, 2021 at the Village Hall foreseeing no more pandemics, at 7 p.m. I would like a motion to accept these resolutions as stated including the correction for the rules of procedure. So may I have a motion?

TS: So moved.

MB: Rebecca. Second?

TR: Cindy. Any discussion? All in favor say "aye".

ALL: Aye.

MB: All opposed? Hearing none, that motion passes. Next on the list is the procurement policy. That is to be reviewed each year. It was updated last year, so my question now is, does anyone have any comments or corrections to be made to that policy or is it good to hold over for another year?

TD: I think it's good to hold over for another year.

TR: I agree with Mark.

MB: Okay. A motion to accept the procurement policy without any changes?

TD: Mark

MB: Mark. A second?

TS: Second.

MB: Rebecca. No discussion so all in favor of accepting the procurement policy for another year say "aye".

ALL: Aye.

MB: Opposed? Okay, that passes. Now we move out of the organizational meeting and going on to the COVID-19 update. As of today there are 17 positive COVID cases in the county since the pandemic began in March. There are two patients currently under quarantine in Hamilton



County and no one is hospitalized at this time. There has been a decrease in the number of quarantine travelers, as you know the travelers have to register when they fly into the state and they are asked to do so when they drive into the state, although that is not as closely regulated for obvious reasons. The number of travelers right now reported to be 49. They are contacted each day for 14 days by a contact person. To date there have been 2116 tests performed for COVID and 2099 of them have had a negative result. We are keeping up with the amount of texting required for the county based on the size. The Department of Public Health is also implementing a rapid COVID-19 text. A lot of that is being driven by schools. So far they have conducted seven tests all of which have been negative. These allow results in as few as an hour instead of a 24 hour period.

TR: In order to get a rapid test, is there a protocol for that or can anyone get it.

MB: From what I understand you can contact the Department of Health and they will advise you and also in the COVID-19 update they have provided the plans for schools, what they are doing it that regard, how they are handling children if they come down with COVID and I am sure if they have additional questions they can check with Bobbi. The FEMA Halloween Storm Update, there is nothing new to report. We are waiting for some information back from the engineers, the Army Corp. Of Engineers, so we can submit that to FEMA and keep progressing. The COVID update, there is nothing new to report. We are entering the data as we have it for those costs, and then they will get back to us as to what's available. Small cells, there's nothing new to report. Hopefully in October we should be able to progress within the village down at the pavilion to add a small cell tower and we should hear by the end of November for SVAC. They are also going to place a small cell tower so that should improve reception within the Village dramatically in addition to the added 15' on Oak Mountain. Crystal, just as a side, have we received a check from Verizon yet?

CO: Yes.

MB: Excellent. So that's moving along. Fire tower, there was a kick off meeting that is not associated with the Village, with the Fire tower committee. That is being headed up by Ryan Marshall. We met with **Lori Ranken with New York State Fire towers, Allison Gaddy from the Lake George Lake Champlain planning board**, Donna Benkovich with the Chamber, Christie Wilt from the Hamilton County IDA, and then we had a volunteer, Stephen Vandervort who volunteered to help us develop a marketing plan. Stephen, his parents live in Lake Pleasant, his parents have been coming up here all of his life and he has decided to help us, he thinks this will make a great addition so we hope to have a few things answered. We do need to raise a total of \$50,000 for a program that will include a kiosk, different maps, any of the incidentals that go beyond the funds that we have been granted already. So I think that we are off to a good start and it is our hope that we will be able to get this erected by June, before July 4<sup>th</sup>

would be terrific. Anybody who wants to volunteer from the public or the board as a private citizen, please contact Ryan Marshall. Okay, revised permit fees. So, Mark Donecker very kindly reviewed permit fees and has a proposal, Mark?

TD: Yes, I met with Bob and Supervisor Bain, on the present cost of permits for both Lake Pleasant and Speculator and the proposed 2021 permit costs. They had covered the reasons why they wanted to upgrade those costs of the permits. Basically we cover about 25% of our costs under the 2020 permits, and we go to almost 50% with the 2021 upgrades to those costs. Roughly it costs Bob's yearly salary is \$5,200, he had \$912 in mileage reimbursement, his contractual code was \$1,344 and that included mileage and annual conference. So, his annual budget is \$6,800.00. So we want to attempt to at least bring it up to 50% this year and review it and hopefully get to 90 or 95% so the ordinary tax payer doesn't have to cover the costs of code enforcement. One of the things that I think we have to absorb this year is the software for code enforcement and Crystal can give you a little update on what that is going to cost us.

MB: Yes, sorry, I'm not Crystal. Sorry, Crystal. The one-time fee was surprisingly \$2,650. One-thousand dollars of that can be deferred to next years budget. And then there is an annual fee of \$553 and that's what it would cost us going forward. So the total cost including the software is \$6500 to \$6600 dollars. So, Mark, I believe after some discussions we had, that we would look into adding some of the zoning permit but that will be the topic for another meeting.

TD: Yes, the new zoning code enforcement officer, I will meet with him and go over the list of things that we have to have permits for and the cost of each permit. So the Town would just like to be the same as the Village and they will vote at next meeting to adopt this cost increase so I think we can vote on that tonight or if you want me to put a resolution together and vote on that.

MB: We can do a motion to approve that, Mark, and I think it was with the caveat that we would implement this on January 1, 2021. And that would give enough time for people to be made aware of that and to make that public. Mark, if you would like to make a motion to accept the proposed budget fees.

TD: Yes, I make a motion.

MB: Second?

TR: Second.

MB: Cindy seconds. Discussion, Rebecca, question?

TS: I do have a question, yes. So for this year are we trying to cover 46% of the cost aiming to get to 80% and eventually to 95%? Like, why are we not going for %100?

TD: Yes, I don't know if that is possible, again it is based on the number of permits per year so, again, not knowing what you are going to permit it is hard to tell what the actual cost is going to cover. In some years we could make a profit and in some years we could take a loss.

TS: So some years the regular tax payer has to cover for someone who wants to do an additional building project?

TD: The average tax payer shouldn't have to supplement the cost of the permits. The attempt is, sure, I would like to cover 100%, I don't know if we will ever be able to do that, it is based on the number of permits. Next year, when we look at this again we may add, one of the things towns and villages do, is they add 1% to the total value of that cost. So, somebody with a \$40,000 addition, 1% or \$400 would go into this, but this is a start for the average tax payer not to pay for this.

MB: There are some Villages that review their permitting schedules every year. This permitting schedule has not been revisited since 2017. This proposal is to increase it the amount that Lake Pleasant and the Village proposes, and then we will revisit it again next year. And hopefully we can make that a routine, to revisit it each year to see if we are covering the costs or not. And then in addition to that, add the zoning permits that are or should be included in here but are not listed out, because we pay the zoning officer as well and then there is no way to recoup his or her fees either. So we would like to see how we can make that more efficient and take that burden off of the taxpayer.

TS: Okay, thank you.

MB: All in favor of approving the adjusting of building permit fees say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no? Hearing none, motion carries. Do you want to let Supervisor Bain know that we have approved those permit fees, Mark?

TD: Yes. I will give her a call tomorrow.

MB: Next on the agenda is the appropriation of fund balances to reserves. As we mentioned at the last meeting, the Office of the State Comptroller recommends two months of reserves on hand operating expenses.

CO: That comes to about 2/3 of our unreserved fund balance account.

MB: So we average about \$85,000 a month for operating expenses.

CO: For the A fund.

MB: For the A fund only. For the general fund.

CO: For the F which is the water account and for G which is the sewer account They both do about \$18,000. That is an average based on 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 expenditures.

MB: So at this time we have \$207,000 in unappropriated fund balance.

CO: For the A fund.

MB: For the A fund only. That would give us 2.4 months of operating expenses. So we are right in that ballpark. For sewer and water how do you stand?

CO: Water we have about \$49,000 in unreserved fund balance and in sewer we have about \$235,000 but we do have more sewer because we are planning to be paying back that sewer fund. The sewer project stuff in a couple of years. Two to three years I think?

MB: The other question was, how much was rolled over from Speculator Fire Department?

CO: So the Speculator Fire Department this year compared to last year, rolled over around \$21,000 from their budgeted, there two budget lines. We did already reappropriate some of that at a total of \$14,428 to help pay for the ladder truck. So they have about \$7,000 left over. And DPW rolled over about \$20,000, \$21,000.

MB: So a few months ago we made a motion to create four capital funds. One of which required proposition. There is a capital fund that was set up for the water, sewer, general fund, DPW and Speculator Volunteer Fire Department. Mark and I discussed it this afternoon, just throwing around some numbers. We are not required at this time to put monies into those funds. It's whenever we deem it necessary or deem it appropriate. My feeling right now is that we should keep a little bit more money in the unappropriated fund balance, just to cover anything unexpected because we don't know what additional requirements are coming, whether additional PPE's will be required, if we have to pay for added leave and things like that I think it might be wise to keep a little bit more on hand. I don't have an issue with rolling over \$5,000 into the fire department at this time. They have been pretty good with their budget and getting grants and things like that. I would be a little more hesitant to roll over more than \$1,000 into the DPW fund and hold off on water and sewer. Especially water.

CO: I don't know if you two know that much about reserve funds, but once you put money into a reserve fund you can only take it out based on what is stipulated for that reserve fund. So if we put money in there, we might not be able to take it out.

MB: We can always go back and visit it. At the end of the budget year, if we have done incredibly well and we save monies, we would be able to roll over.

CO: And the only reason we didn't want to do water and sewer this week too is at the next meeting, Ed and I are working on gathering information on what kinds of losses water and sewer might have because of COVID. As far as revenues go, so we are putting that together for the next meeting and I think we should really look at that and with discussion with Mark and Jeannette this afternoon we should really look at those numbers first and see what possible losses in water and sewer we will continue to have before appropriating any money to these funds.

MB: Any thoughts about that, any comments?

TD: I agree with the concept of that and revisiting it again the first week of January.

MB: So are you suggesting we leave things as is, or roll monies into the fire department, or wait for January and wait until we can get a better picture of things.

TD: I would like to wait until January and get a better picture of what happens with the COVID.

TS: Yes, I agree with Mark.

MB: Cindy, are you good with that?

TR: Yes.

MB: So, at this time we will revisit that in January. The LOSAP, which is the long time service award for our fire department, that was one of the propositions. That was moving from a set amount that was going into the fund and was coming out. It required a lot more by the management company to ensure the way it was being funded. So now we will be able to save a few thousand dollars by moving it into a system where it is more free-flowing with the economy. I am waiting to hear back from the lawyer as to what those next steps are so that we can change that over. That usually starts at the beginning of January. We will be able to see some savings there. The last thing under old business is the LED streetlights with National Grid. As you know, Karen had volunteered to do that. That was put on hold and thank you Trustee Smith for coming forward and saying you would work with Roger to complete that. Just by way of reminder, this review of the inventory with confirm the number of lights we actually have,

which ones need to be replaced because there are always a few that National Grid have not kept up with, and what the wattages are, with the higher wattages at intersections, at very popular areas, and then lower wattages for other lights in the neighborhoods. Going on to new business, based on the NYCOM training session, they had an Albany update and the office of the State Comptroller sends a representative to discuss two things that affects us directly. One, are to consider the three major sources of revenue for the Village are sales and use tax, property taxes and state aid. Local sales taxes state wide have to find almost 11% year to date through August with the sharpest declines being seen in NYC. It's estimated to represent about 6% of the total revenues. This impacts the Village because the state withholds approximately \$59,000,000 annually to fund unrestricted aid to certain towns and villages which is known as AIM. This year, however, they are going to withhold another \$50,000,000 from counties outside of NYC to support financially distressed hospitals, nursing homes as well as other distressed provider assistance. That is really going to cut into AIM. We haven't received too much in AIM funding, but still to take an additional \$50,000,000 across the state is pretty big. The second is, State aid will also be impacted. They have given the director of budget unprecedented power to reduce state spending including aid to local governments. One of those is to reduce the assistance already provided by 20%, as I said that's AIM, the aid and incentives for municipalities. The second one, which really hits close to home, is the CHIPS program. As Roger has said, he heard from the county superintendent that CHIPS is already being reduced by 20%, we have heard a variety of things. As of last week we have been told that no decision has been made formally but it was likely that those reductions were coming and that those municipalities who had already come to their level of CHIPS funding, they were already being cut 20%. We just need to bear that in mind as we go forward. Alright, so that was a happy update. Moving on. There is an opportunity for hazard mitigation funding. I sent you an e-mail that I received from Don Purdy. There are two opportunities, DSHES, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services gave us. One is a nationally competitive grant targeting building resilient infrastructure in communities and the second, state-wide hazard mitigation plan that prioritizes funding for counties declared in the FEMA DI4472 Halloween Storm, so that's us. So, I am asking the board to consider sending two letters of intent on behalf of the Village. This does not commit the Village, this does not obligate the Village but it gets us on the agenda for being reviewed to file a fuller request. The first one is to complete some water line loops for water supply. So right now there is usually a series of feedback loops or a series of loops that if you have to stop the water in one area you can bypass that section by other loops within the system. Originally the water system for the town was working in that regard, ran out of money, so there is one additional big loop section that is south of the Route 30/Route 8 bridge, south of the pavilion, that needs a few more loops put in there. So that's one suggestion for mitigation because in a time of crisis that would be pretty bad. A lot of the Village would not have access to water. The second letter of intent would be for the water and wastewater generator. Our generator is quite old and costs about a quarter

of a million dollars to replace. Right now they are using duct tape and ingenuity to keep it going. They have really done a remarkable job but I think that would be another big item that we would seek. And again, these mitigation plans would cover 100%. It would not involve cost from the Village at all and I think it is always good to go after what we can for the sake of the Village. Do you have any other thoughts? These letters of intent have to go in on Wednesday. Our engineer is working on those letters tonight, as we speak. Is there anything else anybody would like to add?

TD: Is the priority the loop and then the generator?

MB: Yes, but we don't have to put in a priority at this point.

TD: I would think the generator should be the number one priority.

MB: Yes. I was asking for both. Brendon seems to think that from a large impact that the water loop would carry more weight but both can be submitted then they can determine their priority.

TD: Okay.

MB: We don't have to do that.

TS: Does the beach front, waterfront washout from the Halloween and everything, does that come under the whole FEMA thing?

MB: That's still under FEMA. We have been able to do virtual inspections of the waste water treatment plant, pumping stations, the roads, the wash out on Elm Lake Road and the covert on Marion Avenue. We are not able to do a virtual inspection report because we can't take a camera and say, "can you see what we see and determine how much is washed out" so we are actually having that on hold until their travel restrictions are lifted so they can actually come and evaluate and assess what can be done. That is still part of the FEMA. Do I have your agreement, I don't think I need a motion, but do I have your agreement to go ahead and file those letters of intent for the water system and the generator?

ALL: Yes.

MB: Next up, thank-you to NYCOM training school. We have been informed that there is an operational plan for public health emergency involving a communicable disease law that has been put in place. So by April Fool's Day, 2021, we are required to have an operational plan in place. I do have a checklist available for those of you on-line that makes it a little easier to follow. This plan has to include who is an essential worker and why; a remote work plan for

non-essential workers, of which we have none; policy of staggered work shifts, if that's possible; documentation of hours and work locations for "Essentials" (for essential employees); protocols for emergency housing for essential employees; a policy on procurement of PPE; we have to have leave policy for workers who have been exposed to COVID on the job; we have to have a leave policy on health testing and quarantine for any future pandemic. Not just COVID but God forbid something else comes down the pike. I am looking for a volunteer to help me work on this operational plan. We can divvy it up, but if someone can help do the general.

TR: I can help you with that.

MB: Okay, thank you, Cindy, I was hoping you would say that based on the great plan you have helped create for Camp-of-the-Woods and congratulations Camp-of-the-Woods for no Covid cases and for handling that situation extremely well.

TD: I'm glad somebody else said yes!

MB: The fourth and final new agenda is a resolution for training for zoning boards and our zoning board and planning board of approval. It came to my attention this week that there have been Village, Town and city laws on the books since 2007 that require all the members of the planning board, zoning board and planning board of appeals to complete four hours of training each year. The training is flexible, it can be done on line. The training is flexible, it can be done on-line, it is offered by a host of agencies, commissions, associations, NY state and other organizations. So I have proposed a resolution that outlines the training requirements as well as the acceptable training for these board members. The training completed in excess of four hours for one year can be rolled over into the next year. And there is also flexibility of other training activities that we can approve as a board on a case by case basis at the request of either the zoning board of appeals or the planning board. Given that this is a new requirement for our dedicated board members on the planning board and zoning board of appeals, I am also suggesting that the training be completed by the start of the fiscal year, June 1<sup>st</sup>. So those that are currently in place and those who are newly appointed in April would have to complete that by June 1<sup>st</sup> and then every year thereafter. I have provided you with the resolution citing the Village Laws, the Town Laws and the general city laws and then within the resolution the training can come from the NY department of State, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Office of the State Comptroller, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Conservation, office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Recreation, Hudson Valley Greenway, NYS Department of Towns, the Conference of Mayors, you get the idea. There is a huge number that the people may do however they see fit that will give them a better background in performing those responsibilities. It can be done on line on YouTube or whatever. The Clerk would keep track of that training so we can develop a simple



for that would say this is what I did this is when I did it and I attest that its been done and correctly. May I have a motion to accept the resolution for training of board and ZBA members.

TD: Mark

MB: Mark Donecker, second?

TS: Second

MB: Rebecca Smith seconds. Is there any discussion?

TS: Would they give a little summary to anybody after they did this?

MB: They don't need to. It obviously could be requested.

TD: Mayor, what I did for the Lake Pleasant Planning Board I brought back all the material and the registration that I actually attended and got the four hours.

MB: So some sort of documentation that you had gone. Cindy, did you have a question?

TR: How do you go about finding out where these things are?

MB: NY state has a website that has connections to different training opportunities. It is surprising how much is out there. Any other comments or questions? All in favor of accepting this resolution say "aye".

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed say no, motion carries. Moving right along. Board Round Table. At this point in the meeting we go around the room and if there are any items that need to be discussed or things that have come to your attention, now would be the time to raise it. I have three things for the round table. First, there will be a public hearing with the planning board on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. regarding a subdivision on Elm Lake Road. The meeting will allow for in person participation with masks and social distancing. Total capacity for this room is 12. Zoom will be available to the public for anybody who wants to participate. Interested members of the public should contact the Village Hall for Zoom information. It should be available the day of. Second are electric vehicle charging stations. In speaking with Supervisor Bain she provided me with information on electric vehicle charging stations. The Town Council discussed it at their board meeting last week and suggested that this would be better suited for the village as we have central locations such as the pavilion, etc. I would like to point out that there are presently charging stations at Charley Johns for electrical vehicles as well as Tesslas because not all

charging stations are created equal. After speaking with Lynn, at present it seems only the Tesla stations are being used with any frequency. The other ones they really haven't determined that people are really using them. They are on the side of the Lane Emporium on the Elm Lake Road side. I think there are two or three stations. There is talk of other people exploring that opportunity for their businesses that may not be as central as Charlie Johns. I think some things we need to explore are, what are the other commercial locations looking into, are they looking into charging stations. So, Tanners, for example, or one of the local restaurants or recreational areas be looking into charging stations, so that's one thing. Another thing is how much does it cost to maintain the stations because that would be our responsibility and then the third question I had was, how would the Village bill for those services. So, I know on some you put in a credit card and it charges it depending on how much the consumption is so this is a service that we would not be able to give away, but would need to recoup for the Village, and then what are the potential actual sights because those have to be accessible units. If you put it down at the pavilion and the ball field we have snowmobilers in the winter we have snowplows with the risk of being run over so there are a lot of things to consider. Is there anyone interested who would like to explore some of those things. I do have contact with a larger city that has just implemented that. Anybody have an interest?

TD: I just don't know why it would be the Village's responsibility and not business owners who could make money out of this?

MB: My inclination is to keep it with business owners. They are smaller properties.

TS: Especially right now. There aren't too many of them up here.

TD: Mountain Market or Charley Johns would be the places. You get gas at Mountain Market you would charge up.

MB: What I would like to suggest then is to share this grant information with our local businesses. Perhaps provide it to the Chamber so they can distribute it to the businesses. It would be a grant that they would not have to pay for so it would be free installation but a lot of the other maintenance would not be. And my last round table item is, during the same discussion with Supervisor Bain, she informed me that the county board of supervisors and the Town of Lake Pleasant are exploring the potential for implementing a bed tax for Air BNB's. There are a number of other areas within the Adirondack that are charging such as Lake Placid, Old Forge, Inlet, Warrensburg, so these taxes can be anywhere from a quarter of a percent up to 1-2% on a given room rate. I am looking for a volunteer to join me to explore this further with representatives from the Town of Lake Pleasant which will be Betsy Bain and whoever else volunteers for that. Is anyone willing to sit with me?

TS: I will.

MB: Rebecca.

TD: Thank you very much.

MB: Is there anything else with round table?

TD: Next year we need more signage at the park and point to ensure no swimming, no fires, no camping etc. I think because of COVID it just got overwhelmed this year. Hopefully it will go back to normal but a lot of the people were bringing kayaks and canoes down to the dock and we have to insure they get inspected at the launch.

MB: That's a good point. Rebecca or Cindy? Do you have anything? There will be opportunities in the future. Now I would like to open it up to our last public comment. Shorty? Eric, I have yours as well.

SH: When you said you appointed Mark Crary to take the place of Letty until the next election, which is in April, but should be in March?

MB: It is in March, thank you.

SH: I am sure it was just a slip of the tongue.

MB: It was.

SH: When Roger was talking about the salt and for many years they have discussed it and as far as with the trees, that's called the canopy affect. That's a problem in the Adirondacks that you can't really do anything about. One time they had a meeting in Indian Lake and there was a company, a salt company out by the Great Lakes, and they said to keep a road bare, you need so many thousands of cars per hour. That's Indian Lake Road, we are lucky if we have one thousand cars in a week. You need more salt than down below otherwise, if you start cutting down in your salt usage you will have more wrecks and law suits involved.

MB: Those are all good points. Thank you.

SH: All the highway superintendents have been doing a great job for many years. We are unique and hey, we're proud of it.

MB: Thank you. So the next public comment is buy Eric Craven. Eric sent me some comments so I will read those. "My name is Eric Craven of Speculator. Given my weakened voice may I

ask Mayor Barrett to relay my remarks?" Yes you may and I am happy to do so. "Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. I want to congratulate Trustees Rumsey and Smith for winning their respective elections. We all look forward to your energy and creativity to maintain the positive momentum set over the past 18 months. I would also like to congratulate the new clerk, the first election to be executed on her watch. It was flawless and impeccable. Lastly I would like to congratulate the citizens of our village for voting in a spectacular board to partner with an equally spectacular mayor." Thank you, Eric, that is very kind and as a mayor I would like to thank you and Claire for your many, many contributions to this community. You have done a tremendous work for us and we are very grateful and we are sorry to see that you have sold your beautiful home on the lake and will be leaving us but we look forward to seeing you back in the summer as visitors. So, thank you. Are there any other public comments? Well, I wish Letty were here because she usually gives our final dismissal motion. So on behalf of Letty Rudes, I would like a motion to adjourn this meeting.

TR: So moved.

MB: All in favor?

ALL: Aye

MB: Thank you very much. Meeting is adjourned at 8:45.

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