

DATE OF MEETING: August 18, 2014

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Stan Mersand
Trustee Brian Griffin
Trustee Daniel Peters

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for former Supervisor Jim Tanner.

Mayor Liffland opened the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 6 of 2014 regarding Chapter 98 of the Village Code entitled "Zoning". He said the Planning Board did not know how to deal with the parking situation. Mayor Liffland said he felt it was up to the owner to provide parking for their tenants. He said the merchants were taken care of with the Merchant Parking Permits. There was discussion on how to notify merchants of the Merchant Parking Permit application process. Mayor Liffland said he did not know how the Board felt about charging a one-time fee for someone who wants to open a business in the village for parking. He asked the Board if they would want to charge \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000... Trustee Mersand said there was a fee structure in place. Mayor Liffland said it was way out of whack. Trustee Mersand agreed. Mayor Liffland said it was \$1,000 per parking spot. He said he would rather see a flat price for a person coming before the Planning Board. He said a lot of time it was a shock to the applicants and a flat fee would be friendlier. Mayor Liffland said the \$1,000 per parking spot was a little steep. Mayor Liffland said another item that could be added to the Local Law was that there is no parking on front lawns. Trustee Mersand said each parcel should be looked at individually to see the number of parking spaces they have available. Mayor Liffland said he wanted that taken out – he wanted to leave that up to the owner and not the Board. There was discussion on different options available to owners for parking. Mayor Liffland asked the Board to think about what they wanted to do about the cost. Trustee Griffin suggested doing an inventory on landlords, tenants and merchants to see who it effects since there is such a limited amount of parking. Mayor Liffland said that was an option. Trustee Mersand said the inventory should show how many apartments are in the village and that could be divided into the known parking to give the Board an idea of what direction to go. Trustee Griffin said the Building and Planning Department should have that information. He asked that the Board ask the Planning, Zoning and Building Departments to prepare a study for the Village Board based on tenants and apartments. Mayor Liffland said that was fine. Trustee Griffin asked that the parking spaces be marked more clearly. Mayor Liffland suggested checking the size of some of the parking spaces to allow for more spots. Trustee Mersand suggested small car parking areas and motorcycle parking areas. Mayor Liffland said the Board would hold the Public Hearing open. Trustee Griffin suggested that the highway department look into the size of the parking spots to make sure that vehicles can fit safely in them (ex. larger trucks that might stick out into the street in certain parking spots).

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to keep the Public Hearing open. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to return to regular session at 4:30 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland publicly thanked the Treasurer, Elizabeth Shedd, for her work in the office. He said that for the last 2 years the AUD was filed on time which was an accomplishment because throughout the County many municipalities ask for extensions. He said he really appreciated Ms. Shedd's hard work. The Board concurred.

Trustee Griffin asked for permission from the Board to put the Metro North Landscaping Contract out to bid in January 2015 to keep it competitive and to offer as many local businesses a chance at the contract as possible. There was discussion on the work of the current contractor. Trustee Griffin said the Metro North Secretary would be completing an inspection report monthly to document the work done by the current contractor.

There was discussion on the beautification of the village with Peter Cris, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION by Trustee Griffin to approve the minutes from July 7, 2014, July 21, 2014 and August 4, 2014. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. Trustee Mersand said he abstained from the approval of the August 4, 2014 minutes because he was not present at the meeting. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for July 2014. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk