

DATE OF MEETING: September 15, 2014

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on possible applications for a Community Development Block Grant for the 2015 program year. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland said the Board talked about the topic previously and he was in favor of the Haight Street sidewalk project. Trustee Mersand said he would like consideration given to the mains on Memorial Avenue being replaced since they are galvanized. He said the village crew was doing a repair or replacement every month. Trustee Mersand said Trustee Peters could not set up a paving plan until that was done. He said he did not know how much the grant was for but perhaps both projects could be done, and if not, then after the Haight Street Sidewalk project maybe consideration could be given to replacing the mains. Trustee Burweger said the Board needs to improve Haight Street and it was a well thought out project. Trustee Peters said he agreed with the Haight Street project. He said he spoke with Mike Batz, a representative of Severn Trent, about the possibility of doing some work on the water mains. Mr. Batz told Trustee Peters that the cost was normally \$100 - \$175 a foot and that Severn Trent would help the village lay the mains if the Highway crew dug them which would save a considerable amount of money. Trustee Peters said the Clerk was going to look into funding for that. Trustee Griffin said he was in favor of the Haight Street project and recognized the importance of infrastructure but he felt the Safe Routes to School program was equally if not more important in recognizing that the sidewalk was not up to current standards. He stated the village needs to provide a safe means for walking to and from school. Trustee Griffin said the School District was in favor of the project as well. Mayor Liffland said he would like a letter of support from the school to send along with the application. Trustee Griffin said he had already contacted Dr. Ward regarding a letter of support. Mayor Liffland said the state was talking about making funds available for roads and infrastructure projects. He said he would make a call to Albany to see if there was any money available. Mayor Liffland asked the public if there were any comments. There were no comments from the public.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close the Public Hearing on possible applications for a Community Development Block Grant for the 2015 program year and return to regular session at 7:06 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Griffin to accept the Haight Street Community Block Grant Application. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mersand to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 6 of 2014 regarding Chapter 98 of the Village Code entitled "Zoning" at 7:07 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Brian Morgan, a village attorney, stated that the proposed local law had undergone a number of changes and what essentially was done was the local law was broken down into parts. He said the

first part deals with the B-1 Zone and Section 98-23C. He said the way it had been structured was a cost of \$500 per waived parking space to get to the Planning Board site plan application without having enough parking. Mr. Morgan said the way the Mayor asked him to put it together was a fee of \$3,000 regardless of how many parking spaces. He said the rest of Section 98-23C remained the same but he added a few things about the dedicated fund for parking being applied to capital improvements and maintenance in the area of the B-1 District. He stated that the owners of buildings in the B-1 District and their tenants, operating under a site plan that paid for waived spaces, are still legally responsible to provide adequate parking for their clients, customers and employees. Mr. Morgan said the waiver was just to get to the site plan process. He said it stated that "Failure to provide adequate parking shall be grounds for the planning board to recall the holder of such site plan for re-examination of parking, and may refer the site plan to the code enforcement officer of the village as a potential enforcement matter" which means that if they do not successfully find parking someplace by some agreement then they could lose their site plan.

Mr. Morgan said the second part states that parcels that have had vehicles parked in their front yards could no longer do so unless they have an active site plan or a lawful permit issued by the building inspector or other village official. He said generally speaking everybody else that has apartments in a particular building are not able to use their front yard for parking. Mr. Morgan stated the only exception would be if there is a permit or the driveway goes through the front yard somehow but generally speaking there is not going to be parking in the front yard. Mr. Morgan said there would be cases that come up about grandfathering and whether or not someone has vested rights but he was sure that would not apply to everybody. Mayor Liffland thanked Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan said since the proposed local law had changed so many times that it would be wise to do another Public Notice before adoption. Mayor Liffland agreed. Trustee Mersand asked if a handicapped person with a Doctor's note could be granted a waiver to park in the front yard. Mr. Morgan said it was possible. Trustee Griffin asked if it would be possible for people to try and expand their driveways or create a new driveway to get around the law and create a concrete front yard – and what should the village's position on that be. Mr. Morgan said that the village's position should be that a driveway needs to be a maximum of a certain width and if there was nothing already in the Code the Board would have a grandfathering problem right off the bat. He said the Board would need to tackle it and slowly make some progress and a little progress was better than none. Mr. Karl Pfister, Village Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, said to put in a driveway you need permission from the Highway Department to put in the curb cut but once that is on your property it is the homeowner's business. He said that there was one case where a person wanted to go over the 25% and he asked to use pervious blacktop in order to let the water go through so he could pave whatever he wants. Mr. Pfister said there is a regulation about ground coverage for impervious surfaces but if it is a pervious surface that takes care of what he can do. Mayor Liffland explained the Board was trying to do something to address complaints he receives from people in neighborhoods where people are parking on their front lawns which they feel devalues their property value. Trustee Peters asked what the Board can do about it as far as the impervious surfaces. Mayor Liffland said the Board would have to change the law. Mr. Morgan said the Board needs to define what areas can be paved and what areas cannot. He said the Board could require a site plan if a residential building owner wanted to pave over the front yard area. He said the site plan was designed to limit and regulate just that - the paving over of lots and trying to make more conservative or more efficient use of lots so if anyone wanted a patio in their front yard or a driveway or a parking lot then that was a problem that would require a site plan. He said that would frustrate people because it would be more involved and might be more intimidating to make people dial it back a little bit. Mayor Liffland said he was hearing that the attorney had more work to do.

There were no comments from the public.

**MOTION** by Trustee Griffin to return to regular session at 7:18 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING**

***Identifier: Call-in pay resolution.***

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Liffland and the following were:

**P R E S E N T:**

Mayor Robert Liffland  
Trustee Daniel Peters  
Trustee John Burweger  
Trustee Brian Griffin  
Trustee Stan Mersand

The following Resolution was proposed by Trustee Daniel Peters, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Stan Mersand.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Pawling (“Village”), by its governing board, the board of trustees (Board), wishes to confirm the long-standing practice of the Village as policy that employees of the Village who are called in to work shall be paid for a designated minimum number of hours as set forth below, similar to 12 NYCRR §142-2.3 of the regulations of the Department of Civil Service of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Board that this resolution be incorporated into the Village’s Employee Handbook and made a part thereof;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village shall add to the Employee Handbook of the Village a new §705 entitled “Call-In Pay” to provide as follows:

Sec. 704 Call-in pay

An employee of the Village who by request or permission of the Supervisor or other authorized Village official reports for work on any day shall be paid for at least four hours, or the number of hours in the regularly scheduled shift, whichever is less, at the basic hourly wage applicable to the employee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this “Call-In Pay” regulation shall take effect immediately, and shall be recorded in a file designated “Employee Handbook Addenda” to be the running repository for updates to the Employee Handbook.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, the Board of Trustees voting as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Robert Liffland	X		
Trustee Daniel Peters	X		
Trustee John Burweger	X		
Trustee Brian Griffin	X		
Trustee Stan Mersand	X		

The Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING**

***Identifier: Reporting requirements regarding maintenance, damage and repair of motor vehicles and power equipment..***

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Liffland and the following were:

**P R E S E N T:**

Mayor Robert Liffland  
Trustee Daniel Peters  
Trustee John Burweger  
Trustee Brian Griffin  
Trustee Stan Mersand

The following Resolution was proposed by Trustee Daniel Peters, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Stan Mersand.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Pawling (“Village”) owns, leases and operates a variety of motor vehicles and pieces of equipment powered by gasoline, diesel and electric power, (“Village Equipment” or “Equipment”) for the purpose of assisting the employees of the Village to build, maintain and repair public streets, sidewalks, buildings and utility services; and

**WHEREAS**, these rules are adopted by the Village Board of Trustees (“Board”) in response to multiple instances where some pieces of such Equipment were improperly maintained or repaired by Village employee(s), creating potentially hazardous conditions that were uncorrected for extended periods of time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby adopts the following rules (“Rules”):

**REPORTING AND REPAIRING FOR VILLAGE EQUIPMENT**

1. **Definitions.** The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section and as defined in other sections of this Resolution:
  - a. “Employee” shall mean all employees of the Village who operate, repair, maintain or have possession of any Equipment of the Village as part of their official duties;
  - b. “Equipment” shall mean motor vehicles, including but not limited to trucks and automobiles propelled by gasoline, diesel engines or electric/battery power; power equipment including but not limited to tools fueled by gasoline, diesel fuel, electric or battery power, which are used to cut, dig, lift, plow, apply materials to streets or process garbage, and equipment and vehicles that attach to motor vehicles, including trailers, owned or leased and in possession of the Village and any of its Employees.
  - c. “Maintenance Log” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in §2e.

- d. "Trustees" shall mean the trustees of the Village of Pawling designated by the mayor to oversee the operations of the Street Department and other departments having assigned motor vehicles and Equipment.
  - e. "Repairing" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in §2g of this Resolution.
  - f. "Reporting" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in §2a of this Resolution.
  - g. "Required Maintenance" shall mean all of the standards recommended by the manufacturer to keep Equipment operating in accordance with its specifications and design for its normal useful life.
  - h. "§" shall mean section, referring to sections of this Resolution.
  - i. "Supervisor" and "Supervising Employee" shall mean the designated head (or acting head) of a department or office of the Village who has authority over the use of Equipment.
2. **Mandatory procedures.** The Board states the mandatory policy applicable to all Employees who operate, maintain, repair or have custody of any Equipment to be:
- a. All Employees shall have responsibility to report any damage to any Equipment of which they become aware, the duty to report such damage shall be to the Employee's Supervisor, or if there is no Supervisor, to the Trustees. "Reporting" by Employees includes the procedures stated in the following policies in this §2.
  - b. Any Supervising Employee to whom an Employee reports damage to Equipment has a duty to immediately Report the extent and nature of such damage to the Trustees.
  - c. Reporting of damage by an Employee to a Supervisor must be immediately upon the occurrence of the damage, and Reporting by the Supervisor to the Trustees must be before the end of the shift on which the damage occurred or was discovered;
  - d. All Supervisors whose department or office has possession and use of Equipment shall maintain a file containing the Equipment manufacturer's recommended maintenance requirements to keep Equipment operating in accordance with its specifications and design for its normal useful life, and such recommended maintenance standards shall be the Required Maintenance Standards mandated to be employed by all Employees and Supervisors.
  - e. Effective immediately, all Supervisors shall record the manufacturer's Required Maintenance specifications in a Maintenance Log for each item of Equipment assigned to or in the possession of the department, including the time frames for such maintenance (hours of operation, miles travelled, elapsed time since previous maintenance, etc.) and any maintenance not done at the recommended time shall be recorded in the log. THE FAILURE OF A SUPERVISOR OR EMPLOYEE TO ENTER A NOTATION OF MISSED MAINTENANCE IN THE REQUIRED LOG SHALL BE A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, AND MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINE TO THE EMPLOYEE OR SUPERVISOR.
  - f. Effective immediately, day books and Maintenance Logs shall be signed every workday by the Supervisor to certify the truth of every entry made in such records on each day. False certifications shall be grounds for disciplinary action by the Village.

- g. Supervisors have the duty to promptly have any piece of Equipment that is damaged or in need of Required Maintenance taken to a shop approved by the Trustees in advance, for repair or maintenance, as necessary and as approved by the Trustees to keep such Equipment safe to use and legally operable under the laws of the State of New York and the Village of Pawling.
  - h. Supervisors required by this Rule to keep a Maintenance Log for Village Equipment shall email every week on Friday the signed and certified pages from the Maintenance Log for that week. Failure of a Supervisor to send such copies, or sending any certifications that are false, or does not disclose in the Maintenance Log the failure to have Required Maintenance to Equipment done in a timely fashion, shall constitute violations of this Rule.
  - i. Should any shop where a Supervisor takes Equipment for repair of damage recommend repairs different from what the Supervisor is authorized by the Village to pay for, the Supervisor shall take a written estimate and recommendation to the Trustees. The Trustees and the Supervisor will together decide what repairs will be authorized to the shop.
3. **Motor vehicle violations.** Supervisors and Employees have a duty to know that the Village's motor vehicles they operate are not in violation of vehicle and traffic laws, including but not limited to motor vehicle equipment safety requirements. Employees have a duty to report to Supervisors any and all detectable deficiencies in any motor vehicle they operate or ride in, including, without limitation, brakes, lights, tires, current inspection and valid registration, hitch, and "street legal" trailer, and the Supervisor has the duty to manage all motor vehicles and trailers under his supervision so that all such hazardous conditions and potential violations of the vehicle and traffic law are corrected with a minimum of down-time for the vehicle. In all cases where a motor vehicle has deficiencies as described above, the Supervisor shall immediately inform the Trustees, and shall advise the Trustees how correction of the deficiencies may be achieved with minimum disruption of the department's activities by the vehicle being taken out of service.
4. **Violations.** Until further notice, any Employee who violates these rules shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees, including the possibility of suspension and termination. It is the intention of the Board to review the implementation of this rule during the balance of 2014. If the issues addressed by this Resolution are not improved, the Board may enact this Rule as a local law and add appropriate penalties in addition to those potential penalties stated herein.

[END OF RULE]

Trustee Burweger said he knew it was basically for the purpose of the Highway Department but could it not apply to other things as well. He said it was talking about principally motor vehicles and things like that but might there not be some other things as well. Trustee Peters asked if he had any suggestions. Trustee Burweger said he was not sure but there might be some other things that could be added. Mayor Liffland asked if he meant office equipment and things like that. Trustee Burweger said maybe or other items that should be included as equipment. Trustee Griffin said especially in the reporting section. Trustee Burweger said he would like to look at the Resolution a little more.

Trustee Peters tabled the Resolution. All were in favor.

Mayor Liffland gave an update on Water District No. 1. He said some letters went out and the attorney was working on language for another letter.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to approve the minutes from August 18, 2014 and September 2, 2014. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Mayor Liffland asked Ms. Yvonne Potter, a resident of Elm Street, if she had any questions or comments. Ms. Potter said the Deputy Mayor probably received her email and she asked if the Board was working on it yet. Mayor Liffland said Mr. Pfister, the Code Enforcement Officer, was present. He told Mr. Pfister that Ms. Potter was there regarding the loud music, the garbage and the vehicles on Elm Street. Ms. Potter said she had to call the police again on Saturday at 3 P.M. because they were playing music from 2 – 3 P.M. in the afternoon. Ms. Potter said she called the Dutchess County Police Department. Mayor Liffland asked how that turned out for her. Ms. Potter said she was just following up and doing her due diligence and doing everything as kosher as possible. She said she was tired of listening to the music that was so loud. Mayor Liffland asked how the Sheriff's Department responded. Ms. Potter said she had no clue and that was why she was there. Mayor Liffland said she had no clue – they didn't get back to her or see her. Ms. Potter said no. Mayor Liffland said she did not even know if they went there. Ms. Potter said no. Trustee Mersand asked if the music was lowered. Ms. Potter said the music stops and starts and stops and starts. Mayor Liffland asked what day that was. Ms. Potter responded it was Saturday. Mayor Liffland asked if it was called in on Elm Street. Ms. Potter said yes – under her address, name and phone number. Mayor Liffland said he needed that information when he called the Sheriff's Department to check. Ms. Potter said that was the most important thing – to follow it up with the paperwork. Mayor Liffland said after the last meeting somebody talked to someone across the street from where the music was playing and they said that they felt the noise had come more from IsABurger and since that was gone they did not have a problem. Ms. Potter said that was on a different side of the street and she was directly four buildings down facing them. She said the air conditioning units were long gone because of the weather. Mayor Liffland said Mr. Pfister went to check on the garbage. Mr. Pfister said the dumpster was spotless. Mayor Liffland said they were getting the cars taken care of. Mr. Pfister said there were 4 unregistered vehicles and he called the owner of the building and was told he would take care of them. Mayor Liffland asked how that worked out. Mr. Pfister said he had not been back but would go check the next day. Trustee Mersand said he went by that afternoon and the 4 unregistered vehicles were gone. Trustee Mersand said everything there was registered – not necessarily in NY but they were all registered vehicles. Ms. Potter said alright. Mayor Liffland said he would follow up on the call she placed. He asked Ms. Potter if she asked for the Deputy Sheriff to see her. Ms. Potter said she told them they were very welcome to come to her house. Trustee Peters asked if they know what the law was as far as decibels. Mayor Liffland said Mr. Pfister had a machine to measure. Mr. Pfister said the Board would have to come up with some kind of test equipment. Mayor Liffland said he thought they had that. Mr. Pfister said if the Board was to read the code there were old ways to measure and it was not decibels. He said the only way to address the complaint at 2 in the afternoon is to judge by the decibel level and at certain times of night the music has to be shut off. Trustee Peters said the cut off was 10 P.M. but the problem was the decibels because people were going to make some sort of noise in the afternoon. Ms. Potter said she understood that but it was the vibrations. Mr. Pfister said vibrations were different than decibel levels because that was the BOOM BOOM BOOM. Ms. Potter said it BOOM BOOM BOOM and was salsa – culia (sp.) which was totally different. Trustee Burweiger said the Board would have to look at the ordinance to make changes and address the new technology. Ms. Potter said she could take her Ipad and stand there but she does not have the app for that, was not a professional and did not know how to do it. Trustee Burweiger said he was

suggesting to Mr. Pfister that they would need to modify the ordinance to reflect the new technology. Mr. Pfister said they would have to come up with some kind of figure or number with a legitimate decibel level. Trustee Peters asked the attorney if there was any sort of laws county wide or state wide that apply to that sort of thing. Mr. Morgan said they were local. Trustee Mersand said the local law gave hours that he believed were 7 A.M. – 10 P.M. and he did not know if it addressed decibels. Trustee Burweger said they would look at it. Ms. Potter said it would happen again and again and again until that whole building changed. Trustee Mersand asked Ms. Potter if when she was there before if she had not told the Board that there were cases that were much later in the evening – 2 A.M., 3 A.M. etc. Ms. Potter said she stopped it twice at 12:30 and 1 but it had been going on from the day into the night.

Ms. Potter said the next thing she wanted to point out was that at 8:45 A.M. outside of McKinney and Doyle there was fabulous parking. She said a disabled woman, about 60 years old with a handicapped parking permit, parked on the curb. Ms. Potter said it was just fantastic how she came up on the zigzag on the crossroad. Ms. Potter said she was just in shock and this is what she sees every single day. She said she sees drivers driving so rapidly – who was she supposed to call because the cop is not here and nobody was there and nobody was enforcing it. Ms. Potter said it was prime money for the village to find – if she was in New York City it would be \$250 – it was great. Mayor Liffland said as he had told her before the village does not have a full time police department. Ms. Potter said right but she was just saying that it was just a matter of time and the audacity of parking a car like that. Mayor Liffland said he could not really see (Ms. Potter had a picture on her Ipad). Ms. Potter said she would bring it up. Mayor Liffland thanked her. Trustee Griffin said the Deputies generally worked from 8 A.M. to noon. Ms. Potter showed the Board the picture. She said she posted the picture to social media because she could not deal with it. She said it was a very smart woman in her 60s. Mayor Liffland said she was not even in the parking spot. Ms. Potter said she was on the curb. She said she could not make this up. There was discussion (muffled on the tape due to people talking over one another). Trustee Mersand asked what Ms. Potter did when she saw it. Ms. Potter said she just took a wonderful picture, went inside McKinney & Doyle, asked whose car it was and she came out and moved it about 2 feet back. Mayor Liffland said she really shouldn't...Ms. Potter said she loves it, she loves it. Mayor Liffland said she could do what she's got to do but he would advise her again that she shouldn't confront anyone. Ms. Potter said she had no problem because she wants to beautify her village and she has some passion and cannot...Mayor Liffland said he did not want to see her in a big argument because who knows what would happen after that. Ms Potter replied she was on social twitter and it took her 25 seconds to post something on Facebook and YouTube. Mayor Liffland said that was fine and he did not have a problem with that but confronting people he did not think she should do that because he did not want to see her get into a big who knows what. Ms. Potter said a 60 year old woman who was smart and just couldn't be bothered and people have a problem with youth driving rapidly well hello if she can't drive at 60 how is the youth supposed to learn. Ms. Potter said it did not make any sense and perhaps she was feeling a little...Mayor Liffland said he just wanted her to be careful. Ms. Potter said she did not care – she did not care. Mayor Liffland said the Board cared and would not want to see her get hurt or anything. Ms. Potter said as long as she was here she was going to try her best to make the village happen and make it worthwhile. She said she would not tolerate...Trustee Mersand said they told Ms. Potter when she was there the last time that even though the station is not manned 24 hours a day the Sheriff's Department still responds and can send a car in the area over. He told her to call the Sheriff's Department at the Poughkeepsie number and there might be a car as close as Hannaford's or Holiday Hills or in Beekman that can respond – whether it is the parking on the sidewalk or the noise at Elm Street. Ms. Potter responded right. Trustee Mersand said just because the station wasn't manned at a certain hour does not mean that there was not police presence. Ms. Potter said she felt there should be some kind of permanent police force. Mayor Liffland asked her if she knew how much the Board would have to raise the taxes. Ms. Potter asked how much. Mayor Liffland said it would be over a million dollars – every \$10,000 is 1%. Ms. Potter said for one policeman – one actual policeman in the village for all times. Mayor Liffland said

for 24/7 – yes. Ms. Potter reiterated one million dollars. Mayor Liffland said yes – at least one if not more. He said it was 1% increase for every \$10,000. Ms. Potter said he would have to break it down because the property is already here and the car is already here – how much is a salary - \$100,000, \$60,000, \$120,000. Mayor Liffland said he was just giving her statistics as to what it would cost. Ms. Potter said she did not think so that he should look back at those numbers. Mayor Liffland said he deals with them every year – he knows. Ms. Potter said the public does not know that. Mayor Liffland said they would know if he got a full time Sheriff's Department by how much taxes would go up. Ms. Potter said they were already going up and it didn't really matter anymore. Mayor Liffland said that was not true. Ms. Potter said she did not know. Mayor Liffland said what she was saying was not true. Ms. Potter said it was astronomical what they were paying and not getting anything really out of it. She said she does not even have a child who goes to school here. Mayor Liffland said that was a whole different avenue then here. Ms. Potter responded exactly. Mayor Liffland said she needed to take that up with the school. Ms. Potter said exactly – it was the School Board, it was the local taxes – they were paying a lot. Mayor Liffland asked Ms. Potter what her taxes went up last year for the village. Ms. Potter said she did not know she would have to go back and look at it – she would look at her numbers and the Mayor would look at his numbers. Mayor Liffland said he knew how much they went up – they went up a half a percent. Ms. Potter said she would ask her husband since he knew about that and she would make sure... Mayor Liffland said three years before that it was 0%. Ms. Potter said everything was going up. Mayor Liffland said she was not listening to him he said three years before that it was 0% and last year it had to go up half a percent. He asked Ms. Potter to tell him where else that had been done. Ms. Potter said that was why Quaker Hill wanted to leave – they don't want to stay here anymore because of the taxes. Mayor Liffland said the school taxes, they all could agree, are very high. Ms. Potter said they were insane. Mayor Liffland said the Village Board does not have control over that – that the residents have more control over that. Trustee Mersand said if Ms. Potter took her village taxes and added to that her town taxes and added her library taxes and add to it her fire taxes – combine all that they are not even 50% of her school taxes. Ms. Potter said right. Trustee Mersand said when she was talking about taxes she was at the wrong meeting. Ms. Potter said she was not talking about the taxes – she said she did not come to the meeting to voice my (inaudible) but she would definitely be looking into the tax numbers because if that was what they were looking for she would definitely give it to them because they paid them and they were very good and she just wanted them to know her side. She said they could shoot all those numbers at her but she was just a local citizen and if she has a problem with the numbers so do other people who live in the village. She said they can't sell the houses – they can't sell these places for the best possible amount of money because the taxes are so high. Ms. Potter said but anyway (inaudible due to train).

Ms. Potter said also as the Board mentioned with the lawyer – wasn't there a beautification group in Pawling. Mayor Liffland said there was through the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Potter said maybe they should connect with them in regards to the law and the parking situation and what are the steps and what is right and what is wrong with setting up the car lot in the front yard if there are two buildings – she wanted to know what the beautification group has to say about that and how they represent her. Mayor Liffland said they mainly take care of the public spaces – they don't handle private spaces. Ms. Potter said she was looking for a private one – she was looking to set up a beautification committee. Mayor Liffland said that would be great. Trustee Mersand said she might want to explore the Garden Club. Ms. Potter said she would look that up.

Ms. Potter said the next thing, with the lawyer here, that they mentioned that they would intimidate people, perhaps like herself, coming up with a Site Plan regarding parking. Mayor Liffland said he did not think the attorney said intimidate. Ms. Potter said he did say intimidate and the record would state that – and it would intimidate people like herself to come up with a Site Plan because they are quite expensive – so her question to him was would he have the right to approve all these improvements for the Site Plan. Mayor Liffland said the attorney would not have that right - that was

the Board's privilege. Ms Potter said that was all she needed to know. Mayor Liffland thanked Ms. Potter for all her comments.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close Executive Session and return to regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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Village Clerk