

DATE OF MEETING: April 2, 2018
PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee Earl Slocum
Trustee Lauri Taylor

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

Mayor Liffland presented the Tentative Budget for 2018-2019 to the Board. He reported the budget was under the tax levy.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to schedule the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for April 16, 2018. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the application for Village Green and Public Assembly Events Permit for the 31st Pawling Triathlon on Saturday, June 2, 2018. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Taylor to approve the Resolution to Establish a Local Pedestrian Task Force. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters.

Resolution to Establish a Local Pedestrian Task Force

PREAMBLE: Sidewalks promote walking and reduce the need for parking spaces. They connect friends and neighbors as places to meet, provide a pedestrian network to shops, schools and community facilities, and are settings for community parades and other events. Our sidewalks and crosswalks contribute significantly to community life and are central to our economic vitality.

WHEREAS, the Board's goal is to enhance walkability by improving our pedestrian system with safe routes to our schools, libraries, and other public institutions, and by improving sidewalks throughout our historic district, municipal center, and business district; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks funding from grants and other sources to implement these goals, and requires detailed studies and planning documents to compete for all available funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to involve local residents, merchants, and professionals in both the study and planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested assistance from the Dutchess County Transportation Council ("DCTC") on a Pedestrian Plan, and may request additional assistance from other sources as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to appoint a Pedestrian Task Force (the “Task Force”) to facilitate the achievement of their goals and to actively participate in the Sidewalk Inventory and Improvement Plan as listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby creates a Pedestrian Task Force to be composed of local citizens to work in concert with the Board, DCTC, grant writers, and other appointed experts, consultants, or departments on a Pedestrian Plan as needed for six to twelve months or until a final detailed report can be completed.

THE PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Attend regular Task Force meetings and other special meetings as needed.
2. Serve as the official liaison to the DCTC to assist with the Pedestrian Plan, and provide input and participate in all surveys, studies and planning work as needed.
3. Organize and lead outreach efforts to build collaborative relationships with local stakeholders, community organizations, public works officials, and residents.
4. Interview residents, merchants, and property owners as needed to help determine the best approach to implement recommendations.
5. Research and visit places in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley where successful sidewalk projects are underway or have been completed, and assess their potential use for our community, as needed.
6. Interview contractors that specialize in sidewalk construction to determine the best approach to repair existing sidewalks and construct new sidewalks, to gather unit cost estimates, and to suggest construction techniques and surface materials for sidewalks or other information as needed.
7. Interview local committees and work with them to generate recommendations on how to improve sidewalks and pedestrian connections.
8. Provide information to grant writers as needed for funding applications.
9. Present regular progress reports on the project to the Board and the general public, as needed.
10. Arrange and participate in meetings between the Board, New York State Department of Transportation, County, and other public agencies that could help advance the Board’s goals.
11. Based on the research findings, develop a series of recommendations designed to improve the safety of our sidewalks and enhance walkability.
12. Review and evaluate current laws and codes related to sidewalk maintenance, such as the trimming of bushes, removal of obstacles, furniture, trash cans, snow removal, and general maintenance and repair.
13. Develop, for review and adoption by the Board, a series of recommendations to update codes to ensure that sidewalk standards are uniformly enforced.
14. Provide the Board with a final report of all Task Force findings and recommendations.

The Board shall appoint five to ten individuals to the Pedestrian Task Force, including a chairperson. The chairperson will act as the primary liaison between the municipality and DCTC. The Board will seek members knowledgeable in subjects related to the maintenance and improvement of sidewalks such as local law, landscape architecture and trees, and finance, and as well as property owners and merchants from the business district. The Board may appoint anyone to the Task Force that they feel can help achieve the stated goals.

The Board will solicit applications from all interested persons for a 30-day period. A Board liaison and appointed Task Force Chairperson will review the applications and conduct interviews as needed to compile a final list of candidates that will be presented to the Board for approval.

The resolution was adopted.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to set the Bulk Clean Up Day for village residents for Thursday, April 26, 2018. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$77,719.38. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion on mixed use buildings.

Mr. Michael Cerny thanked the Board for following up with the sandblasting issue within the village near his home.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close meeting at 7:35 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk