

The regular meeting of the Village of Liverpool Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM at 310 Sycamore Street, Liverpool, NY

Present:	Gary White	Mayor
	Nick Kochan	Trustee
	Jim Rosier	Trustee
	Dennis Hebert	Trustee
	Christina Fitch	Trustee
	Wendy Reese	Attorney
	Mary Ellen Sims	Village Clerk

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and all those present joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval to hire part time Assistant to the Court Clerk , Gail M. Wood- Passino at the hourly rate of \$10.58 to begin on November 17, 2015.

Motion was made by Trustee Hebert, seconded by Trustee Rosier, to approve the request from Judge LaValle to hire a part time assistant to the Court clerk, Gail M. Wood- Passino at the hourly rate of \$ 10.50 an hour to start on November 17, 2015 with a probation period of 90 days. Motion Passed.

Correspondence / Residents wishing to speak

Don Fellows, Brow Street, commented that the lift gate was up on the Onondaga Lake Park Trail and asked where the plowed snow would go.

Bill Asmus, DPW Superintendent, stated that the Village would plow that area, past Mr. Fellows house and that the County would take it from there.

Executed copies of WEP Grant \$ 120,000 Village Sewer Infrastructure and executed copies of \$40,000 Johnson Park Grant have been received.

Mayor White stated that the Village has received executed copies of the two grants listed above. With the executed copies on file, the Village can begin the RFP process.

Bill Asmus commented that he talked with Greg Sgromo and they will get together next week for possible use of the grant funds for projects along First Street from Vine Street to Cypress and possibly the infiltration issue near County Park's property. Bill and Greg will report back to the Board next meeting.

The \$40,000 grant award for Johnson Park will be used for a possible awning over the stage area in Johnson Park. Trustee Fitch is working on securing information to compile an RFP for the equipment and the installation of the awning. The Village will go forward and put out an RFP soon.

Review of the recommendation from the Planning Board regarding request for zone change 1225 Tulip Street Liverpool NY from R-1 to R-3.

Mayor White read the recommendation from the Planning Board regarding the request for zone change 1225 Tulip Street from R-1 to R-3. The recommendation is to advise that it is the consensus of the Planning Board to provide a positive recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees for such Zone Change provided, however , that the applicant address the following areas of concern at this initial stage, to wit:

1. The Applicant demonstrate in writing the opinion of the Onondaga County Department of Transportation that the Tulip Street access will provide no concerns relative to traffic safety for vehicles ingressing and egressing from the site (given the potential for 130 + units at full build-out).
2. The Applicant must address its statement that access from Donald Place may be required for

- the site based upon New York State code and ,if so required, that the access point will be gated or otherwise controlled and further to address the year round maintenance of that secondary controlled access point and ;
3. The actual owners of the property (Purportedly members of the Meyers family) provide a formal written request for the Zone Change and the site plan review.

The Village received the formal written request for the zone change from all four owners of the property. This request is to change the zoning on the parcel at 1225 Tulip Street from R-1 to R-3.

The opinion of the Onondaga County Department of Transportation had not yet been received. Steve Calocerinos, engineer for the project, commented that the traffic study is in the process.

The third area of concern (access from Donald Place) cannot be addressed until the site plan process and information is received from the Fire Department regarding access. All the buildings will be sprinkled and Mr. Calocerinos stated that it is not the applicant's intent to connect to Donald Place.

The Village Board would like to set the public hearing, in the hopes that all the paperwork will be received by the time of the public hearing. The Village Board does not approve the project, it only approves the zone change for the parcel located at 1225 Tulip Street.

There were many residents of the Johnson Tract present at the meeting tonight that are concerned with the potential development as they abut the property that is zoned R-3. They are concerned about traffic, safety, over- crowding school system and the fact that it is a very large project in their "backyard."

One resident asked that the Board consider the design guidelines and comprehensive plan during site plan. A resident asked if there are any apartment buildings of this size in the Village.

Another resident of the Johnson Tract stated that he did not want the project at all as it does not fit into the surrounding neighborhood.

A resident of the Johnson Tract is concerned about congestion on the major highways with the potential of an additional 200 cars in the area from the proposed apartment plan.

Mayor White commented that the Boards will do their best when considering the proposed plan. He stated that the Village has a responsibility to the owner of the property to consider and act upon the proposed request for zone change.

All of the above concerns will be addressed during the SEQR process.

A resident asked what happened to the Story Development that was proposed on the large R-3 parcel (where the apartment complex is being proposed). There was a proposed project in the 1990's there. Trustee Kochan commented that the proposal was withdrawn by the applicant shortly after it was proposed.

Mayor White explained that the proposed zone change on 1225 Tulip Street from R-1 to R-3 is the small parcel and that changing the zone on that parcel will permit access to the larger R-3, without going through the Johnson Tract by way of Donald Place.

All questions will be addressed by the Board during the public hearing that is being scheduled. Also, during site plan review, the planning board will be scheduling public hearings.

Set public hearing on Zone Change Request for 1225 Tulip Street from R-1 to R-3

Motion was made by Trustee Kochan, seconded by Trustee Rosier, to set the public hearing on the Zone Change Request for zone change at 1225 Tulip Street from R-1 to R-3 for December 21, 2016 at 7:01 PM. Motion Passed.

Letter from Robert Ventre Attorney regarding 40 foot strip ownership

The Village of Liverpool received a letter dated November 4th from Robert Ventre, Attorney for Val LaMont regarding the 40 foot strip, owned by the Village of Liverpool and located off Lake Drive. The letter requests that the Village should sell the 40 foot strip to Val LaMont since he retains a right of way over it and is spending large amounts of money to improve it. The letter states” This memo in no way concludes that Mr. Gormel has any interest in or to the 40 foot strip or the 20 foot side canal.

Mr. Gormel asked to speak to the board regarding this issue. He stated that he had a problem with the letter that Ventre wrote and stated that Val has not done anything yet but has had permits for a while to start work. He stated that this has been going on for three years and that he is willing to pay for both strips in that area.

Mayor White commented that it is not intent of the Village to give the strips of land away.

Additional information regarding large Willow Basket- Russ Tarby

Russ Tarby sent a letter to the Board as a follow up for more information regarding the possibility of a large willow basket sculpture near the Willow Museum. In an effort to increase the number of visitors to the Liverpool Willow Museum and to simply create more “visibility” for the Liverpool Willow Museum, the Historical Association is commissioning Plainfield NY artist-sculptor Elizabeth Schoonmaker to create a huge willow laundry basket that is 10X12 X8 foot. It will be constructed of actual willow wands harvested from local willow patches and it would stand on the lawn just outside of the Liverpool Willow Museum. The property, where the sculptor will be placed, is Village –owned property and must be permitted by the Board.

Trustee Fitch asked what the construction for the frame for the basket was and Russ Tarby replied that it was made of rebar. She also asked if there was an ability to downsize the structure. Russ replied that perhaps it could be downsized but it would mean a redesign and may be more expensive. Total project cost, at this time, is \$ 2,000. Cost for materials could reach \$1,000 and HAGL has agreed to pay the sculptor a fee of \$1,000.

Barring any unforeseen delays, the sculpture would be completed at Schoonmaker’s Plainfield studio before being transported to Liverpool for installation sometime during the summer of 2016.

Approval to hire Curtis Asmus for a ten week period as a seasonal employee at the rate of \$10.50 and hour to begin on November 18, 2015.

Motion was made by Trustee Fitch , seconded by Trustee Kochan, to hire Curtis Asmus for a ten week period as a seasonal employee at the rate of \$10.50 and hour to begin on November 18, 2015. Motion Passed.

DPW STATS

Trustee Fitch gave the following recap of DPW :

32 UFPO's marked

5 Sewer Maintenance Calls handled by County

No Sewer repairs

No Banner pole requests

No sign requests

Park Request- Liverpool Craft Extravaganza May 21st and 22nd, 2016 is approved. Deposit for electric must be received.

Leaf collection has started and will continue until completed or the snow prohibits the DPW from collecting anymore. Please do not mix tree branches with the leaves and keep the leaves out of the road.

POLICE STATS

Trustee Rosier read the following STATS for the police department:

153 Traffic Stops
 116 Traffic tickets issued
 02 DWI Arrests
 19 Accidents Investigated
 0 Parking Tickets issued
 206 Residential Property Checks
 464 Incidents

The Liverpool Police Department arrested a total of 21 people this month with 31 criminal charges filed.

Just a reminder to residents to lock their vehicles and never leave valuable in plain view inside a vehicle.

Overnight parking is prohibited on all highways within the Village between 12:00 AM and 8:00 AM from November 1st to April 15th. However, parking of a vehicle in the Village Business District is hereby prohibited between the hours of 2:00 AM and 8:00 AM from November 1 to April 15th.

CODES STATS

Trustee Rosier presented the Codes STATS to the Board for their review.

Mayor White read the list of outstanding issues and any mitigations that have taken place. The outstanding issue list will be presented at each meeting with any updates or additions.

Trustee Hebert presented the following Financial Reports:

Trustee Hebert moved and Trustee Rosier seconded the approval of Abstract # 06 General Fund vouchers 296-342 in the amount of \$ 45,841.51, Abstract # 6 CM fund , voucher 329 in the amount of \$ 1,152.00, Abstract # 6 Sewer Fund voucher #331 in the amount of \$ 2,750, HD Fund Abstract # 6 voucher # 330 in the amount of \$ 6,176.25. Motion Passed.

Transfers

Motion was made by Trustee Hebert, seconded by Trustee Kochan, to approve the following transfers:

From	To	Amount	Number
A1325.4	A1325.42	21.63	1
A1620.12	A1620.123	304.50	2
A5110.45	A5110.46	96.53	3
A8510.4	A8510.4R	31.00	4

Motion Passed

Approve Minutes

Motion was made by Trustee Hebert, seconded by Trustee Rosier to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion Passed.

NYCOM Letter regarding the option of purchase street lights

Mayor White asked Bill Asmus to investigate and get back to the Board.

Lights on the Lake –Traffic Congestion

There was grid lock in the Village during the walk-through Lights on the Lake. Mayor White commented that perhaps the County would consider spreading the walk through event over three days to help alleviate traffic congestion. There is insufficient parking in the Village for that event.

Liverpool Cemetery Kick Off Meeting

Liverpool Village Cemetery is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places in recognition of the stories it has to tell about Liverpool's first settlers and later immigrants and their part in building our community.

Thursday January 14, 2016 at 7PM there will be a kick off meeting to hear about some of the cemetery's stories, to learn about the current challenges in maintaining and preserving the grounds and to join in the discussion about what the future holds for this beautiful cemetery. There will be a presentation and a discussion on how everyone can help to restore it through donations.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee Kochan, seconded by Trustee Fitch, to move into executive session to discuss a matter leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or corporation. In addition, the Board will invite its legal counsel and Chief Morris and most likely conduct additional business after executive session. Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Hebert, seconded by Trustee Kochan, to move out of executive session and return to regular session . Motion Passed (Chief Morris and Mayor White left executive session at 8:20 PM) . (Trustee Fitch left executive session at 8:45 PM.) Board returned to regular session at 8:48 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Rosier, seconded by Trustee Hebert, to retain the services of AMRIC pursuant to proposal dated 11/11/2015. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Kochan, seconded by Trustee Rosier to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Sims
Village Clerk Treasurer