

A special meeting of the Village Board was held on August 26th, 2024, at the Middleburgh Fire Hall.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Amanda Fernandez, Kevin Young, Robert Tinker—via phone. Also present: Clerk Laraway, Courtney Knight, Donna LoCascio, Doralee Mickle, John Wingfield, David Lloyd, Denise Lloyd, David Avitabile, Cory Brun, Ashley King, Randy Wood, Candace Wood, Brent, Donald Guest, William Smith III; Tyler Shultz, Joe Nelson, Kevin Dailey, Tracy Dailey, Evan Trombley, John Jurcek, Patsy Nicosia, Fire Chief Gregory, Bill McCabe, Braedon Cronin.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez at 7:03pm to Open Public Hearing on Local Law #2-2024: A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 1993, Chapter 17 Vehicle & Traffic Section to Designate Railroad Avenue a One-Way Street & Realign Parking. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight gave a short synopsis of why local law is being proposed: 1) One-way towards Main Street gives Fire Department best response time. 2) Will keep on-street parking. 3) Reduce congestion on Main Street, safer for residents. The street is too narrow for two cars to pass, Fire Lane not always clear; driving up on sidewalk so vehicles can pass, very dangerous.

Sign in sheet for request to speak at meeting: David Lloyd, Michael Guntert, Joe Nelson, Randy Wood, Kevin Dailey, Tracy Dailey, Braedon Conin, Mike Devlin, Fire Chief Darwin Gregory

Comments by speakers were: What would be response time for Fire Department if Wells Ave. was used; Could caution light on Main Street and Wells be turned into stop light for Fire Department; Slow down process do some studies, other streets in Village also need to be studied; Parallel parking on right side of road is confusing; Fire Dept. would need to go through five intersections if Wells Ave. is used as fire route. Increases likely hood of accidents; Parking was taken away on Wells Ave. do the same for Railroad Ave. and leave as two-way street; If vacant house becomes parking lot, take away street parking on Railroad Ave.; Liquor Store building may get damage if people use alley to drive through and turn on to Railroad Ave.; Wait to decide until get solid number on cost of fire light at the intersection of Railroad Ave. and Main Street; Petition was turned into the Board with one hundred signatures against turning Railroad Ave. into one-way street. Railroad Ave. fastest and safest for Fire Dept., Wells Ave. has blind corner by Cliff Street, very dangerous; Protect community with fastest response time make Railroad Ave. one-way; Blind Corner by Mittel to narrow to make corner; Enforce parking on Railroad Ave.; Attorney's Office not in favor of people using business parking lot; Fire Dept. discussed pumper has 2' tail swing, will hit car if meets on Wells Ave; One out of every three calls is an emergency call response time is very important; Fire light at intersection of Railroad Ave. and Main Street would be very costly due to not only the light but the devices need in all fire apparatus to control light; Railroad Ave. has to be route for Fire Dept.; Only need two handicap spot in Village; Vendors don't want the change; Hold off till we see if vacant house can be turned into parking lot; Elderly clients would have hard time with parking; People would still be parking on sidewalks; Lose three spots and move parking to other side of road; residents on street felt it would improve safety and traffic flow if street is one-way. Additionally, pole at end of Railroad Ave. was discussed: new pole makes sidewalk not handicap accessible; Board will contact Attorney to discuss.

Mayor Knight asked for the consensus of the Board:

Trustee Young: Yes, for one-way. Has lived on Railroad Ave for six years, speed and traffic up and down street makes it very difficult to get out of driveway. Need the best response time for the Fire Department.

Trustee Adams: Yes, for one-way. Always thought should be one-way. Response time for Fire Department is very important. Addressing business owners, says it's only a one block walk in the community.

Trustee Fernandez: Yes, for one-way. Need more information on lead time on vacant house. It is the Village's intention to try and make more off street parking. Fire Department comments make it sound as if this is the best route.

Trustee Tinker: Yes, for one-way. Life safer and easier has be one-way. If the vacant building can become parking lot would be very helpful.

Mayor Knight: Yes, one-way. Village take our time to implement changes. Work toward additional parking. If one hundred people care enough to sign a petition for business, they will keep patronizing these businesses.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to close Public Hearing at 8:01 pm on Local Law #2-2024: A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 1993, Chapter 17 Vehicle & Traffic Section to Designate Railroad Avenue a One-Way Street & Realign Parking. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight asked for roll call vote on Local Law #2-2024: A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 1993, Chapter 17 Vehicle & Traffic Section to Designate Railroad Avenue a One-Way Street & Realign Parking.

Trustee Young: Yea

Trustee Adams: Yea

Trustee Fernandez: Yea

Mayor Knight: Yea

Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young at 8:03pm to take a five-minute recess. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor called meeting back to order at 8:08pm.

Scribner Avenue Sidewalk Replacement RFP Bids were discussed.

Schoenecker Construction - \$24,875; Valley View Construction - \$25,500. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to accept Valley View Construction bid for \$25,500. Upon roll call vote, this motion was carried 3-0.

Mayor Knight abstained.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melanie Laraway, Clerk