

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 12 noon in the Village Office Building, 22 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York. Members present were Mayor Jeff Katz, Trustees Ellen Tillapaugh, Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Bruce Maxson, Joan Nicols and Louis W. Allstadt. Also in attendance were DPW Superintendent Brian Clancy, Police Chief Michael Covert and Village Clerk Teri Barown. There was one member of the public present.

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at noon.

Mayor Katz stated that the purpose of today's workshop meeting was to discuss how to lay out paid parking for the 2015 season in advance of revising the local law and setting a public hearing.

Dr. Falk reviewed data for 2014 from the current paid parking area including number of spaces, potential revenue, actual revenue and percentage of paid occupancy for each location and provided a map outlining each location and percentages associated with them.

Mr. Allstadt reviewed a spreadsheet outlining select streets currently not in the paid parking areas with potential revenue based on various percentages of paid occupancy.

Dr. Falk provided information regarding gross revenue by week for Doubleday Field parking lot.

Brief discussion occurred regarding the potential for sale of trolley tickets from the paid parking meters, as well as a Master Card promotion at the meters.

Mayor Katz stated that as this was the first season of full scale paid parking, he felt it worked well and didn't hear any major complaints from the merchants.

Chief Covert stated he feels Fair Street is a very viable location for paid parking and the biggest complaint he receives is the lack of handicap parking in close proximity to the Hall of Fame.

Mayor Katz stated that his opinion is that the core of the business district should have two hour paid parking, with two hour free parking further out and all day free parking on the fringe of the Village.

He stated that the County has always provided the same arguments as merchants regarding paid parking in this location, but it is something he feels should at least be looked at by the Trustees to expand to upper Main Street.

Dr. Falk noted that if we are going to expand the paid parking areas, a public hearing should be set for February due to the need to order additional pay and display machines.

Mr. Allstadt stated he feels that there are numerous locations for expansion that will pay out by the first year and others for a two year payout of purchase of additional machines.

