

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown was held on Monday, March 3, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Village Office Building, 22 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York. Members present were Mayor Jeff Katz, Trustees Ellen Tillapaugh, Cynthia Falk, James Dean, Joan Nicols and Louis W. Allstadt. Trustee Bruce Maxson was absent. Also in attendance were Village Treasurer Ed Keator, DPW Superintendent Brian Clancy and Village Clerk Teri Barown.

Mayor Katz called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Climate Change Resolution** – Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Cooperstown  
Regarding Climate Change**

**WHEREAS** an overwhelming majority of credentialed scientists, in the United States and abroad, support the findings that climate change is happening and that human activities are a key contributor to it;

**WHEREAS** the U. S. National Academy of Sciences and the U. K. Royal Society have stated, “It is now more certain than ever, based on many lines of evidence, that humans are changing Earth’s climate. The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, accompanied by sea-level rise, a strong decline in Arctic sea ice, and other climate-related changes;”

<http://dels.nas.edu/resources/static-assets/exec-office-other/climate-change-full.pdf> forward

**WHEREAS** the 2014 National Climate Assessment, reviewed extensively by the National Academy of Sciences and a Federal Advisory Committee, states that in the Northeast “Heat waves, coastal flooding, and river flooding will pose a growing challenge to the region’s environmental, social, and economic systems... [which] will increase the vulnerability of the region’s residents, especially its most disadvantaged populations;”

[http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/regions/northeast\\_key\\_message\\_1](http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/regions/northeast_key_message_1)

**WHEREAS** the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review of the U.S. Department of Defense states that the effects of climate change are “threat multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability, and social tensions – conditions that can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence;”

<http://climateandsecurity.org/2014/03/04/climate-change-and-national-security-in-the-2014-quadrennial-defense-review/>

**WHEREAS** the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change has reported “Impacts from recent climate-related extremes, such as heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones, and wildfires, reveal significant vulnerability and exposure of some ecosystems and many human systems to current climate variability ... and “All aspects of food security are potentially affected by climate change, including food access, utilization, and price stability;”

[https://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/images/uploads/WG2AR5\\_SPM\\_FINAL.pdf](https://ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/images/uploads/WG2AR5_SPM_FINAL.pdf) page 6

**WHEREAS** New York State “Executive Order No. 24 set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York State by 80 percent below the levels emitted in 1990 by the year 2050;”

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/80930.html>

**WHEREAS** the Union of Concerned Scientists has called “for government and corporate decision makers to reduce the threat of global warming by:

- Expanding the use of renewable energy and transforming our energy system to one that is cleaner and less dependent on coal and other fossil fuels.
- Increasing [vehicle fuel efficiency](#) and supporting other solutions that reduce U. S. oil use.
- Placing limits on the amount of carbon that polluters are allowed to emit.
- Building a clean energy economy by investing in efficient energy technologies, industries, and approaches;”  
[http://www.ucsusa.org/global\\_warming/global\\_warming\\_101#.VPJObUvYkpE](http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/global_warming_101#.VPJObUvYkpE)

WHEREAS if left unaddressed, the consequences of climate change will adversely impact all Americans, hitting the most vulnerable populations--children, the elderly, the sick and the poor—hardest, and saddling future generations with the costly burden of a damaged planet; and

WHEREAS most faith traditions recognize a moral obligation to care for the most vulnerable peoples and to be responsible stewards of the Earth;

WHEREAS global warming and resultant climate instability are broadly considered issues requiring correct and sustained actions by nations, states, and communities;

WHEREAS local, state and federal governments are incurring increasing costs to repair damage from severe climatic events, and these costs are only expected to increase and will ultimately be borne by taxpayers;

WHEREAS addressing climate change through increased energy efficiency measures and increased development of renewable energy sources could provide benefits in terms of employment and sustainable economic activity;

WHEREAS the Village of Cooperstown and its surrounding region have experienced multiple 100 and 500 year storms in the past 10 years;

WHEREAS the Village of Cooperstown and the surrounding area rely largely on tourism, agriculture and health care to support a sustainable environment and economy which would be negatively affected to an increasing degree by unmitigated climate change, but could benefit from positive actions to address climate change; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown:

1) urges the County of Otsego, the State of New York, and the Congress and President of the United States of America to take prompt and effective measures to rapidly address climate change by promoting and encouraging a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and their associated infrastructure, improvement in the efficiency of energy systems, and the development and installation of renewable energy systems; and

2) stands ready to work with any level of government to achieve these goals, that will in the process create safe, sustainable jobs and provide real, clean energy solutions for generations to come.

Mr. Dean seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt

Motion carried.

**New Copier Lease** – Ms. Barown stated that the lease for the current office copier/fax expires the end of the month and reviewed options for lease of a new copier. Following discussion, Mayor Katz made a motion to authorize a 48 month lease for a Konica Minolta Bizhub C454c Digital System with color option. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt Motion carried.

**HPARB Appointment** – Mayor Katz appointed Brian Alexander as an Alternate Member of HPARB. Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to ratify the appointment as made by Mayor Katz. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt Motion carried.

**Winter Carnival Cleaning Deposit** – Ms. Tillapaugh made a motion to retain the cleaning deposit of \$150.00 paid by Winter Carnival for Brookwood's use of the fire hall for a disco. Dr. Falk seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt Motion carried.

**Balance Due Birnie Bus for Charter Service** – Following discussion, Mayor Katz made a motion to authorize payment to Birnie Bus for balance due for charter service in 2014 of \$28,793.75 pending review of invoices by Mr. Keator, payment to be made within the week and budget modification be brought to the March Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt Motion carried.

**2015/16 Budget Workshop** – Mayor Katz stated that this will be the first round look at the tentative budget based solely on department requests submitted. He stated that without making cuts we are a little less than \$600,000 from being unchanged from last year.

He stated that Mr. Keator is current projecting a \$700,000 surplus at the end of this budget year.

Trustees reviewed revenues and expenses for possible adjustments.

Consensus was to make adjustments in the following revenue line items, beach fees and sales and use tax and parking lot and garage fees from the proposed budget lines with the amounts of increase/decrease being provided to the Treasurer to be placed in the next proposal for discussion.

Following review of expenditures, consensus was to adjust the public works budget for split of equipment  $\frac{1}{2}$  general and  $\frac{1}{4}$  each water and sewer. Adjustment was also made in the building budget for removing certain equipment and repairs in anticipation of applying for CFA and member item funding.

Following review of repair of streets for 2015/16, it was suggested to review at Streets Committee for prioritization in order to reduce the line item as it had increased 5 times from this year's budget.

Discussion was held regarding staffing in the Police Department and the budget will be left as prepared at this point, with additional discussion with the Police Chief.

Following review of water and sewer department proposals, adjustments were made to reduce expenditure items closer to actual spent and placing the difference in reserve accounts.

Discussion also occurred regarding Lamont's proposal for South End Project engineering. An email will be sent to Milan Jackson asking what funding sources are anticipated for this project and stating that substantial bonding is not an option.

An additional budget workshop was set for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Nicols made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Allstadt seconded the motion and a vote had the following results:

AYES: Tillapaugh, Falk, Dean, Nicols, Allstadt

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teri L. Barown, RMC  
Village Clerk  
Village of Cooperstown