

## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendance:

	<u>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</u>
• Dick Bulman	Mayor William Cansdale
• Bob Deutschlander *	Trustee Mary Marino
• Pat Logue *	Trustee John Swanson
• Darlene Humphrey *	Trustee Paul Maute
• Len Vento *	Trustee Ed Meyer
• Steve Vriesen *	Trustee Ken O'Brien
• Mark Grucella *	Trustee Jeff Stribing
• Linda Parzynski	
• Mary Kless	
• William Natalzia	
• Jeff Simme	
• Jim Volpe	
• Arthur Herdzik, Village Attorney (Ad-hoc Member) *	

*note: \* indicates those present*

**Vice Chairman Bob Deutschlander** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**A Motion** was made to accept the meeting minutes of 06/20/02 & 08/22/02.

Motion by **Len Vento** and seconded by **Pat Logue**.

**Carried – 6-0.**

**Listed Correspondence – N/A**

**Site Plan Review – N/A**

### **Old Business: Sidewalk Program**

**Vice Chairman Deutschlander** addressed some key issues that were previously discussed by the Planning Commission regarding the different aspects of the sidewalk program.

- a) The Planning Commission recommended that each resident be notified about the Public Hearing in writing. The Public Hearing took place just a few days after the notification was posted in the Lancaster Bee. (This did not give the Village residents the opportunity to voice their opinion on this program.)
- b) The Planning Commission had discussed and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Village Board that the Village assume 50% of the cost of repairs/replacement of the sidewalks. The Planning Commission felt this would be fair. The burden would be placed on all the taxpayers for pennies a month. Sidewalks are not private property; all Village residents utilize the sidewalks not just the homeowner.
- c) Arrangements for different payment options for residents on fixed incomes.
- d) Create a booklet or pamphlet for Village residents with information regarding the sidewalk program.

**Trustee Ken O'Brien** reviewed the proposed sidewalk program and also addressed some of the issues the Planning Commission questioned.

- ❖ The resident will be notified in writing that their sidewalk is in need of repair/replacement and will be given a certain amount of days to comply.
- ❖ The resident can independently contract for the repair or replacement, or the Village would do the work through their contractor.
- ❖ The property owner will be advised of the cost to repair/replace the sidewalk if the work is to be done by the Village Contractor.
- ❖ The property owner could pay the Village the total cost of the repairs at the time of service or will have the opportunity of paying in installments over a period of time at a low interest rate.
- ❖ The Village has secured funding for the project in the amount of \$500,000 bond, at a low interest rate of 2 percent.
- ❖ The Village will begin the project in certain targeted areas.

**Additional Comments:**

**Darlene Humphrey:** The village sidewalks are not private property, residents of the Village and visitors use them. In all fairness, the Village should be responsible for 50% of cost of repair. This is a heavy burden for the homeowner to carry alone.

**Len Vento:** The Planning Commission discussed in great lengths the best possible program that would be cost efficient and fair to the entire Village. I believe most people would be more than willing to pay their half of the cost with the Village paying the other half. The \$500,000 that we have bonded could be used to defray the other 50%.

**Pat Logue:** The Village may need to make some adjustments to this program for certain residents. If for instance a sidewalk is damaged due to tree roots, by a tree planted by the Village, obviously the Village is responsible for removal of the tree roots, but what about the repair of the sidewalk. The sidewalk would not be damaged if it were not for the tree roots.

**Art Herdzik:** The Village Ordinance states the homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks on their property. The proposed sidewalk program does not change that, it simply states that if homeowner requires financial assistance than the Village can offer the resident the option of paying the amount due in installments over a certain amount time. One the issue of written notification to every resident informing them of the sidewalk program, I don't feel the Village Board/Administration should be burdened with sending out thousands of notices speculating who may or may not be affected by this. The residents will be notified when their property has been targeted.

**Vice Chairman Deutschlander:** Stressed the importance of moving ahead with the Sidewalk program, and continued effort to keep the lines of communications flowing between the Village Board and the Planning Commission. Mr. Deutschlander would like to see the issue of narrow streets addressed, where there is parking allowed on sides, this board feels this needs to be reviewed, and possibly changing the current village ordinance, it is a very dangerous situation. Another issue the Planning Commission would like to be addressed is the Central Avenue striping.

**Trustee Jeffrey Stribing:** Brought the Planning Commission up to speed on some of the projects currently underway involving the business district. Informed the Commission the evaluation of the BOCES Building is currently being tested for its structural ability, the results of this will be made available at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Stribing said the main goal is to have the streetscape completed this coming year.

**Mayor Cansdale:** Suggested that all the Boards get together possibly in November and meet to discuss any future plans for the Streetscape and any additional business that all boards should be involved in.

**Vice Chairman:** Thanked the Mayor and the Trustees for attending the Meeting, and agreed with Mayor that all boards should meet at least twice a year to keep up to date on all the programs the Village is involved with.

**Scheduling of Next Meeting – October 17, 2002**

A motion made to adjourn this meeting, motion by **Pat Logue**, seconded by **Darlene Humphrey**.  
**Carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Plewik  
Planning Secretary

CC: Mayor Cansdale  
Village Board of Trustees  
Bill Natalzia, Supt. DPW  
Jeff Simme, Building Department  
Clerk Tammy Derkovitz  
Zoning Board Members  
Fire Chief Jim Volpe