

**OPERATIONS MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011**  
**7:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marty Hubbard, Trustees Marc Angelillo, John Crompton, Sue Jones, and Mary Sennett, Village Attorney Mike Byrne, Police Chief Lloyd Perkins\*, ZBA Member Craig Phinney\*

**Marked Patrol Vehicle** – Chief Perkins reported that he received a letter advising that the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) No. BJ09632428 Marked Patrol Vehicle \$25,000 Grant has been fully executed. Therefore, he has been looking to determine what vehicles with police packages are available, and although there aren't many, there are two at Warnock Fleet in New Jersey off the NYS Contract. The 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicles with options and equipment cost \$23,437.60 plus an additional \$650.00 to make the vehicle black and white and \$2,700 for extras (i.e. moving radios, bar light, etc.). Chief Perkins said he tried to buy local, but we couldn't come close to Warnock's price. He recommended purchasing this vehicle, adding that Warnock was asked to give the trade-in value for our current Crown Victoria. Warnock will deliver the vehicle to the "front door" and take the old car. Chief Perkins said that any cost over the \$25,000 grant will be taken out of the vehicle maintenance line. **Resolution #2011-118:** On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Crompton, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize the purchase of a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor off of State Contract #PC64893 Item #2 from Warnock Fleet using funds from the DCJS Grant.

**Parking Meters** – Mayor Hubbard reported that he was asked why there aren't parking meters from Hannum Street to Orchard Road; he thinks the question came up because of the Krebs project. In response to Mayor Hubbard, Chief Perkins said the area between Hannum and Orchard was measured and there could be a total of 72 meters – 32 double units and 8 single units. The cost of the meters would depend on what you install. In 2005, the Village purchased 57 black double meters at a unit price of \$636 and 8 single meters at \$325 each. Meter post bases and sleeves, single vault bases, meter rate card plates, etc. was extra. Chief Perkins said it is difficult to predict the amount of revenue, but clearly parking meters would be used in that vicinity. Trustee Angelillo said perhaps we need to think about going to the kiosks that so many other municipalities are using. Trustee Jones said we should think about metering down West Lake Street as well. Mayor Hubbard acknowledged a suggestion to consider free on-street parking in January, February, and March to be consistent with the Municipal Parking Lot. Chief Perkins said the 2-3 hour parking limits could still be enforced like it is in the 2-hr. section of the Municipal Lot. His concern is that there are a lot of empty store fronts and some businesses are struggling to stay viable. Trustee Jones said she favors consistency in the rules – it is less confusing for everyone. Chief Perkins noted that the meters could be pulled in January for cleaning and painting if parking was free in January through March. Mayor Hubbard said getting the meters off the streets and away from the elements in the winter months might prevent some of the corrosion problems we have experienced with the meters. Chief Perkins said the meters could be pulled, leaving the post, and installing a sign for 2-hr. parking. He added that he thinks the Chamber of Commerce and the residents would support the change; he estimated a reduction in revenue of between \$11,000 and \$13,000. Trustee Crompton said he and Trustee Sennett briefly discussed this and question if the merchants would creep into the free metered spaces. Chief Perkins said there are some advantages – it is something to think about. Mayor Hubbard asked Trustee Sennett to talk to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sue Dove.

**Parking Boats in the outlet** – Village Attorney Byrne noted that Chief Perkins emailed the Board advising that we received a complaint from Doug Clark regarding boats parked in the outlet. Atty. Byrne said that relative to the boat tied up to the gray deck in the outlet, that platform is part of Parmele Park and it is a violation of Village Code Section 140-8 to tie up boats to that structure. We can issue a ticket, returnable in Town Court, and a violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00. Chief Perkins recognized that the deck is ours and said we will enforce the code and be consistent about no parking of boats. He said the City of Syracuse is taking a hard line about parking and swimming in the outlet. In response to Mayor Hubbard asking who is policing the area, Chief Perkins said we get the call and then we call the City gatehouse. The Syracuse Water Authority is notified and they consult with the City of

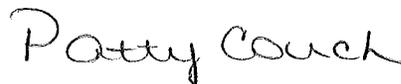
Syracuse Mayor's Office as to how they proceed. We don't have authority to tow boats; the City Water Authority removes the boats.

**Parking Boats on the street** – Noting that there has been a boat parked for several weeks on his street in Heritage Woods, Trustee Angelillo asked if the parking ordinance includes boats, trailers, etc. during the summer months. Chief Perkins he doesn't think there is an ordinance against that, but can check to see if it has a required current registration. Village Attorney Byrne said he will review the code. Chief Perkins offered to make a friendly phone call to ask how long the owner plans to park the boat there. \*Chief Perkins left the meeting.

**Local Law #1 of 2011** – With a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2011 scheduled for July 14, 2011, Mayor Hubbard noted a possible change to the previous local law of a reduction of the off-street parking fee from \$7,500 to \$1,500 per space. Trustee Jones said it is difficult to an inventory, but there shouldn't be a penalty for those who reduce the parking count. She added that we should think about tandem parking. Trustee Sennett suggested a committee to look at the law in total to make modifications in total. A simple price reduction may fix a problem if we indeed have a problem. Mayor Hubbard said the devil is in the details. He asked how we would administer the law. We are grandfathering flagrant abusers now – we got the Village involved with how many spaces to allocate. Atty. Byrne said the ZBA administers the law and they want some parking regulations. The Village has spent considerable time and money on parking. He said he thinks the fee is too high, but the concept is reasonable. Trustee Sennett said she agrees that there needs to be a fee. Atty. Byrne said that as of June 30, 2011 the old Local Law is back in effect. The ZBA can grant a 20% waiver and the Village can grant even more waiver. \*ZBA Member Craig Phinney arrived. In response to the Board, Mr. Phinney said he thinks the law is implemented arbitrarily and puts an undo burden on the ZBA. It is hard to penalize an owner for making the property better and it is difficult to implement consistently. Trustee Angelillo asked if we should have a parking ordinance or not. Mr. Phinney said he thinks there should be some formal restriction, but added that the ZBA was more consistent before the fee. Atty. Byrne concluded that it is a subjective system now. He asked if the ZBA would be comfortable with the Village Board taking a harder line by taking subjectivity and the Trustees out of the mix. Mr. Phinney answered affirmatively – make the law clearer and remove the subjectivity. The Board concluded that it makes sense to hold the Public Hearing open until August 11 to consider further modifications. Mayor Hubbard noted that the \$7,500/space fee and code is in place until a new Local Law is resolved. \*Mr. Phinney left the meeting.

**New Playground** – Trustee Angelillo advised that Amy Allyn and Megan Keady formed a committee to provide a new playground at Austin Park and are looking for seed money to start the project. Duke Schneider left a large portion of his estate to the school, PARCS Association, and the Village with defined and specified uses for the money. The PARCS Association has authorized \$10,000 for the project. Atty. Byrne said the Village could authorize money for new playground equipment as it relates to park maintenance. The Board concluded that the committee should submit a formal request with details of the project. Trustee Angelillo agreed to convey that message to Ms. Allyn and Ms. Keady.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



Patty Couch  
Village Clerk/Treasurer