

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

DOWNTOWN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of February 28, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Trustee Marevka

II. ROLL CALL

Trustee Marevka, Trustee Bowden, Trustee Sluis. Also in attendance were the Mayor and Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, DOWNTOWN ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion Trustee Bowden, seconded by Trustee Sluis

Approval: All said Aye.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

V. REVIEW PROGRESS OF PHASE 1 RAILROAD STREET AND PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Engineer reported that the light poles are being put in. Confirming with contractor regarding a low voltage pipe for speaker wire. Fence was backed into. Trees will be planted. Discussed whether mulch or stone would be best for islands, was decided that mulch would be best, will discuss with Bob and see what he thinks about using chipper material. Crosswalks and parking stops will be installed when the lights are completed. There was discussion about the turn radius at the North End; it is tight but can be maneuvered if cautious and going slow. Will have Engineer review and determine if mistakes were made or standards used, then it can be decided whether the curb needs to be fixed/repaired/cut.

VI. REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD ON DESIGN ELEMENTS FOR PHASE 1 & 2 OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Upland gave price guidelines and choices for brick and concrete pavers. There was discussion on materials and maintenance of both in regards to color longevity and the amount of maintenance that each would require. Jim Hanley from Manteno called in and gave input on what Manteno does and what they have done in the past. Gilman just redid their downtown and the Mayor recommended the committee members go and look at their pavers. Need to confirm how many total square feet are needed and preference (clay brick pavers) and if they are too expensive it can go out to bid or substitute with stamped concrete. The light fixtures were discussed, every other fixture will be a pedestrian fixture with a flag holder and flowerpot holder, not felt to be necessary for every fixture as they do not provide a lot of extra light. Sluis said that Com Ed is giving reimbursements for downtown streetscape projects and she will forward the information to the Administrator. The Mayor wanted to make the committee aware that this project will make the streets

narrower and the biggest concerns are the depth of the parking spots but the planned spots should accommodate most trucks. Sidewalks will not be the same on both sides of the street, the side that is larger will be able to fit more amenities and the smaller side may have tree grates as you can walk on them and they don't reduce space. There was discussion about tree grates vs curbs and mulch. Troy was waiting on results of the storm sewer, per Bob there were no big issues, there will be a meeting set up in March. Need to confirm with Upland that they have received all of the items that have been selected for stone, benches, planters and trash receptacles and that if they don't use the current vendors they need to source the exact same designs. Discussed the speakers and amp locations and quotes. There was discussion about completing the south side of Railroad Street so there would be additional parking while downtown construction was being completed, it was mentioned to Troy and he thought it would be more expensive to do just one small project by itself. It was a good idea but would not be advantageous enough to do when it would only create approximately eleven parking spots. Project will take approximately six months but it would be about three months before able to get a binder down and be able to drive on. Bowden recommended getting a total cost and having a discussion with business owners and then vote, Marevka recommended asking Troy how much would it be for the total project and also a price for doing it in phases and then having a meeting. For next meeting recap: discussed progress of Railroad Street project, lighting for Phase 2, pavers, in April will have Upland and Robinson information to review as a board, hoping to have project out to bid in January.

VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Administrator will check with grant administration. Discussed outdoor seating which was allowed during the pandemic: only uses a couple of parking spots, keep the same and continue to allow for now until streetscape is complete.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Bowden and Seconded by Trustee Sluis

All said AYE

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Bowden, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Sluis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adjournment at 6:12 pm

Stacey Hartwell

Village Clerk