

Village Board Work Session
February 6, 2012
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roddey, Trustee Char, Trustee Mattheus, Trustee Stewart, Trustee Smith, and Deputy Village Clerk Winters.

Paul Block from Advisors Energy Group spoke to the Board about using alternate energy providers, and price lock contracts to provide possible savings to the Village. He explained the process by which he reaches out to alternate energy providers as a broker to get rates; and receives commission payments from the supplier. He said to start he requires copies of the Village's utility bills. The Board agreed to authorize Mr. Block to obtain rates.

Nancy DePalma, a representative of the Friends of Maplewood Committee presented two proposals for refurbishing the dais. She explained that the Justice Court received a \$10,000 grant that will pay entirely for the refurbishing. Ms. DePalma said the Friends of Maplewood was leaning towards the plan by J.M Quattrini Carpentry that included a black granite top to the dais and wood matching the Mayor's office. Trustee Mattheus added that Friends of Maplewood has long-term plans to continue to refurbish the entire building, which includes the style of the afore mentioned wood. Both proposals cost the same amount as the grant. The Board agreed on the proposal submitted by J.M. Quattrini Carpentry.

Trustee Mattheus discussed her progress on the topic of "period lighting". She had spoken to the Orange County Planning Department and received a sample local law for creating lighting districts, as well as some cost effective and sustainable lighting options. Trustee Mattheus suggested working with Attorney David Donovan to review the sample local law and come up with a proposed local law that would better suit the Village. Trustee Char was not in favor of producing lighting districts that would place the burden of the expenses for period lighting on the residents. Trustee Mattheus explained why she felt the period lighting was important to maintaining the historic aesthetic of the Village, and she agreed that the current wording of the sample local law was not perfect for the Village but rather should be a starting point. Trustee Mattheus added that Orange and Rockland has recently offered period lighting options that they would install and maintain, as one possibility.

The Board discussed LAN Associates' request for a handicapped parking spot on the street in front of their building. The Board was generally in favor of the request, so long as it was implemented properly with regards to all laws and regulations. Trustee Char suggested having Attorney Donovan write up the proposed resolution or local law prior to scheduling it on an agenda.

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board went into executive session at 7:30 PM for discussion of personnel.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

On a motion by Trustee Char, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board returned from executive session at 7:45 PM.

Char	aye
Mattheus	aye
Smith	aye
Stewart	aye

Michelle Ries from M&R Energy Resources Corp. spoke to the Board about using alternate energy providers, and price lock contracts to provide possible savings to the Village. Ms. Ries, having already obtained the necessary information from the Village, had a report for the Board showing the potential savings. She went over the history of some of the Village's accounts over the last year and compared costs of several alternate providers for that time period. She explained how the suppliers she represented compensated her, but that they understood they were in competition with each other to provide services at the best prices. The Board agreed to authorize Ms. Ries to obtain rates.

The work session was concluded at 8:20 PM.