



# SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

May 21, 14

Present: Robert Stevens, Sandy Carlin, Sindy Morse, Sharon Weed  
Ginger VanEtten, Village Board Trustee Liaison; James Tornatore,  
Village Mayor; Michael Reynolds, Village Deputy Mayor

R. Stevens called meeting to order @ 7:07 PM.

J. Tornatore stated that HUNT getting quote for sidewalk cost. There have been ongoing discussions with DOT and NYS Comptroller. J. Tornatore briefly reviewed the NYS budget process for municipality wherein there is a taxable general budget and a tax cap. If owners were to be taxed for sidewalks, this would exceed tax cap. DOT referred J. Tornatore to NYS Comptroller regarding the question of how to charge for repair/replace by linear foot. NYS Comptroller Legal Dept. wanted the Village attorney to contact them; initial information given to J. Tornatore is that there cannot be a 'user fee' as this is a tax.

There will be a meeting 5/22/14 with Assemblyman Friend attended by J. Tornatore and R. Stevens.

R. Stevens stated the group needs to come up with a creative manner to cut down the 20% from Village owners.

One suggestion was to pay a deposit on the demo material i.e. old concrete, that would be hauled away; as the Village takes away free of charge, then the vendor could be charged less than what it costs them to haul away. Second suggestion was "sweat" equity; third

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suggestion was civic groups involvement – per DOT, this would be ‘in-kind’ service after the project starts. Four suggestion was a sort of ‘kickstart’ involvement – J. Tornatore reminded group that municipality can’t fund raise; community organizations can and donate to Village. Next suggestion was that Village hire contractor and pay at Village rate; J. Tornatore stated the Village would have to investigate this further. S. Carlin suggested that if a contractor is amenable to unskilled labor as ‘grunts’, then a hold harmless agreement could be signed between the contractor and the Village. R. Stevens gave an example for landscaping wherein the Village could excavate separate from the contractor.

R. Stevens reiterated no general tax increase for one to pay for someone else’s improvement.

S. Carlin talked of the two local churches changing leadership; and also active youth group with another local church; there are Boy Scouts and bus driver union as other active groups.

Question of areas where the RR meets the road, who is responsible for maintenance? J. Tornatore will contact Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

R. Stevens stated that is most of the sidewalks would be on school property, this could ease Village cost.

There can be 200’ stretch of sidewalk at 4’, then there needs to be a 5’x5’ turnaround; a driveway is considered a ‘break’ in the 200’ stretch.

The funding request has a 6/16/14 deadline.

Committee members will do a Whig walk 6/1/14 to calculate linear footage up to Village line at health clinic driveway. S. Carlin has a wheel.

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J. Tornatore stated HUNT is calculating bird's eye view to calculate the linear cost, but the Village's linear footage will be more accurate.

R. Stevens stated letters of support from NVCSD school district and transportation supervisor, and the HeadStart agency, along with the church on Whig St would be important.

J. Tornatore stated he will follow up on those letters.

R. Stevens adjourned meeting at 7:47 PM.

Kathy McCall  
Account Clerk Typist

*NEXT MEETING Wednesday JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>*

*7 PM in NOBLE ROOM*