

ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2019

PRESENT: Jack Marren, Karen Guidarelli, Mary Duprey, Bob Kelly, Karen Hansen, Chauncy Young, David Lee, Galen Powers, Kathy Rayburn, Mike Stockman, Alexis Ogra, and Kim Heuer.

Jack Marren - Supervisor

Jack noticed a new sign at the County Courthouse regarding items that are prohibited in the courthouse. There are actual issues with firearms and other various items being brought into the court building. Jack took a picture of the sign and send it to our Town Court and they liked it. Jack purchased the sign and had it on display and will take it over to the Town Courts later today.

Jack mentioned that Serenity House is busy getting ready for their Gala and couldn't be here today. There are a few tickets available. Call Linda at 739-0159.

Karen Guidarelli - Victor Farmington Food Cupboard

We just wrapped up a soup collection that yielded over 2,000 lbs. of soup. They were concerned for winter break that there might not be enough. Food Stamps went out early for February and there was a SNAP gap of 6 weeks before they would get their March allotment. So they had plenty of soup.

They saw about the same numbers for November & December, about 600 families a month even though they gave out food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. January was a bit lower, due to the Food Stamps going out early and people stocked up. February has been very busy and they were closed a couple of days due to the weather.

Our fiscal report came out. We end our year on June 30th and we spent about \$283,000. \$253,000 was spent on food. About 89% of our expenses are food. The rest is rent and electric. There are no paid staff. We are maintaining about 600 families. We have done more deliveries lately since they have the van. They are thinking of partnering with Foodlink to do more Mobile Pantries.

The Otto Tomotto's fundraiser this year will be on May 20, 2019. This will be our 9th year.

Mary Duprey - Victor Garden Club

The Flower Pot Fundraiser pickup will be on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 4:30-6 PM here behind the Town Hall. It was in the paper and she has received 30 orders. The money is used for civic beautification projects.

This year they will be partnering with the Village and they will be putting up a new gateway sign near Finn's Tap Room on Maple Avenue. The sign will have hanging baskets and flowers in front of it. Hopefully it will be installed in the next couple of months.

Bob Kelly - Village Trustee

The Village has been working on the budget and it looks to stay within the 2% Tax Cap. Elections are coming up on March 19th if you live in the Village. There are three people running for two seats. Also there will be a referendum regarding the future of the Victor Fire Department. What is being proposed is that the current Victor Fire Department that now reports to the Village Government, would become a separate Fire Commission and District that would cover the eastern portion of the Town of Victor and all of the Village.

Karen Hansen - Clothes Closet

This past month was our 1st Year Anniversary. This past month we gave away 6,500 dollars' worth of goods to the community, had 65 customers and 8 homeless. They had a Boy Scout, Adrian Badlu, who generously chose to build a much needed clothing shed for clothing donations as his Eagle Scout Project.

Karen is also President of the Friends of the Library - they met with Senator Funke on Advocacy Day as Governor Cuomo cut funding to all the Libraries. They were assured that it was to be reinstated. Next year the Census is to be done, for the 1st time, all electronically. People who do not have computers will be using the Library. So they were also lobbying to get extra temporary IT staff to help people maneuver the Census site. Karen said they currently have 6-7 desktop computers and now they have acquired 3 laptops. They will consider setting aside certain computers to be used just for the Census. It is important to have accurate numbers for the Census as their funding is based on population.

Chauncy Young - Victor Hiking Trails

Chauncy passed around a list of VHT info. The next hike will be at Indian Hill in Perinton at 9:00 AM and we will meet in the parking area on Turk Hill Road. Carol MacInnes, VHT Trailmaster, was nominated for the Chamber's Women of Excellence Lantern Award. She is a founding member of VHT.

In the passout was a picture of his pickup truck that he had decorated with the "Explore Victor Trails" logo. Explore Victor Trails was an initiative a couple years ago between the Chamber, Victor Local Development Corp, Parks & Rec, Victor Hiking Trails, GROC, and

spearheaded by Tom Bullinger (VB Brewery) to make Victor a destination for trails. Chauncy asked Tom if he could use the logo. The work was done by Mobile Graphics on Lane Road in Victor. Chauncy's vision and mission in life is to get people in touch with nature through doing trail work. Maybe he can help get that initiative kick started again. Also in the passout is a list of upcoming VHT hikes and also with Genesee Valley Hiking Club.

David Lee - Finger Lakes Tourism

The research study that they have been undertaking for meeting space is wrapping up. They will have the final results on March 20th. There will be a series of meetings if you are interested in hearing the data. The research includes future projects.

On Monday they will be seeking nominations for their upcoming Legacy Awards. An event where they recognize the tourism industry every two years. The event will be held at the New York Beer Project (NYBP) on May 13th. Also in May our office will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

On March 29th will be the Rochester / Finger Lakes Craft Beverage Trail's First Fest event. It will be held at Ravenwood Golf Club. There are 3 different tiers of pricing: VIP Hours, 6-7 PM, \$40; General Public, 7-9 PM, \$30; and Designated Driver ticket at \$15.

Galen Powers - Victor Farmington Rotary

They are working with Parks & Rec on picnic tables and chairs that are accessible for people with disabilities. They are also working with the Town of Farmington.

They have another water project in Nicaragua that they are working on. They are hopeful that in two months they will be able to get the money down there. The project is a 5,000 gallon tank on a metal frame. They have a well but the women have to walk a little over a mile to get water that they can drink back to their village. Water weights 8.4 lbs. per gallon.

Their major fundraiser, A Taste of the Finger Lakes, is coming up on Sunday, April 7th, at Ravenwood Golf Club from 1-4 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person.

Kathy Rayburn - Victor Local Development Corp

They are working on their Business Awards Luncheon. This will be the 15th year and Kathy has worked on all but the first one. They just finalized all the nominations. They had a really good turnout for nominations. The luncheon will be held on May 2nd at Cobblestone Creek Country Club.

New Businesses:

- New York Beer Project (NYBP), this will be a destination place;
- TK's (former Village Inn), will be a bar & restaurant;

Said goodbye to Top of the Lamp after 30 years, Dave Karwas retired and closed his store.

On a note about retail - on the news today it was announced that JC Penney will be closing 18 locations; Victoria Secret is closing 29 locations; and GAP and Old Navy are splitting due to performance. The Mom and Pop type retail will be very difficult to find and I encourage you to try to shop locally as much as you can. Online shopping is very convenient, but if you want these types of stores to stay around, you have to do your part.

Mike Stockman - Victor Parks & Recreation

Our Winterfest event on February 8th had a great turnout. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on April 13th. The Senior Luncheons, which met here at the Town Hall for many years, have officially disbanded. Their numbers have dwindled over the years and they had trouble finding leadership.

They are starting a new Speaker Series on the 4th Monday of every month at 11:00 AM at the Parks & Recreation office. The first one is on March 25th with Sheriff Henderson speaking. They will have desserts and coffee. In April they will have Gene Pratt from the Village Tree Board. In May, Joe Hurley from Kettle Ridge Farm will be the speaker and he will bring samples. Still looking for June. In July they are having the "Bread Man," Chet Fry, from Brockport.

The 8th Annual Honor Flight will start in May. Year to date they have collected \$130,000 for Honor Flight Rochester which is enough to send 260 Vets to the Memorial in Washington DC. If you want to be a part of this year's fundraiser, let Mike know.

Alexis Ogra - Congressman Chris Collins

An upcoming event is the Congressional Art Competition which is not open to anyone in this room, but to all High School students that reside in the District even if their school is not in the District or if they are home-schooled. Students can contact their Art Teacher or the Guidance Department or call their office for more information. The winner of the District receives two roundtrip flight tickets to Washington DC and their piece will be displayed in the Capitol for one year. They will be able to go back to Washington DC for the National Art Competition. The District Competition is Saturday, April 13th, at the Roz Steiner Art Gallery in Batavia. There are usually 50-80 students that participate.

Jack Marren - Supervisor

A month ago Jack mentioned that the Leader's Group meetings for our Department Heads were going to be doing something different, over the course of three months, by touring all of our facilities/departments. Last month we rode in the Parks & Rec van and toured the gravel pit on Dryer Road, the P&R facility, then went to the Highway complex and

toured the Transfer Station/Recycle Center, the Highway garage/buildings and the P&R maintenance building. Then came back to Town Hall for lunch and Suzy, who is absent today, gave an overview of the IT Dept. Today we will tour all the departments within Town Hall. Next month will be over at the Courts. The tours have been beneficial and received a lot of positive feedback. Many of the Department Heads have not seen any of the external Departments/facilities.

The Town went out to bid for a Sewer Capital Improvement Project, an \$8 million dollar project, and have received four bids. More to come on this.

This past Monday night there was a Town Board Workshop on two initiatives. One topic was the Sewer Master Plan, talking about the footprint of the Town. The other topic was on Incentive Zoning, the what, why and how of it. There has to be a benefit, but a benefit to the Town and the taxpayers as well.

The Access Management Committee, regarding the Draft Plan, have sent letters out to residents informing them of roads that may be impacted. The Village has been involved as well. There are two upcoming Public Sessions scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th from 8:30-10:30 AM and Thursday, March 7th from 4:00-6:00 PM here at the Town Hall.

Jail Population, as of February 27th, continues to go down. There are a number of great factors such as individuals only reporting on weekends so they can maintain their jobs and trying to find alternatives to incarceration. There are a total of 138 inmates, out of which are 106 males and 32 females which is lower than normal. The female population is usually about 40. These numbers are historic lows. In addition out of the 138 are 12 parole violators. These individuals will go back to State Prison. We usually have them for about 10-20 days. We do not receive any reimbursement from the State for this. This impacts every County.

Karen noted that they have been doing a new survey of their clients and have received about 100 back so far and 50% said they had to choose between picking up medicine and buying food over the last year.

Jack wished everyone a great month!

The next meeting will be on April 5th