

PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 14, 2016 6:45 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: John Falci
Trustees: Glenn Thomas (Absent), Frank Libordi, William Coleman
Peter DiRaimondo
Clerk: Kristene Libordi
OIC Scott Richardson
Tribune Rep Jason Jordan
Resident Kevin Smith, Joseph Dick, Mark VanDurme

Mayor Falci opened the Public Hearing at 6:45PM.
The Public Hearing is to present proposed changes to be made on Chambers Street and Richland Avenue.

Amending Sections 131-25, 131-27 and 131-30 of the Village Code which shall read as follows:

[New Language] [Language to be deleted]

§131-25. Schedule II: Speed Limits

In accordance with the provisions of §131-5, speed limits other than thirty (30) miles per hour are established as indicated upon the following streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
State Route 21-36	As established by the State of New York	Entire length of Village
Chambers Street	10 mph	Entire length
Richland Avenue	10 mp	Entire length

§131-27. Schedule IV: One Way Streets

In accordance with the provisions of §131-7, the following described streets or parts of street are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated.

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits
Chambers Street	South	Entire Length
First Alley	North	Entire Length
Woodbury St	East	Entire Length

§131-30. Schedule VII: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

In accordance with the provisions of §131-12, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Bethesda Dr	North	From 50 feet east of Cleveland Avenue and west of Seneca Rd.

Bethesda Dr	South	From Seneca Road to Cleveland Avenue
Bowen Street	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Chambers Street	Both	Entire Length
East Alley	Both	From Seneca Road to Mary Street
Elmwood Avenue	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Jones Street	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Linwood Avenue	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Maplewood Avenue	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Park Street	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Pittsburg Avenue	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Richland Avenue	Both	Entire length
West Lane	Both	From Bethesda Drive to Pittsburg Avenue
Wightman Avenue	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road
Woodbury Street	Both	Within 50 feet of Seneca Road

Mr. Kevin Smith: Concerned over having two way on Chambers Street. It is not designed for two vehicles, so when there are two vehicles that have to go down the street, what is the situation?

OIC Richardson: Usually one of the operators will yield to let the other get by.

Mr. Smith: But by going over you are going onto private property.

OIC Richardson: You would go towards a driveway area

Mr. Smith: I've had vehicles go through my yard multiple times and I have had to put cones out there. Basically what we are saying is that going off the roadway, we are going onto private property. I don't know if that is a stance that the Village wants to take?

Mayor Falci: What we normally do here is to take all the concerns that we receive today and we have to go back and sit down and get these concerns out. Sometimes it changes everyone's mind.

Mr. Smith: With the intersection with Pittsburg Street, has it been resolved that if it does go two way, there is a tree and a hedge row right on the corner, so that if you are approaching the intersection, you have to creep out into the intersection.

Mayor Falci: Yes we have heard that. I think Mark (VanDurme) might have brought it up. As you are going north coming out of Chambers Street, by the old Fawcett house you have the hedges and trees there. I know we are trimming some things tomorrow, not the hedges.

Mr. Smith: I bring it up because it is a safety issue.

Mayor Falci: Yes, you are right.

Mr. Smith: Vehicles coming from Pittsburg Street turning left onto Chambers or also vehicles coming from Chambers on to Pittsburg it's a safety issue, whether it is pedestrians or vehicles.

Mr. Joseph Dick: I was talking to Rich (Scavo) and Tom (Vondracek) went on the State website and it lists the protocol and dimensions for the width of roadways. And it says for local Village minimum of 9' maximum of 12' in each direction for a two lane road. That doesn't meet it does it?

Mayor Falci: What site was that?

Mr. Dick: Tom had it up this morning when I was up there at Village hall. I should have had him print it out for you.

Mayor Falci: We will get with Tom and see if it applies.

Mr. Smith: I'd like to make a comment on that. The roadway what if seen on the plans it shows 15' wide - the right of way through that area. And the actual paved section is 13' in most places and at the intersection of Pittsburg its 14'. So a typical car is 6' wide, commercial 8' plus or minus. Again doing simple math, it doesn't leave you much when you drive by. I understand it is not two- way traffic on a continual basis – it is intermittent.

Mayor Falci: Have the residents there, even if it says “one way”, go either way however they want?

Mr. Smith: Never.

Mayor Falci: What do you see Mark (VanDurme)? Do you see residents that use the alley, do they go either way?

Mr. Mark VanDurme: No I would say none, but since you passed that it was two way a couple months ago, I've been going two way.

My only concern about the two way bit, as you come out is if you have to come out at the other end and you have to turn left. Cars coming over the bridge – I've had so many close calls that's why I like to go the other way. And I have been doing it when I am heading north, otherwise I'm going right – I go the other way. I will admit that the traffic that uses two way a majority of the time before that, were villagers. They keep the big trucks and loaders off Seneca Rd. and that is fine but, there are some people that have used it quite a bit. A lot of times people do it because they don't know I think because I have seen cars come the other way and I don't recognize the vehicle.

The concern –I knew that when it was always one way I would pull out and would rarely look to the left because I wouldn't expect a vehicle to be coming. Now I have to pay attention more now that it is two way and everyone is doing it two way – I look all the time.

Mayor Falci: So Mark, if you were going to Arkport, you would go out towards Pittsburg.

Mr. VanDurme: Yes, I personally do not like making a left turn off the bridge. There are too many close calls.

I was coming home over the weekend off of Cleveland Avenue and a car was coming, I had to wait on Pittsburg for them to get out (from Chambers) because they were in the middle. They pulled out and then I pulled in.

Mr. Smith: There are no sidewalks on Pittsburg and there are a lot of walkers coming up Pittsburg and Cleveland

Mayor Falci: So Kevin your main concern is the two way? Do you have a concern or anybody with the 10 mile per hour?

Mr. Smith: Oh not at all. We have kids in our area that play out there. Like you say, it is classified as a street but it's an alley. Sometimes you get complacent thinking there are no vehicles and then they show up. So I like the signage for 10 miles per hour with “children at play” just as an extra device. There are times when people exceed a reasonable speed through the area – that happens anywhere. But when it is closer quarters, it is more critical, it is more congested. There are some vehicles that cannot pull directly into their garages so they have to park parallel to the roadway so that gives that close quarters affect too.

Mayor Falci: I am thinking that you couldn't change it one way around the other way because it would be a disaster coming off the bridge and you making a left hand turn – nobody would see you.

Mayor Falci: Are there any others? These have been good points that we will talk to Scott and talk to the residents and see what we can do. We have 30 days to act on this and we could delay it. Are there any other questions on this subject?

Mayor Falci: We will end the public hearing at this time and address it at the April 4th organizational meeting. We will have some suggestions and a plan at that time.

Hearing adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Libordi
Village Clerk