

## Tree Board Meeting Notes of 4/1/15

### Plus Addendum of 4/6/15

**Attendees: Judy McMillan, Larry Rhodes, Bill Bross, Andy Pleninger & Gene Pratt**

**Discussion:**

1. Andy P. presented a plan of how to best leverage the \$ available in the 2015/16 fiscal budget (calendar year 6/1/15-5/31/16) of \$11,000. The plan reflected addressing the high priority trees from the 2012 risk survey, a reserve fund for emergency work, and arborist support.

• Remove/prune high risk trees(11 of 17)	\$6820
• Reserve fund for emergency work	\$1860
• Arborist support	\$2340
	TOTAL
	\$11,020

As shown, this plan does not fund the street tree inventory that we had planned to begin ( 3.1 miles of 17 total) and some “at risk” trees (6 of 17) remain from the 2012 tree survey.

**Action Item:** Determine if \$ are available from the 2014/15 fiscal budget for tree work that might be utilized. Gene P. to discuss with John Turner. ***See Addendum***

2. Arbor Day plans were reviewed by Larry Rhodes. The Town of Victor does not have any plans currently for observation. Larry will contact John Turner for his input regarding an appropriate spot for a tree planting. The Canandaigua Messenger will be contacted.

**Action Item:** Noted above

3. Judy M. discussed the “Urban Forestry in the Finger Lakes” presentation that she attended at FLCC. The presenter was Chris Luley of Urban Forestry, LLC.

**Action Item:** Judy to document the discussion and notes will be available at our next meeting.

4. The group discussed the need to improve the village resident's awareness of the tree ordinance and activities associated with the Tree Board. Including a newsletter or something of that sort might be included in the next Victor-wide mailing as a means of promoting awareness.

**Action Item:** Gene P. to contact Pan Hogenes regarding the date of the next village-wide mailing. *Per Pam it will be around June 1.*

5. The "Victor Tree Board Mission" (see attachment) was approved and will be included in the Village of Victor website. Meeting notes, meeting schedules, other documentation will be included as well. Pam Hogenes will manage.
6. Meeting Schedule – Meetings of the Tree Board will be the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the Victor Village Hall.
7. An update of planned Tree Board activities will be presented to the Victor Village Board at their next meeting on Monday, April 6. Gene P. to present with support from Larry R.

**Next Meeting: May 6, 2015 at 7PM at the Village Hall**

### **ADDENDUM of 4/6/15**

1. In discussion with John Turner on Monday, 4/6 it was determined that \$10k for trees remains unspent for fiscal year 2014/15 (6/1/14 – 5/31/15). This allows the Tree Board a total of \$21k available from 4/6/15 thru 6/1/16 and greatly changes our plans.
2. Gene P. reviewed the revised funding available and the modified plans (as follows) with John Turner and Larry Rhodes. Following their agreement, Gene reviewed plans with the Village Board at their meeting on Monday evening. The Village Board approved the following on 4/6/15:

- a.** Move forward with the removal and pruning of high risk trees ASAP in order to utilize the remaining \$ from the 2014/15 budget (prior to 6/1/15).
- b.** Roll over any unspent \$ from the 2014/15 fiscal budget into the 2015/16 fiscal budget related to trees.
- c.** Initiate the Tree Inventory project and complete the initial 3.11 miles of street trees at a cost of \$4280.
- d.** Provide funding for arborist support – Andy P. of Urban Forestry, LL at a cost of \$2340 per fiscal year.
- e.** Maintain a reserve for emergency tree work of \$1860.
- f.** Complete the removal or pruning process of trees not completed in “item a” above.

Assuming current cost estimates, all of the above work is adequately funded for activities thru 6/1/2016.