



Village of  
**Glenwillow**

Honoring the Past - Welcoming the Future

Council Meeting – Council Chambers  
March 20, 2019– 7:00 pm  
Mayor Mark A. Cegelka presiding

The Mayor, Mark A Cegelka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jeffrey Adie, Don Banas, Anthony DeCarlo, Barbara DiBacco, Gurvis Smith

Absent: Larry Sylver

Others Present: Law Director Mark Marong, Finance Director John Veres, Engineer Mike Henry, Clerk of Council Lori Pepera

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2019 were approved as presented.

(Adie/Smith)

Roll Call: Yeas - Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith,  
Nays – None

5 yeas – 0 nays  
Motion Carried

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**CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation by Midwest Railway Preservation Society concerning preservation of the Falls Junction Train Depot:

Steve Korpos, Jr., Trustee, for the Midwest Railway Preservation Society was in attendance to discuss the train depot on Pettibone Rd. Steve came to the meeting this evening to present to Council the situation with the Falls Junction Depot. Steve explained the history of Midwest Railway Preservation Society and how they came to acquire the Falls Junction Depot. Their mission is to collect, preserve, educate and operate railroad history.

MRPS acquired the Falls Junction Depot in 1993 from Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. The depot is on land owned by W & LE. At the time, the roof on the building was sagging and in overall bad shape. To help keep the depot from getting any worse MRSP worked with the Village to help put a new roof on the building. Mayor Cegelka worked with W & LE to let MRSP use the track to run two trips, to Kent, for two years. Wheeling and Lake Erie does not allow passengers on the tracks therefore, MRSP took donations for a new roof and in turn, donated a train ride.

Falls Junction Depot is the oldest building in the Village. It has issues that need addressed due to its age; rotting wood, lead paint, water in the basement, no drain tiles, no utilities, electric is original, and no parking. MRSP is no longer able to do trips with W & LE. Possible solutions include;1) Sell the building to the Village for \$1.00 and leave the building where it is. The land

that the depot is currently on is a 99-year lease, but this lease cannot be transferred to the Village. 2) sell the building to someone else. W & LE does not Want this. The agreement in the lease is with MRSP but can be canceled by W & LE at any time. 3) Move and sell the building. MRSP only does preservation and doesn't want it torn down. They can manage the project and use its wealth of volunteers and contractors to move the building to the new Pettibone Rd. Park. MSRP has been involved with moving two other depots just like Falls Junction. In order to move the building, several things need to be done to prepare the site; remove trees, dig a basement, install drain tiles and protect the tracks while moving the building across them. After it's moved items that would need addressed are; make repairs, install furnace, paint (encapsulate the lead paint first) build loading dock. The benefits of this project are; preserving the building, can provide artifacts inside the building for historical purposes, could have volunteers talk at events to educate about the history, and to have it set up as it originally was. (Steve offered to donate a baggage cart) Stein movers is the company who moved a depot in Kent similar to Falls Junction. The cost was \$12,000. This move was farther and took a little over 4 hours. The cost for the move of Falls Junction would be similar. Steve acquired a few quotes for a foundation which came in at \$15,000 and \$18,000.

Mike Henry explained; there are utilities already in place and available at the park, including electric, gas and water. Mayor Cegelka stated; the entire move would cost approximately \$50,000, including the foundation and hook up of utilities. The rest of the renovations could be done over time. Tony DeCarlo questioned if there are grants available for projects like this. Mayor Cegelka responded; once the building is moved onto Village property and the Village has ownership then grants could be applied for.

To move forward in this direction, Steve will gather all the necessary information the Village would need and want. The project could be done in phases if that's what was wanted. Mayor Cegelka stated; if Council agrees he would like to have an outline, proposed budget and timeframe of when this would happen for everyone to look at before consideration.

Mayor Cegelka thanked Steve for his presentation this evening and explaining to Council the situation and potential of the Falls Junction Depot.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

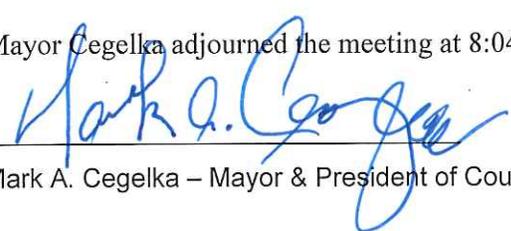
**NEW BUSINESS:**

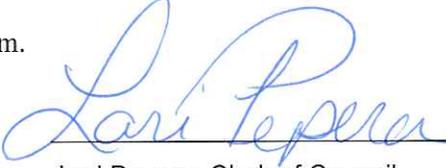
None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

There being no further business to come before Council, motion by Jeff Adie, seconded by Gurvis Smith to adjourn the meeting. Vote on the motion to adjourn was all yeas and no nays.

Mayor Cegelka adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Mark A. Cegelka – Mayor & President of Council

  
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Lori Pepera, Clerk of Council