

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
February 16, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday February 16, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:00 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor Diane McCord
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Les Kalmus
Councilperson Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet - absent

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

INTERVIEWS FOR ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW & SPECIAL PROSECUTOR- EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:02PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANCY ON THE ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR POSITION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMAS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

The Board took a short break and the meeting immediately resumed.

Supervisor McCord gave a brief update of information regarding the Highway Department. Highway Superintendant Mike Cafaldo said paving Martin Sweedish Road by Callanans would cost \$220,000, Peckman would do it for \$186,000. However, if the Town of Esopus does the paving it would be about \$140,000, which would use up most of his CHIPS fund. The road needs to be done and complaints have been made. The sweeper truck is broken and cannot be repaired. A used sweeper goes for \$70,000. Renting the sweeper for 2 months would be \$16,000. If the Town decides to buy a new sweeper, the cost of the rental can be applied to the purchase. The bucket truck cannot be fixed. Mike is looking for a used bucket truck.

The drainage needs to be repaired on Bayard Street. The money can come from the drainage budget. Servpro has completed the mold remediation work at the highway garage. Highway Superintendent report needs to be completed for 2016 needs to be completed.

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor McCord said the Liberta Bros Inc. was the low bidder and asked if the Board would like to have him come to a meeting so they could meet with him. Councilperson Wayne Freer said he looked around but Liberta has not been in the Transfer Station business in our area long enough to find anyone who had anything good or bad to say. Supervisor McCord said they have been in business for 35 years. She had previously talked to the Supervisor of Marbletown and although they have only been working with Liberta for a month, he was extremely pleased with his services and said he didn't have to worry about it. Councilperson Barnett said he thought it was a good idea to bring him in to talk to. Councilperson Freer said he would like to see up to date income figures since the Transfer Station changed their rates on June 1, 2015. Town Clerk Holly Netter will compile the information for the Board. Mr. Liberta will be invited to the Town Board Meeting February 24, 2016. Councilperson Barnett said everyone should have a copy of the latest version of the RFP.

RECREATION BUILDING LOCATION

Another discussion took place to determine where the new Recreation Building will be erected. The figures to locate the building behind Town Hall were not available for this meeting. Alternative ways to build the structure in the back of Town Hall have been discovered. If the amount of money to build the new structure behind Town Hall is manageable, it is the most desirable location.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A draft letter was given to the Board for review regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Councilperson Barnett was reminded that he was going to provide Supervisor McCord with the names of consulting firms that may be able to help with the Comprehensive Plan.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AT 8:40 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL - UNION NEGOTIATIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CONCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AT 8:48 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

SOLAR- NYSERDA – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 8:49 PM TO DISCUSS A PERSONELL MATTER REGARDING THE SOLAR PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CONCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AT 9:00 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO PUT ON HOLD ANY FURTHER PROGRESS EXCEPT FOR COMMUNICATING WITH THE GOVENORS OFFICE AND NYSERDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS

Steve Aaron is not happy. He does not want Don Kiernan or his staff on his property because they did a sneak inspection. The Health Department still does not want to lift the band and still wants a grease trap installed. The grease level right now is ok. There has been no maintenance records turned over to Superintendent Kiernan or the Town. He will not take over the station until the records are obtained. Paul Kellar, Town Attorney, said there is no way to approve the road until the pump station and water lines are approved. If there are still liens on the property in which the pump station and the pipes are located, it cannot be done. Supervisor McCord has addressed all of the outstanding items in a letter to Steve Aaron as was discussed at the last meeting. If you remove the pipes, pump station and road off of the deed, there is not enough property left for the project as it was approved by the Planning Board. Aaron still owes \$10,000 to Central Hudson.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 9:15 BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY CONUCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk