

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
April 19, 2016

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday April 19, 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 - Absent
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:32 pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35PM TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON AT THE TRANSFER STATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00PM AND WAS SECONDED BY WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

SUPERVISORS MEETING

Supervisor McCord gave a brief update from the recent Ulster County Supervisors meeting. A local law will eventually be needed regarding solar farms. Clarification of this subject is needed and JoAnna Mignone is attending a class to learn more about assessing these solar farms as opposed to agricultural farms.

Sales Tax agreement will be the same for the next five years.

The Supervisors discussed the need for the Towns to meet with Ulster County to see if they can join together and decrease the cost of Health Insurance. By joining Towns and Counties together they are hoping to save money on benefits and other common cost saving areas.

Diane is going to meet with New Paltz to discuss sharing costs.

Councilperson Les Kalmus and Supervisor McCord are trying to move ahead with the Comprehensive Plan.

Dennis Doyle gave a map of the TCI lines. He would like us to indicate the areas on the map that currently do not have service, have service and unknown areas will be in yellow.

NAVARRA

Fred Zimmer has been very helpful with the research. Supervisor McCord said the old line where 213 runs up thru St. Remy was abandoned by the State and given to the Town in the early 1950's. Supervisor McCord has received a ton of paperwork from Mr. Story from the N.Y.D.O.T. regarding the history of the area in question. It has been confirmed the Town has an easement thru Mr. Navarra's property. Supervisor McCord will schedule an appointment to meet with Mr. Navarra when she has all of the paperwork in order and advise him that the Town will be opening up the drain.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS

Dan Vedder has two openings for the Recreation Department. Dan has interviewed all six of the applicants and has selected two. Councilpersons Freer and Van Vliet want to interview all of the applicants at the next Town Board Meeting. Supervisor McCord will have her secretary contact the applicants and schedule the interviews. Dan has no help available at this time and the parks need to be ready by May 1st. Councilperson Freer suggested Supervisor McCord talk to Mike Cafaldo to see if the Highway personnel can help Dan get the parks ready. He cannot move the picnic benches alone.

SHED FROM LIGHTHOUSE PARK

It was decided at the meeting on January 27, 2016 to relocate the Shed donated by Scenic Hudson from Lighthouse Park to the Town Hall. Nothing of value can be stored currently at the shed since it is in a remote location. Councilperson Van Vliet and Freer are now questioning the need for the shed on this property. Dan said he currently stores all the Winter Wonderland decorations for 9W, tree lighting, etc. in his building.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER TO LEAVE THE SHED AT LIGHTHOUSE PARK FOR STORAGE OF THE ROW BOAT FOR THE WATERCHESTNUT CLEAN UP UNTIL THEY ARE DONE USING IT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. MOTION CARRIED.

RECREATION BUILDING

Councilperson Freer would like Dan to draw a sketch plan of the building to show where everything will be going inside the building: electric, switches, outlets, heating and plumbing. Dan will draw up the plans for the next Town Board meeting. Three bids are needed.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said she was not looking to bust Dan's chops but wanted to make sure it is done right and all safety measures are followed. Dan said he too is not looking at doing something it shouldn't be doing; he is looking to do something that will benefit the department and help the town out in the long run. Supervisor Freer will check with Highway Superintendent Cafaldo regarding assisting with the construction of the building. Supervisor

McCord will call the Association of Towns and get answers to some of the questions that were brought up.

ZBA RESIGNATION – DICK WENZEL

Dick Wenzel has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. We will advertize for Volunteers to fill the openings on the Zoning, Environmental and Water/Sewer boards.

SOLAR PROJECT INTERVIEWS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AT 8:43PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SOLAR VENDOR FROM BQ ENERGY; PAUL CURRAN WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 9:00 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BQ AND SEND IT ON TO BQ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO TAKE THE \$35,750 WHICH IS IN ESCROW AND SEND IT TO SUN EDISON UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE SIGNATURES OF THE PENDING CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.MOTION CARRIED.**

SUPERVISOR MCCORD WILL ASK KYLE ABOUT REVIEWING THE RELEASE OF SUNEDISON AND ALL PENDING

HIGHWAY CHIPS FUNDS

****SUPERVISOR MCCORD MADE A MOTION TO HAVE \$32,308.50 FROM THE PAVE NY PROGRAM TO GO DIRECTLY INTO THE HIGHWAY INCOME LINE FOR CHIPS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY OF KINGSTON WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

There was a brief discussion regarding a letter that Supervisor McCord received from the City of Kingston regarding the improvements that are needed at the Kingston plant. The Town of Esopus, according to our contract with the City of Kingston, is responsible for 10% of the improvement. There is a question of how much money the Town will be responsible for. Clarification needs to be obtained for how much money Kingston will receive from FEMA.

MISCELANEOUS

Cabrini Sisters have given permission to the Town to talk with Highland Adventures regarding the purchase of the Cabrini Property.

Mr. Berg is going to foreclose on his property which abuts up next to the Town property. He would like to know if the Town is interested in buying the land at \$10,000 to \$11,000 per acre. Councilperson Van Vliet said we already have 21 acres of land why would we buy it and take it off the take rolls. Councilperson Freer said it is worth thinking about.

Supervisor McCord received several complaints of ATV's on the PE Sewer land near Heavenly Valley and Gary Wilson sent pictures of large ruts. Mr. Wilson told Supervisor McCord there was a jeep running around on the property as well. Don has been asked to post no trespassing signs on the Town property and the Sherriff's Dept. will be asked to take their ATV's in and patrol the area. Supervisor McCord will contact the Sheriff's department.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:13 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter, RMC
Town Clerk