

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
May 16, 2017

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor Diane McCord
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Public Comment - None

MS4 Report

Sal Morello, Building Inspector has completed the annual MS4 Report and a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Esopus Town Hall.

Timberland Trail, West Park - Dennis Cooper

Dennis Cooper came before the Board to discuss the letter which he sent to Supervisor McCord on 3/12/17. Mr. Cooper purchased two lots in the Timberland Trail subdivision in West Park from Louis Fiore, which was approved and started in 1985-1986. The understanding was money would be put in escrow for the specific purpose of building the road. The road was roughed in but never completed. Mr. Cooper said the Town has collected taxes on these properties for years and asked the Town to consider investing in building the road so the remaining lots will sell and increase the tax base. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said it was up to the developer to put in the roads and West Park Vineyards was responsible. Councilperson Van Vliet said putting in a road would be going against zoning and would open the door for others to ask for the same. This topic was discussed at the April 3, 2017 meeting and the Town Board reviewed the request and determined it was the responsibility of the developer to pave the road. If the owners of the properties on the road wish to bring it up to standards, the Town Board will consider taking it over and maintaining it. Ideas were shared between the Board Members but Mr. Cooper did not feel the owners would be willing to spend any more money because they

feel they will never be made whole on their investment. The Planning Board file will be reviewed to see what agreements were made.

T.E.V.A.S. CONTRACT

Peter Metera is representing T.E.V.A.S. and he has asked the Board to review the changes requested by T.E.V.A.S. At the Workshop meeting held on April 3, 2017, several of the members of T.E.V.A.S. attended to review and request changes for the 2017 contract. After discussing Peter Metera's request, it appears he may have received an older copy of the contract without the revisions which were discussed on April 3rd. Supervisor McCord will follow up with Mr. Metera to ensure he has the proper copy of the contract to review.

Town Computer System

Holly Netter, Town Clerk, has been dealing with changes that are needed for the computer system at the Town Hall. The Board was brought up to date on the changes that have been made and reviewed pricing for future battery backup needs. Councilperson Freer had a few questions relating to the free Wi-Fi set up which Holly will clarify with Nick. There was an oversight when Nick Monaco did the network assessment and the wireless infrastructure was not included. He has offered to split the cost and the Town Board was in agreement that we need the upgrade. The cost will be \$664 to the Town.

MID HUDSON STREET LIGHTING CONSORTIUM

The discussion of joining the street light consortium continued from previous meetings. The Town can get in on the RFP for the consortium but has the option to back out if cost is prohibitive. Councilperson Freer said once we get a price, they can analyze the information and determine the cost savings.

UNION PERFORMANCE REVIEW FORM MEETING 5/23/17- CANCELLED

Performance review forms have been placed on hold for now.

CAS LANDI PARK PAVILION DEDICATION

The dedication has been confirmed for the Pavilion at Cas Landi Park on June 11 at 1pm.

NYSDEC/NEIWPPCC GRANT AWARDED

Erin Moore, P.E. from Tighes & Bond, informed Supervisor McCord they were successful with the grant application to the Hudson River Estuary and will be completing an inventory of Esopus culverts. Details are unknown at this time.

2010 VAC-CON INTERNATIONAL TRUCK – DASNY GRANT

Supervisor McCord informed the Board the DASNY grant is still a possibility if they approve a newer truck. Supervisor revised the necessary paperwork and sent it to the state on May 11, 2017.

DEC INSPECTION AT TRANSFER STATION

The DEC inspected the Transfer Station and all went well with the exception of the oil tank. It appears the tank was not registered and their recommendation was to drain, clean and remove the tank. Lenny Liberta will get 3 prices for cleaning and disposal of the tank. Waste oil in individual gallon jugs will still be accepted. We will no longer have bulk storage. Lenny had provided a profit and loss recap for January – April 2017. All though 397 permits have been sold, Lenny feels there needs to be an improvement in permit income. The Board felt it was not all about the bottom line, it is a service that is provided. The Transfer Station has come a long way over the past year.

CENTRAL HUDSON – BIRCHEZ NON PAYMENT OF ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICES

The Birchez is responsible for the operation, maintenance and payment for the utility services for the sewer pump station connected to the Birchez complex. A meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2016 between Central Hudson, the Town of Esopus officials and a representative from Birchez to discuss a resolution to this matter. Unfortunately the meeting was cancelled because the representative for Birchez had a conflict and was never rescheduled. Central Hudson has not been paid by Birchez for the gas and electric accounts and is seriously in arrears. There are many issues that have been previously discussed regarding this matter and reports that were promised to the Board by Steve Aaron still have not been provided.

MOBILE PHONE – FIRE INSPECTOR

A request was made for a cell phone for Rich Valentine, the covering Fire Inspector. Request was denied.

NAVARA PROPERTY – ST. REMY

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:55 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A POSSIBLE LITIGATION OF THE NAVARA PROPERTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:05 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

RSS SITE VIST WITH PETER GRAHAM, ESQ AND SAL MORELLO 5/3/17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREE AT 9:06 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AN ONGOING LITIGATION WITH RSS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 141 PROSPECT STREET PORT EWEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:11 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISION MADE.

FIRE INSPECTOR – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:12 PM TO DISCUSS THE PERSONNEL HISTORY OF THE FIRE INSPECTOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:38 PM BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FIRE INSPECTOR WITH A REPLY DEADLINE DATE OF JUNE 5, 2017 TO FINALIZE THIS MATTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NYS PLAYGROUND LAW AND NYMIR SAFETY GUIDELINES

Dan Vedder, Building and Grounds, attended a training session offered by NYMIR and reviewed safety guidelines. Supervisor McCord shared the concerns Dan brought back from the meeting. The Board will need to review these topics and decide how and if they wish to proceed.

MISCELLANEOUS

James Banks is currently on the Assessment Board of Review and would like to be considered for the opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals. An interview will be set for May 24th at 7:30 pm so new members of the Board can meet Mr. Banks.

Councilperson Freer asked to have the topic of changing zoning and regulations for B & B's on the June 5th workshop agenda. There is a need to inspect and regulate B & B's. Discussion on having B & B's register and allowing the Fire/Building Inspectors access to inspect for safety to protect the renters is needed. Wayne will provide information to the Town Board prior to the meeting for them to review.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC