

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
June 5, 2017**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

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

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Don Kiernan - Port Ewen Water/Sewer Superintendent Contract

The contract with Don Kiernan Water/Sewer Superintendent expires in September. There are no changes to the contract for 2017. Councilperson Freer said there was time and the Board would review the contract.

A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE PROPOSED WATER TANK WILL BE ERECTED WAS MADE AT 7:33 PM BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE AT 7:50 PM BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

NICHOLAS PASCARETTI – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Boy Scout Nicholas Pascaretti, came before the Board to present his plans to build a Wheelchair accessible picnic bench at St. Remy Park. There are two metal picnic tables that have already been donated under the new Cas Landi Park Gazebo. The Board was open to the idea but many questions need to be addressed. The dedication is June 10th and the Town Board will

look for a desirable location. Nicholas provided the specs of the bench; however he needs to be specific about the material that will be used. Trex is the preferred by the Board.

TRANSFER STATION - ROLL-OFF COVER

Several months ago approval was given to purchase a carport for the Transfer Station to be used as a roll-off cover. Keeping the contents of the roll-off dry will save money since the charge is determined by weight. The original approval was for \$1,595 and utilized the concrete pylons that were previously at the Transfer Station. Since the approval, the company has reneged on their offer. A carport will now be purchased and installed by the West Park Service Center. WPSC will perform all work installing steel girders into the ground and will guarantee the work. The cover will be high enough so the truck can haul the roll-off.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GUESS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE ROLL-OFF COVER FROM WEST PARK SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,105 AND NEGATING THE FIRST APPROVAL OF \$1,595 TO THE PRIOR COMPANY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD ROCK SCHOOL 1865 – HISTORICAL DESIGNATION REQUEST

The Old Rock School built in 1865 is located on the Anna Devine Property. In order for the school house to be designated as a historical site the owner has to make the request. The Kingston City School district is the owner on record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR DIANE MCCORD TO SEND A LETTER TO THE KINGSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ASKING THEM TO FILE FOR A HISTORICAL DESIGNATION OF THE OLD ROCK SCHOOL HOUSE LOCATED IN RIFTON. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

AIR B & B

The Board held a discussion regarding setting limitations and the implementing of safety regulation on Air B & B's. The ultimate goal is to ensure the renters are staying in a safe structure and the homeowners are held accountable to safety standards. Twelve properties have been found on the web for the Town of Esopus. Councilperson Freer explained since the Air B & B's are private residences, the current code does not allow for the Building and Fire Inspector to look at the property to make sure the renters are safe. Councilperson Freer said he found at least a dozen homes in Esopus being used as B & B's. Myles Putman, Planning Board Consultants is researching out to other townships that have B & B's to provide a baseline on the necessary code changes which will need to be made. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said she would like to see a limit of the number of days per year the home can be used as a B & B.

TRANSFER STATION – INTERNET CONNECTION

Spectrum has informed the Town it will cost \$10,018 to build out the connection to the Transfer Station. Spectrum is willing to absorb \$5,000 of the cost leaving a balance of \$5,018 as a responsibility to the Town. Everyone agreed this fee was absurd. Councilperson Freer said he understood the contract had to provide service to Town Buildings. He will do research to see if he can locate information pertaining to the matter. Councilperson Kathie Quick had suggested looking into other options as well such as Dish Network. Further discussion is needed once research is complete.

REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH AT LIGHT HOUSE PARK – AGNES (COOKIE) REIS

Supervisor McCord received a letter requesting permission to dedicate a bench in the memory of Don Reis who was recently deceased. Don was an avid duck hunter and fisherman and Mrs. Reis felt the park would be a perfect location to pay tribute to him. The Board needs to know the exact location before any decisions can be made. Supervisor McCord will contact Mrs. Reis and make arrangements to meet at the park to view the options. Discussion will be continued at a future workshop meeting.

SALES TAX REVENUE JAN - MAR 2017

The sales tax revenue for the first quarter of 2017 was \$37,477.41 which is on target with the budget.

JOHN BURROUGHS TRAIL GREENWAY GRANT

As discussed in a prior meeting the grant for the John Burroughs Trail Greenway Grant has been approved. Supervisor McCord has been asked to attend a ceremony at SUNY Newburgh and say a few words about the grant.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said although the Town Property is posted there are still ATV's cutting through to access 40 bumps. She would like to see a concrete barrier put in place. Mike Cafaldo will be contacted to see if he can block the access.

Councilperson Van Vliet also would like to see the light bar replaced on the Town sign at Town Hall. It has been out for a few months.

Several months ago Hannah Long requested permission to place a bench at Cas Landi Park as a girl scout project. She would also like to have a weather tight box where books could be placed and children could take to read and return it. It was briefly discussed by the Board but no determination was made. Arrangements to have Hannah come in to explain her idea will be made.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:29 PM WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**