

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

September 6, 2016

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday September 6, 2016 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 Kyle Barnett - Absent
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET AT 7:31 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING SEAN GRAY FOR A VACANCY IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS TO HIRE SEAN GRAY AT A SALARY OF \$11 TO START SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 FOR THE SEASONAL RECREATION POSITION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MARSHALL & STERLING – “SIGNIFICANT OTHER” INSURANCE COVERAGE

A discussion was held regarding the definition of what constitutes a “significant other”. Currently the Union Contract allows domestic partners to buy insurance and the Town pays nothing toward their coverage. Marshall & Sterling had made a suggestion that the Town may want to define domestic partners and decide whether proof should be required. There are State

guidelines to reference. Marshall and Sterling also felt that depending on the interpretation, the Town may have some tax liability.

Eric Davids, from Marshall & Sterling, distributed a packet to all of the Board Members for review. He proceeded to discuss the health benefit options. He made a suggestion regarding the MVP liberty Silver 8 which would be transparent and provide the same coverage to the employees. Marshall & Sterling will be looking for options for the retirees. Hartford Insurance Company will cover retirees no longer working for the Town. Retirees who are still working for the Town will not be covered.

SEWER VACUUM JET – GOOD NEWS

Senator George Armedore and Assemblyman Cahill have notified Supervisor McCord that the Town will receive a grant for \$150,000 from DASNY for the purchase of a Sewer Vacuum Jet. Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo said he has obtained price quotes and he is confident he will be able to find one in that price range.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Mike Cafaldo also discussed 2 international trucks that were purchased in 2012 which have needed a significant amount of repairs; \$28,000 and \$15,000. If we purchase three new trucks, the price is \$90,000 per year. They will be a better vintage and will improve the fleet. Mike also gave a quick review of the progress of road repairs.

Mike Cafaldo recently hired two individuals. Although Mike as an elected official, can hire whomever he chooses, the Town Board felt it would have been nice to know the individuals had been hired. Councilperson Freer asked if there was a contract when they were hired. The Board asked why he didn't speak to his liaison about the hires. Mike explained he tried to reach the liaison but there was no answer. The Board would like to keep an open line of communication. If the liaison is not available another Board member would like to be called.

PILGRIM PIPELINE MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION

Board members were given a copy of a sample of a memorializing resolution requesting the NYS DEC and the NYS Thruway Authority to assure public review of the project. The Board had already passed a resolution requesting the appointment of the DEC to oversee the project. That request has been granted. The majority of the Board felt another memorializing resolution was not needed.

SALES TAX

The anticipated sales tax should remain the same for the 2017 budget.

COMPUTER CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

A discussion was held by the Board Members regarding the implementation of a computer policy for security purposes and making improvements to our current system. We need to ensure our system remains safe.

SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE

Supervisor McCord reminded the Board Members there will be a Remembrance ceremony for September 11 at the Port Ewen Fire Department at 7pm. The flag raising ceremony for James Reilly will be held Saturday September 10th at the Esopus Fire Department.

MISCELLANEOUS

A donation of \$500 was received from Scenic Hudson for the Water Chestnut machine.

Supervisor McCord said she has three people so far who have volunteered for the Comprehensive Plan Committee: Mark Ellison, Melanie Marino and Frank Skerritt.

Supervisor McCord gave the Board a choice of September 12 or September 19 as a Budget Workshop Meeting. The members present chose September 12th at 9 am. Highway, Water/Sewer and Building/Grounds will be scheduled for that day. Kathy Disciullo will be asked to attend the workshop meeting on September 20th and the meeting will start at 7pm.

Supervisor McCord said she talked to Mike Cafaldo, Highway Superintendent, and he estimates the cost to take down the house on Canal Street to be approximately \$8,000 which will include dirt to level off the property.

Supervisor McCord is still working on coordinating a special meeting with BQ and the NYSERDA Lawyer. Both gentlemen were on vacation. She will follow up with them the first week of September.

The Open House for the Transfer Station has been postponed until the spring. The clothing bins have been moved inside the Transfer Station to deter people from leaving unwanted items outside the gates. Councilperson Freer said the Transfer Station is still getting new customers.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON FREER AT 8:55 PM AND SECONDED BY LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC