

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

March 2, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor John Coutant - Absent
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Diane L. McCord
Councilperson Kyle Barnett - Deputy Supervisor

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk
Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman

Deputy Supervisor Kyle Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BRIAN J. HEIDEL, MANAGING DIRECTOR – MID-ISLAND AGGREGATES DISTRIBUTION LLC

Brian Heidel came to the workshop meeting to introduce himself and his wife Peggy who is the President of Mid-Island Aggregates Distribution LLC. Mr. Heidel is looking at purchasing the Callanan property and was recently named by Governor Cuomo as a Start Up NY participant. Currently he and his family reside in Sherman Connecticut and are looking at a few potential locations in New York to relocate his business. He is interested in redeveloping the quarry. Mr. Heidel has been in the transportation and mining business for over 20 years. His specialty is in rail and barge transportation. The business would manufacture top soil and other earth products. If the Callanan property is chosen, one of their first projects will be repairing the bulkhead. Councilperson Freer asked if his company would be bringing in waste material to make fertilizer. Mr. Heidel explained he has an agreement with a company named WE CARE who would supply leaf compost and mulch, no sludge or hazardous materials will be used. Mr. Heidel shared many long term visions for the property. The long term goal is, there would be many different businesses of the same mindset using the location making their products. Peggy Heidel is in the media business; she and her daughter have a production company and are looking to put a small sound production facility on the property. The Town Board suggested the Heidels introduce themselves to the Zoning and Planning Boards. The Board also told them we offer a free pre-submission session with the Planning Board if they would like to discuss their ideas.

Start up NY provides the company with 10 years of operating tax – free. No business, corporate, sales, property, State or local taxes and no franchise fees are paid. There is also no income tax for the company or the employees for 10 years. Councilperson Kyle Barnett thanked the Heidel family for coming to introduce themselves.

TRANSFER STATION – DIANE MCCORD

Councilperson Diane McCord briefed the Board on the status of the RFP for the transfer station. We hope to have a final copy of the RFP by the next workshop. A draft copy of the proposed fee schedule was distributed to the Board Members for their review.

FOOD SERVICE VENDOR REQUEST

Charles Bono asked permission to relocate his food service vendor business to Sojourner Truth Monument Park. The Town Board declined the request. Mr. Bono will need to seek a new location and get permission from the land owner as well as our Town Peddler’s Permit.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**