

TOWN OF LLOYD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2021

WEB EX Meeting Only

Present: Supervisor Frederick Pizzuto
Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Claire Winslow
Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti

Also present: Sean Murphy, Attorney
Wendy D. Rosinski, Town Clerk

7:00 PM – Supervisor opened meeting with pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Auchmoody.

PROCLAMATION “Robert Sterling Schoonover” Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS Robert “Bob” Sterling Schoonover, 74 of Boynton Beach, Florida was taken from our midst on April 11, 2021.

WHEREAS “Bob” was born on January 14, 1947 in East Stroudsburg, PA,

WHEREAS “Bob” was a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1964.

WHEREAS “Bob” served our country in the United States Coast Guard where he was trained in Cape May, NJ. At one point he was stationed at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

WHEREAS “Bob” began his professional career with IBM in Poughkeepsie and held the position of First-Line Manager.

WHEREAS “Bob” and his first wife Kathy Cooke Schoonover established residence in the Town of Lloyd, NY in the Hamlet of Highland where they designed and built their family home and together raised their children Robert Scott and Jody Sue.

WHEREAS “Bob” and Kathy served their community in town government, in local recreation and as coaches of local sports programs.

WHEREAS “Bob” served two terms as the Supervisor of the Town of Lloyd from 1988 to 1991.

WHEREAS “Bob” served as chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

WHEREAS “Bob” served as the president of the Highland Soccer Club.

WHEREAS “Bob’s” service to his community was a representation of his generosity with his time, his quest for knowledge and desire to connect with others.

WHEREAS “Bob” in his retired years pursued his interest in becoming a maker and a fixer and grew proud of his learned skills of carpentry, plumbing, tiling and general construction.

WHEREAS “Bob” remarried, and he and his second wife, Katharine Miller, lived in Brewster, NY and later moved to Boynton Beach, Florida where they spent many years together close to the beach and with their beloved friends in Briny Breezes.

WHEREAS “Bob” will be deeply missed by his family, friends and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Regular Meeting of April 21, 2021 of the Town of Lloyd Town Board be opened in memory of “Robert Sterling Schoonover”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be delivered to his wife, Katharine Miller; Son, Robert Scott Schoonover and daughter Jody Sue Harris with the deepest sympathy of this Town Board of the Town of Lloyd.

Mayfest Essential Farmers and Makers Market Presentation

Jami Anson updated the on Mayfest. Ticket sales are going very well. They are looking for volunteers. Vendor sites are sold out. They have 24 wines, liquors, distilleries, beer, hard ciders. Hudson Valley Restaurant Week and a Taste of New York are partners. Metro North is also becoming a partner. People can come up on the train and that will help with traffic.

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Peter Bellizzi added that the tickets are for the tasting area and the rest of the market is free.

9 Commercial Avenue Update

Moved to next workshop.

Auchmoody said there is a large container there and it is full. It looks like they are cleaning inside the building.

1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons

Assessor - Supervisor

Audit – January 1 – June 30, 2021: Councilmembers Auchmoody and Mazzetti

July 1 - December 31, 2021: Councilmembers Winslow and Guerriero

Building Department – Supervisor

EDC (Economic Development Committee) - Councilmember Auchmoody

Highland Fire District – Supervisor

Supervisor reported the lease with the Fire District and the Police Department is up.

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Mazzetti

Mazzetti reported the District is back to 4 days of in person instruction. The School Budget will soon go out to the public for vote.

Highland Central School District has announced its Valedictorian is Stephanie Klein with an average of 102.9. She plans on attending New York University and has been accepted into the accelerated dental program.

The Salutatorian is Dana Georghiou with an average of 101.8, who will be attending the State University of New York at New Paltz and major in Accounting.

Mazzetti said he and the board came up with a wonderful idea of having the student clubs from the High School run the concession stand at Berean Park and keep the proceeds for their clubs. He has spoken with the school district and they are excited about the partnership

Highland Landing Park – Councilmember Auchmoody

Auchmoody reported that CSX has pushed off construction until May 3rd.

He is working on the back of the parking lot.

They have planted grass in the northwest corner but the fishermen keep walking across it.

He is doing the concrete work to get ready for the rock for the plaque for the late Frank Skartodos.

Then they will build the railings around the porch.

Hudson 7 –Russ Gilmore

Supervisor reported NYCDPW is releasing an exorbitant amount of water into the Esopus Creek and it is creating a lot of mud and turbidities in the Hudson River.

There are 7 towns, including ourselves, that draw off the river for drinking water. They are writing a letter to NYCDPW to encourage them to stop dumping so much water.

Lights – Councilmember Auchmoody

Auchmoody reported there are 4 lights out at Bridgeview but he hasn't heard back from Central Hudson.

Planning Board – Councilmember Winslow

Winslow reported that tomorrow is the regular meeting and the Villages is still on the agenda, as is the continuation of the Silver Gardens Public Hearing, so they are still taking comments.

Everything else is small, such as lot line revisions.

Police – Supervisor

Janso reported their body cams are up and running. They made some major advances on URGENT. They have started Cops and Coffee again. Hopefully next month they will start their Youth Rec League.

Guerriero asked about an accident on 9W/Chapel Hill Road, and Janso said it was serious, but no fatalities.

Mazzetti asked about an accident by Lowes.

Janso responded another serious accident, no fatalities. They have 30 - 40 accidents a month and with the better weather, more people are out. They are enforcing speed and stops

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signs to try to curtail accidents. It happens, unfortunately.
Mazzetti asked if they could reach out to NYSDOT to put a no turn on red sign at the Lowe's light. People are going to cross to the Rail Trail when it says walk but people making the right on red are almost hitting them.
Supervisor said they are paving Rt 299, it will go on until mid-May.

Hudson Valley Rail Trail – Councilmember Auchmoody

Peter Bellizzi reported that in reference to Hudson 7, he spoke with Mary McKee from the Ulster County Trails Committee and she said there are no fish in the Esopus Creek anymore, they don't go up to spawn because of all the turbidity.

The HVRT voted last night to give a \$5 discount to any member off a Tasting Ticket at MayFest and the Walkway will be offering the same. It is a way to give back to our members.

Jamie Anson said if you go to the website and sign up for membership it will email you a \$5 off coupon to use when you purchase your ticket. And if you buy your ticket in person the day of, you can say you are a member and they will have a membership list to refer to.

An email will be going out to promote this. They all strongly believe they need to give more back to membership.

Anson said there is a new website for the Hudson Valley Rail Trail;

www.Hudsonvalleyrailtrails.org

Bellizzi said the new website is quite extensive.

Water and Sewer – Councilmember Auchmoody

Auchmoody reported the Committee discussed the Water line for Silver Gardens. They discussed the status of the bore at Highland Landing Park.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilmember Guerriero

Nothing to report

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Mazzetti asked the status of the Commercial Ave. Ext Sidewalk.
Mazzetti asked about affordable housing.

Chief Janso added they are still doing their wrist band fundraiser for the American Legion.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Mazzetti asked Chief Janso about people making illegal left turns out of Mayer Drive.

Chief said you can't cross double yellow lines and doesn't know if there are signs there. He will check with Highway.

- B.** Supervisor said he spoke with Mark Ryder at the County Office concerning Affordable Housing and also with Dennis Doyle. We can either set up a committee or reach out to RUPCO. Either the Town can run the program or RUPCO can.

Mazzetti feels RUPCO should take over Affordable Housing.

Winslow said the Planning Board makes the builders accountable. They make sure they enforce, on their end, but it is the enforcement over time with the landlord that needs to be on someone else.

Supervisor said putting aside the units is one thing but that is just the tip of the iceberg. The administrative end is another story.

Mazzetti said landlords are increasing rent by 15-20% - do we have a local law to prevent this.

Supervisor spoke with Johnathan Jacobson's office concerning this.

Guerriero mentioned that the Ulster County Planning Board suggested we call Affordable Housing, Workforce Housing.

Mazzetti said they talked about doing a moratorium on Hotels. He said he is all for business and wants a hotel. Mazzetti asked Murphy if we can change the law to say a hotel must have a restaurant that operates during certain hours, it must have a pool and a conference room. If they build that then it is something we can be proud of as opposed to building a motel, that is something else like a boarding house, which the town does not allow.

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Winslow said the problem with that is, in a developer's economic plan to be able to afford that and keep it full.

Mazzetti said 90 rooms at \$75 a night for 365 nights is over \$2 million a year, they can afford it.

Murphy said in reference to the proposal for a hotel by Walgreens, they are looking for height and size variances to make it economically feasible. If you start saying we want restaurants and pools they are going to ask for more size and height.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Maureen Flaherty from Bridgeview asked what the purpose of the moratorium was and did you meet your goal.

Winslow responded that the purpose was to slow down development and make some changes to our code. Some of the projects were much bigger than they are now and the changes to the code did that, and she feels they did meet their goal.

Supervisor added it also included the changes to the PRRD to make those developments come in front of the Town Board, not just the Planning Board, so the Town Board could have more say in the project as far as size, setbacks and screening.

Winslow added they changed the height requirements.

Mazzetti said he does not believe they met their goal. He said they could have increased the setbacks, green space was successful, some aspects were successful, but he doesn't feel they met all their goals.

Mazzetti and Winslow discussed whether Silver Gardens is 3 stories.

Supervisor recommended they attend the Planning Board Public Hearing of Silver Gardens tomorrow night. They aren't going to get anywhere tonight.

Flaherty asked why the Villages is not staying within the ½ acre zoning. Why are they being allowed to put in as many cottages as they want?

Supervisor said with the PRRD, when and if the project becomes a reality, they will come in front of the Town Board and they will discuss how many cottages can be built.

Steve Lee from Highland Hose said Highland Hose, in conjunction with the PBA, is conducting a 20th Anniversary 911 Brick Tribute to commemorate that fateful day 20 years ago, where 412 First Responders made the ultimate sacrifice, to honor them heroism. Flyers are available with all the information.

Mark Reynolds, Reporter, asked about the compliance of the new apartments behind Dollar General. He was told all along they had a plan and when he FOILED for the plan, he was told there is no plan. He asked if the Town was going to make them comply.

Supervisor responded he will talk to the County.

Mazzetti asked Murphy if the projects have to follow our laws.

Supervisor answered that it is the timing of when the law was in effect.

Murphy said if the law was in effect, then it should have been a part of the planning process and part of the approval. If they don't comply, they would be in violation of their approval.

Flaherty said that from a resident's point of view they did not realize Silver Gardens was being built and it was very alarming that there were no Planning Board minutes on the website.

Winslow said Silver Gardens started a couple of years ago and is still going through the process. Nothing has been approved. There is a protocol to follow for the Town's best interest.

Mazzetti and Winslow debated projects.

Mark Reynolds, reporter asked about 9 Commercial Ave.

Supervisor responded they are cleaning out the cork and debris so they can assess what they will do. He has 60 days to complete.

Suzanne Garcia said she feels it is important to let everyone speak.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero, to approve the Town Board Workshop Meeting minutes of April 7, 2021.

Five ayes carried

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- B. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to authorize the payment of vouchers as audited by the Audit Committee.

GENERAL	G - 354	to G – 460	\$ 155,021.69
HIGHWAY	H – 171	to H – 217	\$ 95,833.30
MISC	M – 101	to M – 115	\$ 44,318.30
PREPAYS	P – 189	to P - 272	\$ 222,516.03
SEWER	S – 146	to S – 193	\$ 77,112.99
WATER	W – 107	to W – 175	\$ 112,108.06
TOTAL:			\$ 706,910.37

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye
Five ayes carried

- C. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to hire Matthew M. Sudol as Part-Time Police Officer at a rate of \$21.20 per hour with a start date of 04/22/2021, pending pre-employment physical, at the recommendation of Chief James Janso.

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye
Five ayes carried

- D. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to authorize the Supervisor to approve and sign the Marshall & Sterling Insurance policy for the Feb 2021-Feb 2022 term.

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye
Five ayes carried

- E. MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero, to close the Frank Lombardi parking lot on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the Events Committee Spring Market event.

Five ayes carried

- F. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to accept the resignation of PT Dispatcher Amanda Rose effective April 14 2021.

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye
Five ayes carried

- G. RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Winslow to accept the resignation of PT Dispatcher Kelsey DePue effective April 25 2021.

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye
Five ayes carried

Discussion: Councilmember Guerriero said Mr. DiStasi was a fantastic lawyer for our Town. He feels we can come up with a better plan than a pavilion.

Mazzetti suggested the Education Center at Highland Landing or the Library.

Supervisor said the Education Center is named for Frank Skartados who donated the money for it.

Guerriero said perhaps name the Town Hall or the entire Village Field after him - The DiStasi Complex.

Mazzetti stated we are naming something after him that isn't built yet, we don't know when we will build it or if we even have the money to build it. We are naming something that may never be built.

Auchmoody said it will be built, and once people hear about it, they will donate time and money to get it built.

- H. RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Winslow,

WHEREAS, Lewis Charles DiStasi, Jr., a lifelong resident of the Town of Lloyd, was taken from our midst on February 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Charles DiStasi, Jr. served as the Town of Lloyd Town Attorney for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Charles DiStasi, Jr. was known for his never-ending knowledge of the Law and everything Highland; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Charles DiStasi, Jr. was known for his honesty and integrity, his friendship to all, his devotion to family and community;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Field Pavilion to be located on the Town Field at 39 Main Street will be named the “Lewis Charles DiStasi, Jr. Pavilion”, at the recommendation of Town Supervisor Frederick Pizzuto, Former Town Supervisor John Decker and Former Town Council Member John Mazzetti.

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye

Five ayes carried

I. RESOLUTION made by Auchmoody, seconded by Winslow,

To authorize Supervisor Pizzuto to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 5 between the Town of Lloyd and Barton & Loguidice. This contract is changed as follows:

Supplemental Agreement #5 \$ 14,160

(\$6,930 Architectural Survey, \$ 5,000 RK Hite costs to close/file Map 33 (1 Tillson Avenue; \$2,230 B&L costs to review Architectural Survey, coordinate architectural subconsultant, respond to questions)

Roll call: Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye

Five ayes carried

MOTION made by Auchmoody, seconded by Winslow, to adjourn at 8:21 PM

Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski
Town Clerk

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