

TOWN OF LLOYD
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 3, 2020

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

5:03 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lenny Auchmoody

1. REPORTS

Finance – Sadie Becker

Becker reported that payroll is starting to roll out employee access to the website. Employees will be able to view and print their pay statements, eventually be able to edit personal information, and in the future, they will be able to clock in and out. She thanked the Police Department and Lt. Roloson for being the test group and accessing the portal. She will have the rest of the department up and running in the next few days. Once that is successfully completed, she will be distributing information to the other departments.

They still have not received journal entries for payroll from Benetech and will hopefully be getting that soon. Payroll is still a very manual and time-consuming part of her job. Once the new account clerk is hired, they will both be trained on all the aspects of the new payroll system. Eventually the clerk will be responsible for the payroll and HR responsibilities for the Town.

The AUD is still in progress. They hope to have an update by the end of the week.

Mazzetti said he is concerned they are looking at a 28% reduction in revenue and he wants to know how that is affecting our budget.

Supervisor said they have been working with the County, and originally the reduction forecast was 12-17%, but in anticipation, as the pandemic continues, they thought perhaps 50%, but it looks like it is going to fall short of that.

There is a spending freeze in the Town. Currently we are at 35% in expenses, and it is June already, so we are currently a bit under in our spending.

Highway, Water and Sewer, and the Police have a little cushion.

We are getting our Mortgage Tax check and it is about the same as it has been. The housing industry is doing very well in this pandemic.

Once they get the AUD we will be able to start working on the 2021 budget.

Mazzetti said he hasn't seen a Supervisor's report in months.

Supervisor responded that it is in their board meeting packet every month.

Becker said the Supervisor's report is not completely accurate because they have not been receiving the journal entries for payroll. There are not any salary related items on the report.

Mazzetti said they know they didn't expect this pandemic and did not budget for it, including the extra cleaning for Covid-19, and the PPE. He asked how much has been spent on Covid-19 related items.

Pizzuto said he will get him those numbers.

Mazzetti asked about the disability policy that expired June 1st.

Supervisor said it was discussed at the last meeting but not renewed.

Assessor – Supervisor

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton

Barton told Janso it is a testament to his leadership how well he and his force dealt with the protest.

They continue to do inspections. They are in the office every day. Construction was one of the areas allowed to continue during PAUSE, as long as it was a homeowner or single operator.

Large construction is now allowed to work, as long as they practice social distancing. His department has been Deputized by the State to enforce social distancing along with the Police Department. I know the police have been out to Lowes. They are enforcing job sites. He anticipates being in full swing in a couple of weeks.

The state has been providing online training. They are required to do training every year. Anthony Giangrasso went to Buffalo last fall and he is now able to do it online.

The state adopted new code modifications in May, and it requires us to get more education.

Mazzetti asked what is going on with the Super 8 Motel.

Barton said they submitted a plan to renovate and they have not heard back from them.

Mazzetti said the lawn is getting very high.

Barton responded they are getting a lot of those complaints. They have found that some

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landscapers who were out of work during PAUSE are out of business. They have a few lawn complaints.

Guerriero asked what is going on at the old Lou Smith Auto dealership on Rt 9W.

Barton replied they aren't sure, other than they are cleaning it out. He heard they want to have an auto parts store there. He reached out to the owner, who lives in Washington D.C., but has not heard back from him. They have not applied for anything yet.

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Supervisor said they started the chip program on Monday, and he will have a report sent to everyone.

Police – Chief James Janso

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----1567

ACCIDENTS-----27

TICKETS (PARKING/UTT'S) -----(0 parking)
(53 UTT'S)

ARRESTS-----23

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (OFFICER/SGT) ----- Approx. 130 hrs.

SCHOOLS (OFFICERS/SGT)-----Approx. 0 hrs.

FOOT PATROL----- HAMLET (CHIEF)-----Approx. 1 hrs.

SCHOOLS (CHIEF)----- Approx. 0 hrs.

May 6th -#LLOYDSTRONG T-shirt fundraiser started. All proceeds go to assist local families in need in the community, with food and supplies, during the Coronavirus pandemic.

May 02nd, 05th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 29th – we delivered food as part of Ulster County Project Resilience,

May 21st - We had a meeting with Ulster County STOP DWI. The county is going to be cutting our DWI patrol funds, possibly by 50%, due to the Coronavirus.

May 25th – Members attended the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony with the American Legion at various memorials in the town.

May 20th - Dept. promotions took place.

During the month of May the department continued to assist with requests for local children's drive-by birthday parties with the fire department. The department did approx.10.

The department stepped up patrols to enforce New York State PAUSE rules at all town parks, the river front, and parking lots to ensure public safety. The ATV unit is being used on the rail trail as well.

The department handled 11 PAUSE complaints filed with New York State in May.

Last night they had approximately 2000 protesters trying to cross the bridge. This was a big undertaking for the manpower the Town has. They were assisted by the State Police and the Sheriff's Department. They had 50 to 100 officers on the west side of the bridge. The protest went peacefully. They kept their word on what they were going to do, and we did the same.

After the protest was over, some groups splintered out and were planning to come back and take the bridge, so we had to call our manpower back. They are looking at a lot of hours of overtime as they were on the detail from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Budget-wise it will cost money but there is no price tag on the safety of our town. Marlboro police assisted also, and New Paltz was on call for us. His members performed amazingly well. In his 30 years as an officer this is the first time he has had to deal with anything like this. Our officers are young, and they did an amazing job. Chief chose to stay at his command post at the station and not participate in the protest. He said this event shouldn't impact his budget because they had budgeted for Spring Fest and the Fourth of July and those events have been cancelled.

Auchmoody commended Chief Janso on the outstanding job he and his department did.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso

Supervisor said they have received a permit from the New York State Department of Health to open Berean Reservoir for swimming only. There will not be any Summer Fun or Concession stand, but the bathrooms will be open.

Winslow asked if they were limiting it to local residents only.

Supervisor commented that there will be a motion for that later in the meeting.

Town Clerk – Wendy Rosinski

Town Clerk

The June 23rd Democratic primary will not be using Town Hall as a polling site.

- My office is still working with a full staff from 8:00 AM until noon (or when our work is complete, which is often closer to 1:00 or 2:00 PM.)

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- Our NYS Decals program for fishing and hunting licenses is going to be updated at the end of the month. We have received our new printer and they will be calling when it is time to set up the new program.
- I still work from home in the afternoon.
- We have ordered our sneeze guards in preparation for opening to the public.
- 378 Transfer Station permits have been issued for the new year, which started April 1, 2020.

Tax Collection

- We are done collecting taxes and I will be turning over the rest of our money to the County next week. You received my report on unpaid taxes from the last 10 years, this year it is \$996,086.51.

Rosinski said she and her staff are starting to plan for a safe re-opening. The Ulster County Clerks Association sends out emails to see what everyone is doing to prepare for re-opening, and she has received some great ideas, but it is still many weeks away and Supervisor Pizzuto and the Town Board must be on board with letting the public in. They installed doorbells, one at the front and one at the back so other Town employees can ring in or if a resident needs assistance they can meet them outside.

Rosinski asked if everyone has the most up to date agenda as some things were changed, mostly just language.

Mazzetti said the agendas are supposed to be received on Friday, and that they have not yet, under your tenure, received an agenda on a Friday.

Rosinski responded it is the Supervisor's agenda and it is his decision what goes on the agenda, and when it goes out. Sometimes on Friday there isn't anything on the agenda. We have tried for years to have all the resolutions submitted by Friday, but unfortunately that just doesn't happen. If I were to send you the agenda on Friday, there probably would not be anything on it.

Mazzetti said getting the agenda an hour before a meeting doesn't give him ample time to review the items.

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman

Water Department

Blended reservoir and river water are making up approximately 90% of daily production, and the wells are providing the remaining 10%.

With the decreased amounts of precipitation, the reservoirs are becoming depleted. Reservoirs 1 and 2 have been drained down into reservoir 4. Reservoirs 4 and 5 are varying between full and $\frac{3}{4}$'s full.

We are currently running blended water for the microfiltration pilot plant study and to conserve the remaining amount of reservoir water for as long as possible.

Road Crew

The gas line install work on 44/55-Vineyard Ave. has created the need for numerous amounts of utility mark-outs.

Housekeeping has included mowing and weed whacking all water and sewer pump stations, standpipes and around the reservoirs.

David Campala has been working on the restoration of the mountain road.

Sewer Department

Operations are back to normal with the return of all employees. In the coming weeks, the employees will be starting some maintenance and repairs to the Zumtobel Lighting reed bed facility.

Guerriero asked about the leak at the water tower on North Road.

Littman said he sent an email to the company doing the inspection and they said they would email him this week with a date. He hasn't seen anything yet. It is a slow leak, but it's getting worse. He is staying on top of it.

Supervisor – Frederick Pizzuto

Supervisor reported that last month we adjourned moratorium variance applications for The Views and Villages to June 17 and indicated we would reassess the situation after we received updated guidance from the State.

After the meeting, NYS PAUSE was extended to June 28, and will likely be extended further.

I propose we enhance public participation by the following:

- *Making the waiver applications for both projects available online.
- *Make copies available on request to members of the public who lack electronic access.
- *Remind the public of the appropriate email and physical mail contact for comments.
- *Publish an additional newspaper re-notice of the hearing.

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*Provide additional notice on our public access channel.

*Provide access to our June 17th meeting in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders.

We hoped to be able to have an in-person meeting for these applications. It is apparent that we cannot predict when we will have the ability to do so. The actions I propose go above and beyond the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders.

Remember, if waivers are granted, neither project may proceed until full Planning Board review is conducted, including public hearings.

At the end of the Public Hearing the Board can decide if there was enough public input or not. Guerriero said he is getting calls about the Commercial Ave. Extension and the access road the town is putting through.

Supervisor said the town owns a piece of property along the Rail Trail and there is an old rail turntable in there. They also have 12 1/2 feet that opens up to a 50 foot right of way. Patti Brooks is surveying the property. They are going to start some negotiations with the owner of a landlocked piece of property that they would like 15 feet of.

Barton said the town is looking to expand the piece they have so it is wide enough to put an access road through. There was litigation on the property years ago. This would be a good solution for everyone because it would give the landlocked piece an open development area.

Supervisor said this access would be used for emergency vehicles only. It would go from Commercial Ave. Ext. to Toc Dr. When they start construction on Tillson Ave., Toc Dr. could very well get blocked. This would give emergency vehicles quicker access than going all the way around.

The project is still in its infancy stage.

Winslow said the neighbors are concerned people will be using it.

Barton assured Winslow that that is not the intention.

Animal Control – Andrew McKee

Total number of calls - 16

Police calls (from Lloyd Police and Ulster County Sherriff) - 4

Open cases - 2

Stray dogs impounded and/or seized - 0

Appearance tickets issued - 0

0 dogs in the kennel

No dog bites reported this month.

1 dangerous dog case in progress with the Town of Lloyd Justice Court. This case was sent to Ulster County Court System in February for re-assignment to an outside Court, and we are waiting for notice.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to approve the following budget amendments.

Programs for the Aging Expenditures	00-06-7310-41	10,000.00
Programs for the Aging	00-06-7310-40	(10,000.00)

Programs for the Aging Revenue	00-2681	5,000.00
Programs for the Aging	00-2680	(5,000.00)
Contingent	1990.4	(40,000.00)
Attorneys	1420.4	40,000.00

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

Five ayes carried

B. RESOLUTION made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody that the Town Board approves the terms of an Agreement and General Release between the Town and Kathleen Burns dated May 28, 2020, and authorizes its Town Supervisor to execute said Agreement and General Release. A copy of said Agreement and General Release shall be incorporated

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by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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

Five ayes carried

Mazzetti said there are items being put on the agenda that they only received documents on 15 minutes prior to the meeting. They did not get the Burns agreement until 15 minutes before the meeting.

- C. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to set the salary of Lieutenant Phillip Roloson at \$93,250 per year.

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

Five ayes carried

Mazzetti asked the Supervisor how he arrived at that number.

Supervisor said it is an average between a high salary and low salary.

Mazzetti said high and low of what salary.

Supervisor said he doesn't have that information in front of him.

Mazzetti said you put this on the agenda without discussion - Law 27 says the Town

Board determines the salaries of all town employees and officers, whether elected or hired.

- D. MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to restrict access at Berean Park, Tony Williams Park and Johnson-Iorio Park to residents only.

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

Four ayes carried

Mazzetti asked how they plan to enforce this.

Supervisor said they will use signage.

- E. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to accept the resignation of Ann Desbiens, Part-Time Account Clerk effective July 1, 2020.

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

Five ayes carried

- F. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero to amend resolution from August 21, 2019 for the Part-Time Account Clerk rate of pay from \$17.07-17.72, depending on experience, not to exceed 17.5 per week or \$16,126.00 per year, to an hourly rate of \$17.02 - \$19.45 per hour, not to exceed 17.5 hours per week or 17,699.24 per year.

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

Five ayes carried

- G. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero to hire Kendra Minard to the position of Part-Time Account Clerk at the rate of \$19.45 per hour, budget supported at the recommendation of Frederick Pizzuto, Supervisor.

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

Five ayes carried

- H. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to accept the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Shawn McDermott effective June 3, 2020.

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

Five ayes carried

MOTION to adjourn made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody at 6:01 PM.

Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski
Town Clerk