

**TOWN OF LLOYD**  
**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**  
JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

**Present:** Supervisor Frederick Pizzuto                      **Also present:** Sean Murphy, Attorney  
                 Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody                      Wendy D. Rosinski, Town Clerk  
                 Councilmember Michael Guerriero  
                 Councilmember Claire Winslow  
                 Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti

Meeting is in person, streamed on Channel 22 and Webex

**4:00 PM – Supervisor** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Auchmoody

**1. REPORTS**

**Building & Zoning Department – David E. Barton II**

David Barton, Director, reported that the State closed the Highland Assisted Living Facility, also known as The New Village View, at 1 Grove St., due to several violations of fire and building codes. 40 residents were evacuated by emergency order and relocated in order to maintain their safety. The New Village View is owned by the company that operated a Rockland County adult home, Evergreen Court, where a fire on March 23, 2021 claimed the lives of a resident and a firefighter.

Now charged with manslaughter and arson are Nathaniel Sommer and his son, Aaron Sommer, who were reportedly using a blowtorch in the facility's kitchen while preparing it for Passover.

Two officials are charged with falsifying records; Buildings and DPW Chief Wayne Ballard and Building Inspector Ray Canario, who also serves as a local volunteer fire chief.

Two employees of Evergreen Court were also charged; Executive Director Denise Kerr was charged with reckless endangerment, and a member of her support staff, Manuel Lema, was charged with criminal impersonation and obstructing governmental administration.

Anthony Giangrasso and Elaine Harney, Deputy Building Inspectors, and Barton have had another major enforcement action this week. 180 South Street LLC., the old Prism building, is currently being occupied. There are two tenants which we don't have a problem with, however the newest tenant is running an Amazon type warehouse out of it. It's a warehouse and items are stocked inside. Delivery trucks arrive and load goods for orders. Barton's understanding is that those items then go to an Amazon warehouse for a quick delivery. These operations are popping up all over the country.

As part of their renovation, 180 South Street LLC basically demolished the inside of the building without a permit. It is no longer a manufacturing facility with a clean room and low ceiling heights.

The smoke detector was in the middle of the room tied to an alarm system. When they renovated, without a permit, they took out that system. They now have 25' high ceilings. Instead of taking the smoke heads and keeping them in place, they moved them higher, and detached them from the wires, which are still hanging throughout the facility.

Giangrasso and Barton went out there for a fire call last week. They went out again with Peter Miller, Highland Fire Chief. They were given one week to come to compliance. No action had been taken to remedy the situation when they checked one week later. Now the employees are not allowed in the warehouse and the operator is upset about that. Barton is sure Supervisor will get a phone call regarding this situation.

The building, in Barton's opinion, is unsafe, and until he receives evidence to the contrary, the warehouse section will remain unsafe. There are no problems with the other two occupied sections of the building. It is his belief that Safeco still protects them.

In addition, they now have high base storage, which means that the pallets are stacked all the way to the ceiling, requiring a sprinkler system. Again, no permit was acquired for any of this renovation or the stacking of materials. A sprinkler system is required whenever you have high base storage.

Barton found out that they have been putting the alarm system in test mode when the

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building is occupied. This is the same thing they did in Rockland County at the assisted living facility where the fire occurred.  
The building is placarded with “Unsafe Building”.  
Barton thanked Giangrasso for pursuing this. It has been a hell of a year for interesting enforcement.

Giangrasso reported that he contacted Ali (9 Commercial Avenue) who couldn’t attend tonight’s meeting. Giangrasso was informed by Ali that he would get a dumpster to clean up the debris, including the metal, and put a fence up.  
Giangrasso informed Ali that this must be done to ensure that no one gets hurt.  
Ali did not return Giangrasso’s phone call today.  
Giangrasso will follow-up with him tomorrow. He should at least have the fence up.  
Giangrasso went back to an old site plan, when Charles Libolt had it for the roofing company, and on the site plan, which may or may not be 100% accurate, there was no outdoor storage or display of anything. That parking lot is supposed to be a parking lot. No pallets, no junk cars, nothing. That’s going to be addressed next.

Barton reported that Super 8 is open and is now called SureStay by Best Western. They have done some cosmetic work. Giangrasso did inspections on their repaired electrical wiring, fire safety and some of the interior work. They have actually upgraded their fire detection system and the carbon monoxide system. They just did the final testing, last Thursday, so they are back up and running.

*Mazzetti inquired about the sidewalk on Commercial Ave. Ext.*

*Murphy said that he will follow-up with surveyor Patti Brooks who is the representing Mr. Libolt, and see what his position is.*

Permits	Building Permits Issued	57
	Total CO & CC Issued	43
	SFD Permits/ CO’s Issued	0/4
	Commercial New Construction CO	1
	Permits in Water/Sewer District <small>(new)</small>	0
	Burning Permits	10
Inspections	Field inspections (Regular)	42
	Field Inspections (Final)- CC/CO	51
Fire	Fire Safety Inspections	8
Stormwater	Field/Yearly	0
Total Inspections	(Include-Field, Final, Fire, Stormwater)	101
Complaints	Complaints	14
	Complaints Resolved	17
	Order to Remedy issued/Resolved	2/0
	Stop Work Orders issued/Resolved	1/0
	Appearance Tickets/Resolved	0/0
	Unsafe Structures	0
Stormwater	Complaints/Resolved	0/0
C.O. & Violation Searches	Received/Completed	27/23

<b>Building Dept.</b>	
Building Permit Fees (A2115)	\$5,668.75
Burn Permits (A2121)	\$110.00
Public Assembly / Multiple Dwelling Fire Inspections (A2123)	\$270.00
Certificate of Occupancy & Violation Search (A2125)	\$4,050.00
Map Copies	\$0.00
Parking Fees	\$0.00
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$10,098.75</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>

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	<b>ZBA</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>
<b>Fees</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,728.75</b>

**Highway** – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Klotz reported that the first round of paving is done. Their crews are cleaning up roads that they paved: Carolyn Drive; Joan Place; Miller Lane; Crow Hill; Weeds Mill Rd; Dominick Dr. and Ransom Rd. And they are doing general work. There are some pipes that need to be replaced. As soon as they get the mess from the storm cleaned up, they will start doing that.

**Police – Chief James Janso**

*PATROL ACTIVITIES:*

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----1727

ACCIDENTS----- 45 (7 personal injury)  
(38property damage)

TICKETS (PARKING/UTT'S) -----(10 parking)  
(44 UTT'S)

ARRESTS-----10

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (OFFICER/SGT)-----Approx. 150 hrs.

SCHOOL (OFFICER/SGT)-----Approx. 6 hrs.

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (CHIEF/LT.)-----Approx. 1 hr.

SCHOOLS (CHIEF/LT.)-----Approx. 1 hr.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>-** Cops and Coffee was held at the Bob Shephard Highland Landing Park.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** - a new ventilation system was installed in the evidence room to help circulate the air.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**-Chief Janso spoke at the Rotary meeting. Discussed were issues affecting our community and how we are addressing them and the goals of the police department going forward.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**-we hired 2 part-time dispatchers and one full-time police officer.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**- Chief Janso and Lt. Roloson took the FLEX class to a Saugerties Stallions baseball game. The class got to meet the players and coaches before the game and each student received an autographed baseball. Thank you to the Highland Central School District and Kevin Hinchey, owner of the Saugerties Stallions, for making this night fun and memorable for the students.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**- the department had officers assigned to the Highland High School to assist the Highland Central School District with the High School graduation. Congratulations class of 2021!

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** -members attended a memorial service for retired Sr. Disp. Scott Tasker at the American Legion.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**-Lt. Roloson held Harassment training for new seasonal town employees.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>.** Lt. Roloson held a class on Crime Scene Preservation for members of fire departments in Ulster County.

### Training:

Officer Roberto and Officer Montfort completed a week-long course on Crisis Intervention Team training.

### Officer of the Month: Officer Vazeos

Officer Vazeos has been employed with the Town of Lloyd Police since July 2020 as a part-time officer. He is currently one of our agency's Firearms Instructors and is trained in de-escalation as a Crisis Intervention Team member. Officer Vazeos also brings several years of previous law enforcement experience to our agency.

**Narcan Use:**

0, however we had one fatal overdose in June

### **NYS Pause Complaint:**

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**Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Supervisor – Frederick Pizzuto**

Pizzuto reported that there was an update concerning lifeguards being certified. They

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are under COVID-19 extension and four of them are being recertified tomorrow. Alfonso will give his report in two weeks in the regular meeting.

**Town Clerk – Wendy Rosinski**

**Town Clerk**

We have completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of implementing credit card acceptance.

We started a couple years ago with Town Clerk transactions and added taxes in January, both online and in person. We launched water bills on July 1st, on line and in person.

**Taxes**

Taxes have been turned over to the County and the final payment has been made to both the County and the Supervisor.

**Records Management**

This is the time of year that we catch up on our records management and general housekeeping.

**Water & Sewer – Adam Litman**

**Water Department**

1. Blended reservoir and river water is making up 90% of daily production. Rainfall amounts over the last month have decreased. Our blending time may come to an end this week.
2. The wells are on timers and making up the remaining 10%.
3. Daily production time is ranging between 10 to 11 hours per day.

**Repairs & Projects:**

We are getting price quotes to have one of our sludge pumps repaired.

We're also preparing to order the retaining system for clarifier # 3. This will be the last of the three units to be repaired.

Some of the flow control valves in the plant are becoming an issue and we are replacing what we can. The age of the facility is making the upkeep more difficult.

We were able to upgrade an actuator and mounting bracket, and are currently able, once again, to use unit #1 on an auto cycle.

**Road Crew**

1. They have been busy with maintenance/repairs, and utility mark outs.
2. Hydrant maintenance and painting.
3. Sewer pump station cleaning and maintenance increases in the warmer weather.
4. They are in the process of painting the John Passante, Hudson River Pump Station. As part of the cosmetic makeover, they are also repairing the windows.
5. They are assisting other departments when needed.
6. Yard care.

**Sewer Department**

1. Daily operations continue as usual.
2. Cleaning and maintenance increases in the warmer weather.
3. Maintenance on the Ultra Violet system increases with the growth of algae.

Price quotes for UV system cover, including assembly and warranties. American Steel Carports = \$8,077.50. Boss Buildings = \$8,648.00 and Viking Steel Structures = \$5,538.75.

**Supervisor – Frederick Pizzuto**

Supervisor reported that the Governor has lifted all Covid restriction, they can seat 49 people in this meeting room going forward.

They had some discussions at the Town Supervisors and Mayors meeting. They are trying to come up with a consensus on having Webex continue in doing meetings. They are waiting for some guidance from the State. Association of Towns is closed this week. We are being told that the Governor's office may permanently have some guidance on how we can move forward and use Zoom as a way of doing business. There's going to be some limitations to it, but it could be useful when an attorney, engineer or architect can't make the meeting because of distance. We are waiting to hear about that.

Supervisor reported that Berean Park is now complete. The grass is growing, and they did an excellent job on the tennis, pickleball and basketball courts.

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Supervisor reported a permit has been issued for the remaining portion of the Mariner's Harbor demolition. There was a concern that the normal way of doing demolition could possibly put the top structure into the river, so they were told that the top structure would be taken apart and then they will bulldoze the bottom structure.

They heard from Giangrasso about 9 Commercial. He and Giangrasso will have a discussion over the next couple of days. He tends to play hardball with Ali because he has received complaints from neighbors. There's a huge concern of having that place open the way it is, with kids in the neighborhood. He expects to be able to share with the Board what they expect in terms of a conclusion, and to have something on the agenda for the next regular meeting in two weeks.

Regarding the DiStasi Pavilion in the Town field; Highway took the rest of the trees down.

Auchmoody added that Sal Cusa is going to pull the stumps. He has a new excavator coming at the end of the week. He said that he wants to do the job with that. He is on board to get it done just as soon as his new machine is here.

### **Water-Sewer Bob Shepard Park - Auchmoody**

Auchmoody reported that he spoke to Walter Haecker, the owner of Green Meadows, on Monday. He is hoping to start in the next couple of weeks.

### **Dog Control – Andrew McKee**

18 calls this month including 5 calls to service from the New York State Police and Ulster County Sheriff.

7 active complaints and/or cases which are now closed or resolved

2 open cases or complaints.

2 stray dogs

no appearance tickets

no dog bites

### **Historian – Joan Kelley**

The number of active Covid-19 cases in Ulster County continues to decrease; there were 19 active cases on June 30 (compared to 63 a month ago). The COVID related deaths in the county rose from 261 to 265; 56% of the total population has been vaccinated

I received one query this month: Liselle LaFrance, Executive Director of Historic Huguenot Street, forwarded a query from Rebecca Hasbrouck, whose ancestor attended a boys' school in Highland. I found two newspaper clippings about her ancestor and sent her a link to an article Vivian Wadlin had written about the Riordon School for Boys.

### **Franny Reese Park**

- 1) I found some copies of photographs which were sent to Liz Alfonso by Susan Porter Davis, a descendant of Philip Herrman, who was trying to determine the location of "Maple Hill Farm." By comparing photos, I determined that "Maple Hill Farm" and "Highland View House" (the other mansion in Frannie Reese park) were the same place. I contacted Susan (she lives in VT) and she has additional information about the buildings on the site and the family who lived there. She's coming for a tour in the fall.
- 2) I am looking for more detailed maps of the area. I located some maps created when the park was proposed. I had one enlarged so we could use it to locate ruins. I also went to the NYSDOT offices in Poughkeepsie. They didn't have the large 1968 map I was looking for, but they provided me with a smaller 1987 map. I foiled the NYSDOT for the larger map.
- 3) I created a display in Town Hall, showing "Then/Now" photos of various ruins and their location. My hope is that neighboring residents will view the display and produce additional photographs and/or recall memories which will help identify the ruins.
- 4) Eventually, this research will be presented to the public, Palisade State Park and Scenic Hudson.

Tillson Ave.

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- 1) Maria Audin of Archeological Historic Research Consultants had several questions about the development of Tillson Ave. I located newspapers clippings from 1920s that documented building lots had been sold to individuals who then erected houses. Gail Russell and I found additional information about the Pratt family and Oliver Tillson.
- 2) I met with Maria, Gail Russell and Eric Norberg to coordinate findings.

I'm staying in contact with SUNY professor Joe Diamond regarding the "dig" this fall at the Abram S. Elting Cemetery (aka the Slave Cemetery). We are working with Police Chief Janso to coordinate parking. I gave a presentation, "Researching African American Ancestors in Poughkeepsie," as part of the Adriance Library education program. I attended two meetings of the Ulster County Town Historians.

**Finance** – Kendra Minard

**Budget** – Margaret O'Halloran

**Assessor** – Ann Feo

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

Guerriero inquired about the fireworks this weekend.

O'Halloran confirmed the fireworks are set for Saturday, July 10 from 6 PM – 10 PM. It's going to take place in the Elementary Parking lot.

Guerriero added that the fountain in the middle of the village is not working and asked for it to be repaired.

Peter Bellizzi said that he placed 10 gallons of water in it, and it was running, but it wasn't shooting up. The problem is with the light sensor, it is under a bush. Bellizzi will check on it again.

## **4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Reynolds inquired about the Cablevision contract.

Murphy said they need to have another meeting. The public hearing is going to continue for another two weeks from today. John Dullaghan and Jack will be attending the next meeting to take action.

Reynolds inquired about the ZBA and Planning Board meetings, and if they are going to be open to the public.

Pizzuto responded that Gov. Cuomo lifted the emergency mandates as of July 15 and has given them the go-ahead to have the meetings open to the public. They will continue their meetings via Webex as well.

## **5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

- A. MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to approve the Town Board Workshop Meeting minutes of June 2, 2021 and the Town Board Regular Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021.

**Five ayes carried**

- B. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to approve the following budget amendment;

Events A2560      -\$5,000.00

Events 7550.40    +\$5,000.00

**Roll Call:** Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Mazzetti, aye

**Five ayes carried**

- C. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero, to hire Jaiden Barnhart as full-time dispatcher at \$16.53/hour effective 7/8/2021 at the recommendation of Chief James Janso.

**Roll Call:** Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Mazzetti aye

**Five ayes carried**

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

**WHEREAS**, FutureFirst Development, LLC owned by Lisa M. Cerniglia, one of the members thereof has requested that the Town Board approve an Open Development Area ("ODA"), for a parcel located at 8 Prospero Drive and

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designated as SBL: 88.17-4-17 owned by FutureFirst Development, LLC; and,  
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New York State Town Law section 280-a (4) the Town Board has requested advice from the Town of Lloyd Planning Board regarding said application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has determined that there will be no negative impacts from the Town Boards establishment of an ODA comprised of lot 17 that allows for the erection of structures on the lot pursuant to any required permits from the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board reported that it has no objections to the establishment by the Town Board of an ODA comprised of lot 17 at 8 Prospero Drive, Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York; and,

**WHEREAS**, lot 17 which does not abut a public road but has a right of way over Prospero Drive a/k/a Dominick Drive to Mile Hill Rd., for the purpose of ingress and egress to said lot 17; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Building and Fire Code and the town's zoning and other codes apply and are unchanged by this simple determination that an Open Development Area is appropriate and granted to FutureFirst Development, LLC, so it may utilize and build improvements on said lot with approval of other town agencies, departments and county agencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, a short form EAF has been reviewed for this unlisted action and;

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board has determined herein to grant the application for Open Development to FutureFirst Development, LLC

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. FutureFirst Development, LLC's application for an Open Development Area be, and the same hereby is, granted.
2. No change in the Town of Lloyd Building Zoning Laws are intended by this approval of this Open Development Area.
3. A review of the Environmental Assessment Form indicates that the granting of this Open Development Area to FutureFirst Development, LLC is of no environmental significance, and the Board hereby issues its Negative Declaration, pursuant to Part 617 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

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

**E. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to authorize Adam Litman to purchase a Viking Steel Structure = \$5,538.75, which includes assembly and warranty to cover the ultra violet systems at the waste water plant. Providing coverage to the tank and systems will be a long-term advantage, saving them a lot of time and money. Coverage will provide a safe work environment and the systems could be maintained and worked on at all times and weather condition. The project would be budget supported by SS-8130.2. This is the Ultra Violet maintenance line and will still support the remaining consumables needed for 2021.

**Roll Call:** Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, aye; Mazzetti, nay  
**Four ayes carried**

**MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to go into executive session to discuss contracts at 5:05 PM.

**Five ayes carried**

**MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Mazzetti, to come out of executive session at 5:30 PM.

**Five ayes carried**

**RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Mazzetti, to ratify Adam Litman's Contract.

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

**MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Auchmoody, to direct Sean Murphy to proceed with a local law to prohibit private sewer treatment plants.

**Roll Call:** Pizzuto, aye; Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Guerriero, nay; Mazzetti, aye.  
**Five ayes carried**

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**MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody, to adjourn at 5:35 PM  
**Five ayes carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski  
Town Clerk



