

**TOWN OF LLOYD**  
**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**  
DECEMBER 16, 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

**7:04 PM – Supervisor** opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Auchmoody

**Meeting was held by Web-Ex only. Login information was available on the Town Facebook page. Video of the meeting will be available on YouTube Town of Lloyd. Questions or comments may be sent to [comments@townoflloyd.com](mailto:comments@townoflloyd.com)**

**1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons**

**ECC (Environmental Conservation Committee) - Councilmember Guerriero**

**EDC (Economic Development Committee) – Councilmember Auchmoody**

Year-end report from Charles Glasner, Chairperson of the EDC

During 2020, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) like many individuals, organizations, and businesses, was severely impacted by the restrictions related to the COVID-19 virus. Starting in April, all our meetings were held remotely, using one of our member's Webex account. We felt it prudent not to schedule any public gatherings, as we have often done in the past. We did not distribute many brochures (either the "what to do" in Highland or the Parks and Recreation brochures), partly because the Walkway has not accepted printed material for display.

1. We met in person through March and then remotely every month except May, August, and September.

Charles Glasner was chosen as Chair. Volunteer members of the EDC for 2020 are:

- a. Charles Glasner
- b. Mikki Meyer
- c. Gary Pregno
- d. Alan Van De Bogart
- e. Peter Brooks
- f. Nicki Anzivina
- g. Dolly Decker

2. Provided regular updates on new businesses which have opened as well as businesses which have closed, with a focus on entities which are public facing such as retail shops and restaurants, but also keeping track of other, larger, impactful business entities.

3. Updated the list of commercial properties available in the Town of Lloyd multiple times during the year, with a focus on a) new properties listed and b) properties sold.

4. Interviewed sign painters who might update the Welcome to Highland sign at the intersection of Route 299 and New Paltz Road, adjacent to the Speedway gas station and determined that the sign should be replaced, although the signposts are still in good condition and can be re-used. We expect to award the contract to the successful applicant in December.

5. With the help of our design consultant (hired due to the absence of Vivian Wadlin, a former EDC member who had provided such services free of charge), designed and approved a 5-inch diameter window cling celebrating the town's 175th anniversary. The window cling is suitable for using on car windows, in business windows or in residential windows. Although it will not be distributed until 2021, the EDC believes that everyone will understand why it was not done in 2020, the actual 175th anniversary of the Town's founding in 1845. A copy of the cling design is attached.

6. In October, the EDC prepared comments about the proposed Hamlet Pedestrian Improvements Project and Charles Glasner met with Ted Kolankowski, of Barton & Loguidice, to present our views.

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**TOWN OF LLOYD  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
COMMENTS ABOUT PROPOSED  
HIGHLAND HAMLET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

1. The concept of improving sidewalks, crosswalks and way finding signage in and around the hamlet of Highland is a good one and we appreciate the work done to get DOT approval of the project.
2. We note that private funding is available for new sidewalks connecting the Rail Trail to Commercial Avenue, along Commercial Avenue extension.  
We assume this funding is coming from the developer of the High Bridge apartment complex. Does this funding count toward the local match required by the TAP grant? If so, how much of the \$162,800 local share will it cover?
3. We have reviewed the Wayfinding signage color schemes provided and our favored choice is #2 (Green).
4. We do not approve of any of the proposed street-painting patterns, including Wayfinding Pavement art and Street Space Pavement art. They will not last long, may distract drivers and pedestrians, and the money could be better used for other project costs.
5. We do not approve of any non-parking uses for street space, such as seating, dining, street painting, etc. The hamlet needs every possible parking space. Use of sidewalk areas and "bump outs" for seating or dining purposes should be encouraged.
6. We believe that the "bump out" in front of the Ossie Building should be retained, not removed. It does act as a traffic calming device and eliminating it will doubtless cause more crashes, especially involving pedestrians and bicyclists at the intersection of Vineyard, Main and the entrance to the parking lot behind the Methodist Church. Changing its shape seems like an unnecessary expense.
7. The streetlights look fine.
8. Assuming that there is some science behind the choice of thornless honey locust trees, so that roots will not disrupt sidewalks, adjacent streets, and utilities, they look fine.

**Highland Fire District** – Supervisor Pizzuto

**Highland Central School District** – Councilmember Mazzetti

**Hudson 7** – Russ Gilmore

**Lights** – Councilmember Auchmoody

**Planning Board** – Councilmember Winslow

**Police** – Supervisor Pizzuto

**Water and Sewer** – Councilmember Auchmoody

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Councilmember Guerriero

**REPORT** – Peter Bellizzi, President, Hudson Valley Rail Trail

Bellizzi said the only thing they are waiting on for the new parking meters is a bank account number.

**REPORT** – Leonard Auchmoody, Manager, Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Ambulance Contract with Mobile Life Services**

Auchmoody stated that they are still negotiating.

Winslow asked what contract he was talking about.

Mazzetti said he'd help explain since Auchmoody's connection was not clear. He explained that it was the Mobile Life contract. He thinks we pay around \$230,000.00, but they want \$330,000.00 and we don't have the extra \$100,000.00 with our tax cap. He believes we only have \$150,000 that we got from the tax cap. They want ¾ of it. It's impossible to give them the \$100,000.00. We talked to them about some ways they could save money in rent and they didn't want to hear it. We asked them to come back, sharpen their pencils and see what we could do, but we just don't have \$100,000.00. It's a valuable service and we want it.

Pizzuto asked Auchmoody to explain a possible resolve.

Auchmoody said it is a temporary fix. We have agreed to extend our contract for one month until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for the same amount of money as we have been paying, with the same level of service. That will give us a little more time to get together and

negotiate. I would like to make a motion that we extend the ambulance contract until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for the same amount of money and the same amount of service.

Mazzetti said there's a lot going on with the Cablevision contract that I want to comment on. We reviewed the contract and told Murphy what our points are and what we want to see happen. We gave it back to Murphy and are now waiting for them to respond. But people have to understand that it is not us, we can't just hire another cable company because Cablevision owns the lines and they pay the Town a fee. In order to get another contract company to come in, they would have to purchase the lines. The Federal Government would have to break them up as a monopoly, like they did to Verizon and, in the day, Ma Bell. The contract says that if they subcontract the lines, they don't want to pay us any residuals. That was one of the points we want in the contract, that if they have another company rent space on their lines, they will have to pay us for that. It's not as simple as just bringing in another company because they actually own the lines. Winslow asked Mazzetti if Kit spoke to him and Guerriero, since you were negotiating the contract. Does she understand that Cablevision owns the lines?

Mazzetti said he doesn't want to use names. It's a lot of people.

Winslow replied that it's on Facebook, it's public.

Mazzetti said it's a lot of people. I don't know whose post it is. I read a lot of posts. It's on the Highland Daily Mail Facebook page, and they are criticizing the board - talking about us. Cablevision came in before any of us were board members and they have owned the lines forever. I had properties in New Paltz, and that town was serviced by Time Warner. I don't know who bought them out. We complained about them. It was highway robbery. These companies have a monopoly, so it is not that easy. They have it down to a science, so when you cut the services, the problem is they're the only one who provides good internet connections. So, they have us over a barrel and the reality is that people who have complaints should be writing the Federal government representatives asking them to break up the monopoly. That's the only way we are going to get these rates changed.

Pizzuto said that that is a really valid point.

Mazzetti stated that the only thing we are able to negotiate is the rate they pay us and for what? For example, in the current contract, they are only paying us for Cablevision, and not for any of the other services – not for WIFI and for telephone. That was one of the things we brought up. They are selling these services through the lines that they monopolize, and we feel we should receive residuals for every service, not just cable TV. They have to notify us when they raise the rate, but again, they don't have any competition and we can't make them rent space on their lines.

Pizzuto suggested Murphy reach out to Cablevision again. It is correct that this is a monopoly. Most of it is out of our control, they do own the lines.

Mazzetti made one more comment for those people watching the Board meeting. He said you have friends that are talking about this, the entire board has reviewed this contract that he and Guerriero are negotiating, but the reality is that we don't control the rates, I wish we did. But none of the board members do.

Winslow understands that residents will be writing many letters to Representative Antonio Delgado and hope that he can get Congress to address the monopoly. If they don't like the rates, they have to write letters.

Mazzetti said it's not just Optimum, it's Spectrum, etc. I work in Poughkeepsie and they complain about what they have. They also have Fios because they have a bigger population. If people in other towns got together with their community members and wrote to their Federal representatives, it might go somewhere. As individuals you are not going to be able to do anything.

Pizzuto reiterated for Murphy to reach out to Cablevision again and let us know.

Murphy said he will, and that Mazzetti is right. He and Guerriero brought up a number of issues that we forwarded to them. We asked them for a written response. I have reached out a couple of times but I will do it again in the next couple of days. We sent them a list of issues that we are want to discuss. We requested a written response, but haven't received it. I will push them on that.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mark Reynolds, Reporter, said he has a couple of questions. You and I spoke very briefly about the ZBA. The issue that the Zoning Board should be reporting to the Town Board about what their actions are and what they have done, which is required 4 times a year

and I don't believe that has happened. Are you going to take some steps to fix that in the coming year?

Pizzuto said that today he dealing with the snow emergency, and didn't get a chance to speak to Barton. He will speak to him on Monday or Tuesday about this issue. I mentioned to you that we do have a liaison who reports to us every month, and whether that suffices or not, I am not sure. But I will speak with Barton about it.

Reynolds said the Town Code is 100-56H, # 2.

Pizzuto thanked him.

Reynolds continued with another topic he wanted to ask about was. He said a number of years ago the Town Board voted to establish an Affordable Housing Committee, and he wanted to know if that was done and have any actions been taken.

Pizzuto replied not to his knowledge. He couldn't speak for what happened before the 11 months since he became Supervisor, but it can be looked at as we go into the new year. As a board, we should look into this and come up with a plan and move it forward.

Reynolds said the land use attorneys had mentioned to the Town Board that they had the ability to enforce this retroactively, because at that point, the High Bridge project was in discussion quite a lot, and they said the Town Board does have the ability to enforce that, meaning two apartments there would-be affordable housing

Pizzuto said that the Board will take a look at this going forward into 2021.

Winslow brought up that it was decided not to pursue it retroactively. She reminded Reynolds that she spoke to him about a year ago while she was in Florida, and had told him then that she didn't believe it was going to be retroactive.

Reynolds replied, although your attorney said that you have that ability?

Winslow was sure that the Board discussed that they were not going to do it. She suggested putting it up for a vote. As far as she was concerned, it would be really hard to go back and change this for completed projects. As for projects going forward, yes it can be done.

Pizzuto explained that there was nothing set up for the developer to follow. There were no guidelines.

Pizzuto suggested coming up with a plan after the first of the year.

Mazzetti said there are new laws protecting renters that the Board should look at.

**5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**A. MOTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Winslow, to extend current contract negotiations with Mobile Life Ambulance for 30 days at the same level of service and at the same cost.

**Five ayes carried**

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

GENERAL	G-1063 -	G-1142	\$	66,526.05
HIGHWAY	H- 472 -	H- 514	\$	27,104.27
MISC	M- 234 -	M- 242	\$	34,432.23
PREPAYS	P- 708 -	P- 757	\$	107,154.33
SEWER	S- 286 -	S- 302	\$	4,126.19
WATER	W- 424 -	W- 439	\$	10,033.34

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

**Five ayes carried**

**C. RESOLUTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow, effective immediately to hire the following individuals as Part-Time Seasonal employees; Peter Bellizzi at the MEO hourly rate of \$20.83, Nathaniel Davis at the MEO hourly rate of \$20.83, Alex Cacchio at his current rate of \$25.94 and Vincent Scacciaferro at his current rate of \$22.50, on an "as needed" basis for snow hazard work which is budget supported at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

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

**Five ayes carried**

**D. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero, for the Highway Department to hire James D. Ferraro as a full-time MEO at the hourly rate of \$20.83 effective 01/4/21, which is budget supported, at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

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

**Five ayes carried**

**E. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Mazzetti,

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2020, representatives of the Town and the Town of Lloyd Police Benevolent Association, Inc. on behalf of the members of the Dispatchers bargaining unit (hereinafter the Association) agreed in principle to a Memorandum of Agreement to create a four-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement effective January 1, 2019 and terminating on December 31, 2022, to the one which expired on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2020, the members of the Town of Lloyd Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Dispatchers bargaining unit, ratified the January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022 MOA between the Town and the Board ratification and approval of the Memorandum of Agreement is required; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022, Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Association and hereby appropriates those monies necessary to fund the parties' 2019 - 2022 Collectively Negotiated Agreement between the Town and the Association."

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

**Five ayes carried**

**F. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Mazzetti,

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lloyd Town Board ("Town Board") has received service of a CPLR Article 78 petition challenging a determination of the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") in a proceeding entitled Peter M. Cordovano v. Town of Lloyd Zoning Board of Appeals and John Fanelli (Index N. EF2020-2967); and

**WHEREAS**, a claim for coverage and defense of the Town in the proceeding was submitted to the Town's insurance carrier and was denied by the insurer on December 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to retain the law firm of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP ("WOH"), which represented the ZBA in the administrative proceeding being challenged, to defend the Town in the above-referenced proceeding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby retains WOH to represent the ZBA in the Article 78 proceeding entitled Peter M. Cordovano v. Town of Lloyd Zoning Board of Appeals and John Fanelli (Index N. EF2020-2967).

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

**Four ayes carried**

**G. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody,

**WHEREAS**, The Ulster County Sherriff's Office, the Ulster County District Attorney Office and various Towns and Village Police Departments in the County of Ulster are parties to a Cooperative Agreement to cooperate and act collectively as a task force team pursuant to Federal policies and guidelines, referred to as the Ulster County Regional Enforcement Narcotics Team ("Urgent"); and,

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a Cooperative Agreement in place which is effective through December 31, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board of the Town of Lloyd feels it is in the best interest of the Town, for the Town to become a party to said agreement and for the Town of Lloyd Police Department to be a member of the Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team.

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

1. The Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A be, and the same hereby is, approved and the Town Board hereby enters into said Cooperative Agreement with the Ulster County Sherriff's Office, the Ulster County District Attorney Office and various Towns and Villages that have entered into said Agreement;
2. The Supervisor is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town, and the Town of Lloyd Police Department is thereafter authorized to act pursuant to said Agreement.

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

**Five ayes carried**

**H. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero,

**WHEREAS**, a local law, being proposed as **Local Law G – 2020** a Local Law to amend Chapter 96 “Vehicles and Traffic” to amend Chapter 96, Article 3, “Parking, Stopping, Standing and Truck Traffic” and to add a new Article VA entitled “One-Way Streets” was introduced at this meeting,

**Local Law G– 2020**, a local law to amend Chapter 96, of the code of the Town of Lloyd entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”.

(copy of Local Law attached)

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the adoption of the said local law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid local law at the Town Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Lloyd has determined that the within local law is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and is exempt from further proceedings under such act; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York  
Local Law G of the Year 2020

A local law to amend Chapter 96  
“Vehicles and Traffic”

**Section 1.**

Section 96-5 of the Town of Lloyd Code is amended to add the following:

<u>“Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Commercial Avenue	North	Between Meadow Street and Leonta Court
Willow Dock Road	East Side through the cul de sac	From the Intersection with River Road along the Eastside through the entire cul de sac”

**Section 2.**

Chapter 96 of the Town of Lloyd Code is amended to add a new Article VA entitled “One-Way Streets”.

**Section 3.**

The new Article VA entitled “One-Way Streets” will contain the following provision “Section 96-13 Ransom Road from the intersection with Haviland Road to the intersection with Mile Hill Road shall be a one-way in the Northerly direction traveling from Haviland Road to Mile Hill Road”.

**Section 4.**

This local law shall take effect when filed with the Secretary of State of the State

of New York under the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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

**Four ayes carried**

**MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow, to adjourn at 7:43 PM.

**Five ayes carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski  
Town Clerk

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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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