

# TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

## WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

**Present:** Supervisor Paul Hansut  
Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody  
Councilmember Michael Guerriero  
Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti  
Councilmember Claire Winslow

**Also present:** Sean Murphy, Attorney  
Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk  
Kate Jonietz, Secretary

**Absent:** None

**5:00 PM** – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 1. REPORTS

**Finance** – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

**Assessor** – Jennifer Mund

Jennifer Mund stated that her office was collecting exemption applications; the deadline for filing an exemption is March 1<sup>st</sup>. She will mail reminder notices at the end of this week. The process has been more involved this year as there is additional paperwork that needs to be filed for people aged 65 and older exemptions. A significant number of property owners are not completing exemption forms, leaving something out, or not signing them requiring additional contact with the them. Many property owners have brought the forms into her office for assistance in completing them. She anticipated the confusion this year given the additional forms and therefore started the process much earlier. She encouraged anyone with questions about the forms to come in or contact the office as they are happy to help. They are collecting at a good rate but always have a few owners that they will track down as the deadline approaches and make every attempt to reach them. She is working on value adjustments. The state has measured the Town at a five percent residential aggregate increase in value. Her analysis is consistent with the State's trend number. I have been reviewing values and will continue to finalize them until the roll is ready on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a tremendous amount of new construction to collect and value. Her office is going to be full speed from now until after Grievance Day. She was pleased that the Board of Assessment Review Board was full. She enjoyed meeting all of the candidates and thanked them all for their enthusiasm and for wanting to participate in the process. The training for the new members has been tentatively scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ulster County Real Property Tax Office will notify all members of the training which is mandatory. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Mazzetti asked Mund to speak about the error that was discovered in water re-levy on to a tax bill.

Mund explained that a water re-levy of over \$8,000.00 was accidentally put on the wrong Section Block and Lot number. Someone else's unpaid water bill was put on Mr. Mazzetti tax bill.

Adam Littman, Water and Sewer Administrator, said they are currently checking all Highland Water District accounts to be sure this was the only incorrect one. The Water Department uses street addresses and names to reference an account; it does not use Section Block and Lot number as the Assessor's office does.

Mund said that the Assessor should not be doing the water re-levy report. She should not change another department's totals. The water department should work with Ulster County to match accounts with the Section Block and Lot number on properties.

**Building & Zoning Department** – David Barton Not Present

**Dog Control** – Andrew McKee

McKee reported 4 calls for service from police, 4 active complaints, 2 open complaints and 1 stray dog. He welcomes calls about the welfare of an animal and has had numerous welfare calls.

He encouraged people not to leave their dogs outside unattended. This year six dogs have been killed by Coyotes in their own yards in our region and a dozen others have run off and never been found. A dog under 40 lbs. is not likely to return if it is not back by nightfall. Last week two dogs got in a fight with a Fischer cat and both dogs were badly cut up.

He had asked for a resolution approving an agreement with surrounding town animal control officers to cover for each other when one is on vacation or unavailable.

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Supervisor said that he is concerned about who is responsible if one of the other officers comes to Town of Lloyd for a call and gets injured,

**Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz**

Klotz said he received a price of \$2,100.00 for a pump for the transfer station. He is going to order it so they can get the landfill pumped out this spring.

He wants to start paving in mid-May.

The 284-agreement will be ready next month.

He thanked the Police department for doing a great job of getting cars off the streets during the snow storms.

The snow removal for the Rail Trail costs approximately \$900, the parking lots \$1,200.00 and the sidewalks \$10,000.00 per storm.

**Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia**

**Police – Chief Daniel Waage**

**PATROL ACTIVITIES:**

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----1000

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE----- 350

ACCIDENTS-----55

TICKETS (PARKING UTT'S) ----- (116 parking)  
(33 UTT'S)

ARRESTS-----29

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (OFFICERISGT) ----- Approx. 190 hrs.

SCHOOLS (OFFICERSISGT)-----~Approx. 8 hrs.

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (CHIEFILT)-----Approx. 8 hrs.

SCHOOLS (CHIEFILT)-----~Approx. 4 hrs.

Jan 03<sup>rd</sup>-ChiefWaage taught a narcotics class at the Dutchess Country Law Enforcement Police Academy.

Jan 06<sup>th</sup> -Lloyd Police took 44 pounds of narcotics from Med Box to Dutchess County Resource Recovery to be destroyed.

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> -Cops and Coffee took place at Vignettos Cafe

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> -Officer Persell graduated from the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>-Chief Wage, Lt. Janso and Officer Labodin attended a meeting at the Mount Academy with New York City Police Commissioner James O'Neill on community policing.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>-Annual Police Department training

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>-New snow ordinance in effect. The department notified the community via social media, news media and distributed the new law to all churches/merchants/business in the hamlet as well as the library, post office and town hall, etc.

**Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso**

Alfonso reported Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Alzheimer's Association Annual Sub-Zero Hero's Ice Jump at Berean Park.

Adult Basketball is ongoing. Youth Basketball had 83 participants. Wrestling Camp had 25 participants. Summer Fun employment applications are coming in. Ulster County Health Department has sent the applications for the permits for Berean Park and the Summer Fun Program which he will complete. Tennis Camp will be run by Michael Geller in June. Clubs and organizations are starting to book Tony Williams Field and he is preparing the schedule. The first game scheduled at Tony Williams Field is March 17<sup>th</sup>. The raft at Berean Park must be replaced. The Town Field needs some minor repairs.

The Town has received some recreation fees for Capital Improvement. He asked the Board to consider building bathrooms with storage at the Town Field in the Hamlet to be used for Recreation programs and for Town events.

Tony Williams Park has some unfinished projects that were started before the weather changed. He is getting quotes for resurfacing the Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts and hopes to start in June. The bathrooms were painted and all the lights have been cleaned and bulbs replaced at Town Hall.

Mazzetti asked if anyone has wanted to rent and had an issue with the new fees.

Alfonso said that they have not started party rentals yet and the Ulster and Wood Bat League did not have an issue.

Supervisor asked if the new fee schedule is posted somewhere and does the Town Clerk have a copy.

**Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow**

Rosaria Peplow reported that in the  
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- 622 Transfer Station permits have been issued.
- The Highway Superintendent has ordered the transfer station permits. The current permit expires on March 31 and the new permits will go on sale on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Deputy Town Clerks and I attended the annual meeting, installation of officers and dinner for the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Tax Collection**

- \$850,000 for taxes was paid to the Bookkeeper in January.

Corelogic Tax Service provided their payments on CD and she was able to download them into the tax program. There was only one duplicate payment and I sent out the refund checks. This was the most accurate tax payments from the Tax Agencies to date. There were many inquiries from tax services for breakdown of tax bills. The tax program allows us to convert bills and receipts to PDF and send them electronically.

**Records Management:**

The Town of Lloyd Board adopted the NYS Department of Education record disposition schedule and the Town records are dated and stored with the date of disposition marked on the box. The boxes that have reached their disposition date are destroyed and last year's records are stored in the vacated spots in the inactive storage room. A date will be scheduled for the truck to come to the Town Hall and shred obsolete records.

**Water & Sewer – Adam Litman**

Adam Litman, Water and Sewer Administrator, reported they are not blending with river water or using the wells because the reservoirs are at full capacity.

There have been five water main breaks; one on North Road, one on South Gate Road, two in Sunnybrook and one on Route 9W. The one on Route 9W was caused by frost and had nothing to do with the construction of Dollar General. It is one of the oldest water mains and it is very shallow at only 2 ½ feet so it does not have a lot of protection. He said he is very happy with the new project, it will eliminate doing double maintenance on some existing lines.

**Supervisor – Paul Hansut**

Supervisor said that he emailed the town employees and board members asking if they are interested in supporting a fund raiser for Sparrow Nest, which supplies meals to families with cancer.

April 13<sup>th</sup> is the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Augustine's school.

May 18<sup>th</sup> is Spring Fest.

February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 is an events committee meeting to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fest.

The Ulster County Planning Board is looking for an alternate Planning Board vacancy.

Fred Pizzuto, Chairman Town of Lloyd Planning Board, is working on it.

The Tillson Avenue, Toc Drive, Vineyard Avenue project acquisition process is almost complete. There are eight properties which have not responded to the appraisal/acquisition letters. They will make every effort to reach these families.

They then begin the condemnation process which means they take the properties and provide just compensation to the owners of the fair market value. A resolution to authorize beginning the condemnation process will be on the next Town Board meeting agenda. They are getting a lot of complaints about the Black Vultures in the Hamlet. They have contacted a representative from New York State that specializes in vulture damage. He is coming to Highland on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM to determine what can be done to manage the vulture population. Some of the issues which may be attracting them is dumpster left open or people feeding the Feral cats at night; the vultures eat the cat food. They can cause a lot of damage to roofs; they can rip the windshield wipers off a car.

Kate Jonietz reported that Virtual Town Hall is changing the layout of the Town website to make it mobile friendly. There are three options of design so we need to choose a layout. It will take time to make a transition and this needs to be done before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Raymond Jurkowski, engineer at CPL, stated that the Water Department became aware that there is low hydrant flow in the area of Grove Street. They have worked with the Building and Water Departments to perform a series of flow tests in the area confirming that the flow is low. The water system in this area of the hamlet is 100 years old. Commercial Avenue has a new line that connects to Leonta Court and Meadow Street. The Water Department did some new connections in the 1980's and now wants to do a capital improvement to permanently resolve the flow issue. There is currently no water line on Grove Street from Church St. to Leonta Court. The plan is to create an additional loop to bring more water into the area. There are problems with the existing Church Street water valves. The water department was unable to totally shut down the water in that section during a break last year. The recommendation given to the water/sewer committee was to install a new 8-inch water main along the entire Church St. from Vineyard Avenue to Main Street and a new main along Grove Street from the corner of Church St. and Grove Street connecting to the line on Leonta Court. The overall construction cost would be \$337,000.00. The town budget has a line item 9730.60 for future BAN expenses. That line item has been funded for future capital improvement projects in the district. There was \$100,250.00 budgeted in 2018 that was not used and it was also budgeted in 2019 for \$100,250.00. There is a short fall of \$136,500.00. He spoke with Karen McPeck, bookkeeper, and there is money in the water and sewer unexpended fund balance that can be used.

Mazzetti asked why they would not bond the project.

Jurkowski responded that the closing costs would be approximately \$20-25,000.00 and interest charges if they bond the entire amount. The money in line item 9730.60 was earmarked for such projects. Taking the money from the unexpended does not drain that account. If the Town approves moving forward on the project at the February Regular meeting, they can submit to the Department of Health for approval which can take a couple of months. The Water District would go out to bid, start construction and be done by Fall which would still allow the Highway Department to pave before next winter.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert – Steve Latino, labor relations

Supervisor stated that on advice of attorney this would be discussed in executive session.

**B.** Charleigh Saloon LLC- Liquor license

Town Board had no questions about the application that had been distributed to them.

Jim Quigley, President of the Ulster County Supervisors' Association, and Supervisor of the Town of Ulster stated that he has been dealing with the Peaker Plants for the last 9 months. Quigley said the Supervisors' Association has a nonpartisan mission of helping Towns conduct their business in the most efficient way by sharing resources and talking to each other. He wants to let the Town know that they are available to talk about their experience with the Peaker plants as one is in front of the Town of Ulster Planning Board. He is aware that a similar plant is looking into coming to the Town of Lloyd.

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

Mark Reynolds, reporter asked what section of the Open Meetings Law allowed executive session for interviewing a law firm.

Steve Latino, of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert responded Section 105 1F of Public Officers Law: allowable executive session:

f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

## **5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

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

**WHEREAS**, in May 2018, the Town of Lloyd joined with the Town of Esopus, Town of Hyde Park, Town and City of Poughkeepsie and the Town and Village of Rhinebeck to sign an intermunicipal agreement forming the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council ("Council"); and

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**WHEREAS**, one of the primary goals of the council is to collaborate on protecting water quality in the Hudson River, the source of our communities' drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has launched the Drinking Water Protection Program ("Program") to help municipalities develop and implement a drinking water source protection plan for the source of their drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Esopus has proposed applying on behalf of the seven municipalities in the Council and the Council voted at its January meeting to endorse that supplication; and

**WHEREAS**, if the group is selected for the Program, each municipality's responsibilities would include assisting the consultant conducting the source water assessment by identifying officials or staff members who can attend meetings and provide information, reviewing and commenting on documents, and other related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program would produce and updated Source Water Assessment and a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, and provide assistance with initial protection project implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cost to communities to participate in the program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to send a letter expressing the Town's commitment to the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to take further action as necessary to secure Lloyd's participation in the Program if selected.

**Roll call:** Winslow, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye.

**Five ayes carried.**

Supervisor commented that the Hudson 7 is not Supervisors only, it is a wide variety of people that participate like Town Board members, EEC members and Supervisors. Anyone can participate on behalf of the Town.

**B. RESOLUTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Auchmoody to utilize Absolute Auction and Realty for the auction of the following surplus vehicles:

2006 Dodge Durango VIN:1D4HB48NX6F187423;

2006 Ford Explorer VIN:1FMEU72E16UA25997; Building Department

2007 Chevrolet Equinox VIN:2CNDL73F676084338

and an Art Metal Amco Safe with no fee to the Town at the recommendation of the Supervisor.

**Roll call:** Winslow, aye; Mazzetti, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye.

**Five ayes carried.**

**C. RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Mazzetti

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Lloyd and the County of Ulster intend to enter into an "Inter-Municipal Mutual In-Kind Services Agreement" with the intention that the parties may loan equipment, materials and/or personnel that may be available from time to time to the other party as set forth in the Agreement annexed hereto with the attachments annexed hereto as Exhibit "A"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board and the Town Highway Superintendent have agreed on the terms of the Agreement and have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Lloyd; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that the Inter-Municipal Mutual In-Kind Services Agreement attached hereto be approved.

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

1. The Agreement set forth as Exhibit A annexed hereto be, and the same hereby is, approved by this Town Board, and the Highway Superintendent is authorized to sign duplicate originals of the same.

2. This Agreement is made pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law and Sections 102, 133-a and 135 of the New York Highway Law.

3. An original of the signed Agreement shall be filed with the Town Clerk's Office.

**Roll call:** Winslow, aye; Auchmoody, aye; Hansut, aye; Guerriero, aye; Mazzetti, aye.

**Five ayes carried.**

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- D. MOTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero to appoint Franco Zani to the Planning Board to fulfill the term vacated by Peter Brooks which expires 12/31/2020 at the recommendation of the Town of Lloyd Planning Board review committee.

**Five ayes carried.**

- E. MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to appoint Lambros Violaris to the second alternate position of the Planning Board which expires 12/31/2019 at the recommendation of the Town of Lloyd Planning Board review committee.

**Five ayes carried.**

- F. MOTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Guerriero to appoint Reginald Osterhoudt as Chairperson of the Town of Lloyd Events Committee.

**Five ayes carried.**

**MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to go into executive session with Steve Latino of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert - labor relations followed by executive session with Police Chief Daniel Waage at 6:30PM.

**Five ayes carried.**

**MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to come out of executive session at 7:40PM.

**Five ayes carried.**

**MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

**Five ayes carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow  
Town Clerk