

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

WORKSHOP MEETING

MAY 3, 2017

Present: Supervisor Paul Hansut
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti
Councilmember Jeffrey Paladino

Also present: Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk
Kate Jonietz, Secretary

Absent: Councilmember Kevin Brennie *

4:00 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and asked Councilmember Guerriero to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

1. REPORTS

Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Karen McPeck reported that the Town of Lloyd Annual Financial Report Update Document December 31, 2016 (Annual Submission to New York State) was submitted on March 31st. She emailed the pdf version to the Town Board on 4/11/17 when she received the electronic version from the accountants.

The Town is in good financial shape and has shown fiscal responsibility.

The General Fund has an unappropriated fund balance of \$1,328,759.00, the Highway Fund has an unappropriated fund balance of \$424,993.00, the Water Fund has an unappropriated fund balance of \$374,562.00, and Sewer Fund has an unappropriated fund balance of \$446,338.00.

Highway fund balance was stated as \$552,000 but that is broken down as follows:

\$424,993 assigned unappropriated fund balance; \$100,000.00 was assigned appropriated to the 2017 budget; \$22,413 is not in spendable form (part of the retirement payment made in 2016 for portion of 2017); and \$4,651.00 in retirement reserve. All balances are of 12/31/2016.

Supervisor asked what percentage was allowed in the budget for the increase of the health insurance premium.

McPeck believes that it is 12% but will get an exact figure for him.

McPeck said within the last few years they looked at the budget and noticed that the assessed value for the light district does not currently encompass the whole town as the Ambulance District does. There has been discussion to make it a whole town district. A property does not have a light in front of their house but they use the roads in the town that do have lights, so everyone benefits from the street lights. The total budget for this district is \$174,765.00. It would not create a tax burden on the people that would be added. The current tax rate is about \$.19 per \$1000 value of assessment. The difference in district value is \$116,069,712.00. It would go from \$937,294,800.00 to \$1,053,364,512.00 which is about 12% more value from what it is currently.

Assessor – Jennifer Mund

Not present-no report

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton

David Barton reported that revenue is up and they are already at the projected 80% revenue for the year. If the trend stays the same they will be over the projected revenue for the year. The revenue is from both residential and commercial projects.

The permits from the self-storage project being built on Rte. 9W across from the Hannaford Plaza will comprise approximately one third of their projected annual total revenue for the year. The project will have to pay parking fees for a new commercial property. Mountainside Woods has 15 permits and everyone is under construction. All of the houses are being built on contract not on speculation.

The Healthquest project, on the site of the old Bowen Garage on Rte. 299 and the Dunkin Donuts project adjacent to the MHV Credit Union off Rte. 9W will likely start in the fall. The site work at the Dunkin Donuts will take a little longer because the elevation drops from the road.

Patricia Nottage-Rober has left the department for another position. They have been interviewing from the Civil Service list.

This year they will scan and email the MS4 reports to each Town Board member. Anthony Giangrasso has prepared the Annual MS4 Report for Year (March 10, 2016 to March 9, 2017).

There were two fire calls last month; one was a stove fire and the other was a gas leak.

The burn ban will be in effect until May 15th.

Supervisor asked if the Building Department had received complaints about burning every night in the vicinity of South Chodikee Lake Road and New Paltz Road.

Barton said they are constantly getting complaints. They have been there and issued two tickets. If they investigate and they stop the burning, executive law desires voluntary compliance and does not allow them to issue a ticket as there is not an ongoing violation.

Barton said he would like to publicly thank Chief of Police Daniel Waage, Lieutenant Janso and Sargent Roloson for being incredibly diligent with the wild animal issue his parents were having.

Mazzetti asked about the progress of the project at the assisted living facility on Grove Street.

Barton said last month the Planning Board declared a negative declaration on the property and a Type I full environmental long form study was done. They then gave it back to the Zoning Board of Appeals to investigate and they thought they needed variances for the area. The ZBA meets on May 11th and if the ZBA issues the variances it will go back to the Planning Board for further review.

Mazzetti asked if they put the fencing up that they had agreed upon.

Barton replied that they did.

Mazzetti said he understands that the Pak Motel is closed but he has some concerns with safety at that location. He heard there were many issues with the electrical and plumbing work. He asked if they had revoked the Certificate of Occupancy on the Pak Motel

Barton said there are many safety issues but the motel is closed now because they discovered a gas leak after an electrical fire. Central Hudson had tagged it and Barton decided to close the business because of the safety issues. The motel is now for sale. There is a long list of code violations. The gas, electric, and water are now red tagged. In the past, someone connected a water line to the back building and there was never a water meter. There is also a separate gas line that runs up from Lower Grand Street that had no meter so they have many significant issues with the property. He did not revoke the certificate of occupancy because it is a very difficult process according to the code. The code does allow him to declare the building/business unsafe to keep any occupation from occurring.

Supervisor asked if someone were to purchase it could they make some other type of business.

Barton replied that the property is zoned GB so anything could be put there except apartments. If someone purchased the property they could try to obtain a use variance.

Reynolds asked if they have checked the sign at the Community Car Wash.

Barton said they have and that the sign has been corrected to dim at night time. He asked if they could go into executive session at the end of the meeting about a personnel issue.

Dog Control – Andrew McKee

Not present

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Richard Klotz reported that next Tuesday they should have the bus turnaround project on Haviland Road completed. The Loyd Cemetery on New Paltz Road asked the Highway Department for help with the removal of some tree stumps and debris that were knocked down during a storm. The department will spend a day there to help clean it up.

Denise Rhoades, Highway Department secretary, attended a class on the legal liabilities of the Highway Department two weeks ago. She said the class was very informative and worthwhile.

Klotz said the Highway Department is preparing for the paving season. They have some catch basins and pipes to repair and will work on the projects in conjunction with fixing the sidewalks in the Hamlet. The Town of Lloyd Highway Department lent trucks to the Town of Marlborough for a road project.

Supervisor commented that the Town and surrounding towns will eventually be required by the county and state to enter into a shared service agreement. The agreement will allow municipalities to share equipment and services for various activities such as snow removal.

Reynolds asked if the cemetery that the Highway Department will help clean up is private or Town property. He inquired as to whether a town department could assist on private property.

Supervisor said it is private property and according to New York State municipal law if the cemetery were no longer run privately the Town would have to take them over pursuant to the NYS Department of Health directive.

Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia

Police – Chief Daniel Waage

Chief Waage could not attend the meeting but left the following report:

Chief Waage gave the Town of Lloyd Police Monthly Activity Report for April 2017:

Patrol Activities:

Calls for Service-----842

Other/Public Service-----298

Accidents-----40

Tickets (Parking/UTT'S) ----122 (3 parking)
(119 UTT'S)

Arrests-----60

Foot Patrol-----Hamlet (Officer/Sgt) -----Approx. 185 hrs.

Schools (Officers/Sgt) -----Approx. 45 hrs.

Foot Patrol----- Hamlet (Chief/Lt.) ----- Approx. 4 hrs.

Schools (Chief/Lt.) -----Approx. 3 hrs.

April 04th - Lloyd Police Youth Rec League was held where members played kickball with approximately 10 local children.

April 05th - Week 4 of the Lloyd Police Civilian Academy, ADA Elizabeth Culmone-Mills (Ulster County District Attorney) presented to the class on the topic of Domestic Violence.

April 06th - Members assisted at a lockdown drill at the Highland High School.

April 06th - 42 pounds of narcotics from the Med Box return and 75 pounds of narcotics/evidence destroyed at Dutchess County Resource Recovery.

April 08th - members attended the Easter egg hunt at the Hannaford Store, ID kits and candy filled Easter eggs were given out to children.

April 12th - Week 5 of the Lloyd Police Civilian Academy. Chief Waage and Det. Maggie Waage (Ulster County Sheriff's Dept.) instructed the academy on Traffic Stops and Community Policing.

April 18th – members attended the wake for Christoph Arnold, Senior Pastor/Elder for the Bruderhof Community and Chaplain for the Ulster County Chiefs of Police Association.

April 19th – members attended the funeral for Christoph Arnold.

April 19th – Week 6 of the Lloyd Police Civilian Academy. Chief Daniel Waage (Lloyd Police) and Chief Peter Miller (Highland Fire Department) instructed on the topic of interagency teamwork while conducting a Mock DWI Accident/Arrest Sgt. Kalimeras and Sgt. Scott instructed on the topic of Driving While Intoxicated after participating in the Mock DWI Accident. Lloyd Police were joined by: Highland Fire Department, Mobile Life Support Services and Torson's Funeral Home.

April 20th – members assisted the URGENT task force in arresting a 24-year-old Plattekill woman and two Highland men, ages 23 and 24 for selling heroin and other narcotics in the Highland area.

April 22nd – members attended and assisted New Paltz Police PBA and SUNY New Paltz Police "A Hero for Heroes" Special Olympic event at Highland High School.

April 24th – Chief Waage read to Ms. Fason’s 4th grade class at the Highland Elementary School as part of the PARP program.

April 25th – Lt. Janso read to Ms. Pavese’s 2nd grade class and Det. Ventura read to Ms. Weaver’s 3rd grade class at the Highland Elementary School as part of the PARPS program.

April 26th – Week 7 of the Lloyd Police Civilian Academy. Under Sheriff Anthony Weed (Orange County Sheriff’s Office) instructed on Civilian Response to an Active Shooter and Gina Barry (Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office/Certified Forensic Artist) instructed on Forensic Art.

April 27th – Sgt. Roloson assisted Town of Poughkeepsie Police in apprehending a 19-year-old suicidal Poughkeepsie woman attempting to jump off the Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge.

April 27th – Officer Zani and Officer Miller each received awards from Ulster County Stop DWI for 2016.

April 29th – members assisted in “Spring Cleanup” in the hamlet.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso

Not present-no report

Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow

Rosaria Peplow reported the following:

Tax Collection:

\$1,569,062.86 for taxes was sent to the Commissioner of Finance in April.

The unpaid tax bill reminders were mailed to property owners on April 28, 2017. The office will collect taxes until June 1st.

Town Clerk:

There have been 341 transfer station permits issued to date. The office has collected \$900.00 in Summer Fun registrations as well as \$225.00 for the rental of Tony Williams, Berean Park and the Village Field. The office sold \$858.00 in sporting licenses and the Town’s commission was \$47.35.

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman

Not present-no report

Supervisor – Paul Hansut

No report

2. OLD BUSINESS

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3. NEW BUSINESS

A. David LaVoie, Reiss Insurance Company- Discussion of Town of Lloyd employee health insurance renewal.

LaVoie said they have been trying to establish a good viable health insurance plan for the employees while saving money for the town and the residents. This year they expect a 14% increase in premiums. Presently a higher dollar deductible health insurance program is in place in which the Town is actually paying 100% of the premiums. The Town is saving money on the higher deductible plan. There is a 40% utilization on the deductible and the plan and rates are filed with the State of New York. MVP is still the most competitive product but next year CDPHP will introduce a more economical plan. The maximum out of pocket cost for the current policy is individual \$6450.00 and the family is \$12,900.00 and prescriptions are included. The individual deductible will be \$6550.00 and the family \$13,100.00 in 2017. Based on the population of the health insurance participants, the annual premium presently is \$501,706.00 which will increase to \$571,666.00. Going back to a fully insured program without the high deductible would take the Town’s potential savings

from unused deductibles and add it to the premium. The problem is that the Town would never be able to recoup the money. The rates are determined by the plan and the insurance company the Town chooses.

LaVoie gave the Town Board an insurance plan comparison spreadsheet.

The problem with CDPHP is that they will not allow the Town to put aside more than 50% of the deductible and the Town is presently putting aside 100% of the deductible. He brought every offering from MVP, CDPHP, and the Empire Plan.

Mazzetti thought the Empire Plan was a more cost effective better plan and wanted to know how it compares with the Town's health insurance plan.

LaVoie explained that the NYSHIP program (which Empire is a component of) that many municipalities utilize is a much more traditional program. The plan has a \$20.00 co-pay for primary doctors as well as specialists. The problem with that type of plan is that the premiums are much higher and it only has two rates.

Participants that have only two people in a household are considered at a full family rate which incurs a much higher premium. Rates and the deductible would be much higher.

Mazzetti said he would like to have a cost comparison that includes the Empire Plan before they vote on the insurance.

LaVoie said he could have the comparison to the Town Board within 24 hours.

Mark Reynolds, reporter, asked how many single and family participants the Town has presently.

LaVoie said the information it is included on the comparison spreadsheet.

B. Andrea Gellen, Attorney McCabe and Mack, discussion of proposed towing law.

C. Presentation of the Annual MS4 Report for Year 14 (March 10, 2016 to March 9, 2017) as prepared by Anthony Giangrasso, Deputy Building Inspector.

Dave Barton spoke of the Annual MS4 report in his report.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Reynolds asked how many windows they are replacing at the Town Hall.

Supervisor said every window on the first floor is being replaced and it had been approved by two resolutions prior to the start of installation. The windows being installed may easily be cleaned and they will improve the cost effectiveness of heating and cooling of the building. The windows that are being replaced are approximately 50-60 years old.

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Paladino to accept the resignation of Patricia Nottage-Rober, receptionist with typing from the Building, Planning and Zoning Department effective 04/25/2017 with regrets.

Roll call: Paladino, aye; Hansut, aye; Guerriero, aye; Mazzetti, aye.

Four ayes carried.

Councilperson Guerriero commented that she was an excellent worker and she will be missed.

Supervisor said they will send Pat Rober a letter thanking her for the excellent job she did.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero to go into executive session with David Barton, Building Department Supervisor to discuss personnel at 4:40PM.

Four ayes carried.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero to come out of executive session at 5:30PM

Four ayes carried.

Hansut and Mazzetti left the meeting.

*Brennie arrived at 5:31PM

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MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero to go into executive session with Andrea Gellen, attorney and Robert Gorman, 1st Vice-President of Empire State Towing and Recovery Association to discuss possible litigation at 5:31PM.

Three ayes carried.

MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Guerriero to come out of executive session at 6:50PM.

Three ayes carried.

MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Guerriero to adjourn at 6:51PM.

Three ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk