

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 7, 2017

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

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

Absent: None

4:00 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance

1. REPORTS

Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor
No report

Assessor – Jennifer Mund

Supervisor read the report given to him by the assessor. Grievance Day was light with only 27 grievances filed this year. There were some stipulated agreements made prior to Grievance Day and one or two reductions made by the Board. Only 5 people appeared to present information to the Board of Assessment Review. There were some of the repeat commercial filers such as Lowes, two nursing facilities, and Bridgeview plaza (not the townhouses). She will spend the rest of this month preparing the final roll and preparing for the school tax bill processing for September.

She will also continue on projects over the summer such as updating the 911 maps and administratively closing out the new construction that I had for this roll.

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton reported that the resolution of support for the Ulster County MS4 coalition on the agenda for this evening would allow the county to apply for state grant monies to support ulster county municipalities perform mapping, data collection, outreach and reporting in their MS4 duties. Barton said that Shari Riley had put together a MS4 program that Anthony Giangrasso has continued.

Dog Control – Andrew McKee
Not present-no report

Highway – Richard Klotz reported that the highway work on the Haviland Road parking lot is completed. The wall removal on Upper Grand St. is finished and the grass is already growing.

He asked Supervisor about the status of the proposed sidewalk repair on Vineyard Ave. as he is going to start the paving in 2 or 3 weeks. He will be starting at Woodside Place.

Meyer Contracting Corporation requested to use a portion of the town property for his Field Office while working on the west end visitor center gateway at the entrance to the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and Walkway Over the Hudson. He requested that they provide the proper documentation required such as Certificates of Insurance etc.

The Washington Ave. wall is caving in at the end. Klotz asked Adam Littman about coordinating fixing the sewer pipes that are broken and repairing the bridge. Littman responded that he would like to work with Klotz to replace them.

Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia

Police – Chief Daniel Waage
Police report was given to Town Board members

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso reported that he has requested quotes to replace/install lights on the field at Tony Williams Park and will meet with the contractor once he has chosen.

The summer help will paint picnic tables and they will also work on the dock and shore. There is a staff meeting on June 13th for Summer Fun. Shirts for Summer Fun and supplies have been ordered.

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Tony Williams Park is busy every night and Saturdays and Sundays. Many residents and nonresidents are using the park facilities for events and parties. Recreation uses Outlook to book events and shares the calendar with the Clerk's office to prevent double booking; it has worked out very well. The fee is \$25 for use of the field or Pavilion. Recreation does all the grooming, Frank doesn't want anyone else to do it. Everyone is courteous and picks up after themselves. They do not charge Babe Ruth or Lacrosse for use of the field. Ulster Community College charges teams \$500.00.

Mazzetti asked about the cost of caring for facilities; lining fields, etc. compared to the amount of rent being charged.

Brennie feels we should consider raising the fees for the Pavilion and field use as we don't want to subsidize out of towners using our facilities.

Alfonso stated he feels the rates should go up but doesn't want to raise the rent so high that people won't use the facilities.

Mazzetti has no issue with Summer Fun fees because it gives the children something to do. Out of town teams charge the members of the team and should pay.

Alfonso said he would look at surrounding towns and see what they are charging for renting their pavilions and lit fields but does not want to increase fees for residents.

Guerriero feels we should increase fees a little per year.

Supervisor asked Alfonso about preparing the proposal for the three-year contract for lawn mowing.

Alfonso replied that he would prepare the proposal.

Paladino commented that Will Farrell asked about doing a Free Movie Night on the Town Municipal Field. He has done them in other towns and had some success.

Paladino feels that having it on Town field maybe people would visit the businesses in the Hamlet.

Jonietz commented that the Events Committee tried Free Movie Night three years ago.

Setting up the screen and making popcorn all takes time and the attendance was only 20 people. Kate said that Saturday night people are away and suggested trying it on Friday.

Alfonso commented that a prior Events Committee tried showing a movie at Berean Park.

It was a good location with the hill and attendance was ok but the bugs were an issue.

Frank feels Berean Park would be a better location.

Jonietz said that Little League also tried it at the Little League Field.

Paladino suggested allowing Bill Farrell to try it once as it is free.

Mazzetti stated it is not free because we have to have police coverage and Chief Waage should be involved in any discussions of the event.

Jonietz stated that the Police Chief is always involved in Event discussions.

Mark Reynolds asked the date of the official opening of Berean Park.

Alfonso responded that Berean park opened Memorial Day for weekends and then daily on June 17th closing August 13. Tony Williams is open all year. Summer Fun begins June 26 and runs for 6 weeks. A lot of time and energy goes into this program and it goes by very quickly.

Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow reported

Tax Collection

- Tax Payments are accepted post marked June 1, as directed by the Commissioner of finance.
- 174 tax bills remain unpaid of approximately 4400
- Preparing the documentation to settle the tax warrant with the Ulster County Commissioner of finance on June 20th.

Town Clerk

- 448 Transfer Station permits have been issued to date.
- Summer Fun registrations \$3,625.00
- Park Rental \$175.00
- Sporting licenses sold \$525.00 commission is \$29.00

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman

Litman stated that all the reservoirs are three-quarters to full due to all the rain we have had. The Water Department is still using only reservoir water and he hoped it would continue for another month. At this time of the year the department is usually using

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a blend of reservoir and river water and soon going over to all river water. Using the reservoir water is a huge cost savings.

The connection of the wells on the mountain to the tank: the contractors have excavated, demolished a small building that was in the way, cleaned the line, performed CCTV (closed circuit TV) pipe inspection and pulled the main cable through.

America Best Inn on Upper Grand and Route 9W is finally off private line and he has upgraded his pump station. One of the two (2) pumps is installed. There was an existing line that he was able to tie into and upgrade the pump station.

Mazzetti asked if he was now 100% in compliance.

Litman replied that he was not completely in compliance. The town engineer specified that the owner utilize a duplex pump, he has done one out of two and can utilize the second pump. Litman wants the owner to utilize it and the owner stated he would do it by summer. Litman is not confident that he will and he has spoken with the Town Attorney several times about it. He has been working on this since 2011.

Paladino asked if the Town had once levied on his taxes the cost for some work that needed to be done.

Litman replied that the Town had not. It was the property at 120 Grand Street that was subdivided into three properties. The homeowner needed to hook into the Town sewer. His house was connected to the sewer line of the apartment house. The bill for his pump station was a hardship and in 2011 the Town contracted to do the work and spread out the payments on his tax bills.

Paladino suggested that the Town put the second pump in for America Best Inn and add the cost to his taxes to spread the payment out over time, if it is a financial issue.

It could cause problems on the line.

Litman said it could cause problems for him because he has his own line, the burden falls on the owner if the pump fails and Litman made that clear to the owner.

Paladino asked what the second pump would cost. He suggested giving him another 30 to 60 days, and discussing this at the Water and Sewer Committee meeting.

Litman responded that it would cost between be \$4000.00 and \$5000.00. Everyone on that parcel is tied into one pump station. It could affect Bagels and Bites and he would hate to see the restaurant be out of water.

Supervisor said this has been going on for years. He did not understand why he is not complying; he has had ample time.

Litman agreed and added that if the private line failed, NYSDEC mandates that the Water Department repair it. We have accomplished getting him off the private line.

Mazzetti asked if everything the Town brought him to court to do has that all been completed.

Litman said he does not have the duplex pump system.

Mazzetti asked Litman to confer with Sean Murphy, attorney and find out why after four years it is not done.

Litman said he has spoken with Sean Murphy, Attorney. The property owner wants time to put in the 2nd pump. This has been going on for ten years and he has spent many hours working on this.

Supervisor stated that he will follow up with the Town Attorney.

Supervisor – Paul Hansut

Highland Rotary Club is having their “Service Above Self” Dinner on June 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Novella’s of New Paltz, the cost is \$35 per person. This year they will be honoring Highland Hose Company No. 1, Natasha of Bagels and Bits and our very own Santa Claus; Adolf Jonietz. Anyone who would like a ticket can see Kate Jonietz or any member of the Rotary.

2. OLD BUSINESS

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3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Independence Day Celebration – Fireworks Sunday July 2, 2017 on town field

Supervisor stated that Highland Business Association will have vendors on the site.

The Town is using the same fireworks company that has been used in years past as they do a great job.

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- B. No Smoking signs** – under existing no parking signs at Vineyard Ave and Church St. Supervisor stated he was contacted by some residents at the corner of Vineyard Ave. and Church St. as it has become a gathering spot for the smokers from Step One. Roger Spool, from Step One, has been asked to purchase the No Smoking sign and the Town will install it under the No Parking sign at the corner of Vineyard Ave. and Church St. Many businesses have put up No Smoking signs at their businesses.
- Mazzetti asked if it is because the clients of Step One cannot smoke on the property. Supervisor stated that New York State Law prohibits smoking on the property. We have talked about applying for a grant to build a bridge from the end of the property to the Town parking lot but they weren't interested in doing that.
- Paladino said he understands helping people but the Town also has to consider the downtown businesses.
- Supervisor commented that Step One feels this will help
- Paladino felt it would not, as they will just move to another spot.
- Supervisor said they put signs up and the people move down the street to smoke. He has discussed it with the Police Department and it is difficult to address.

- C. Hotel/Motel License** – license required to house registered sex offenders
- Supervisor said that he gave the board a copy of a document which shows, that in the last year there's been an increase in concern about relocation of sex offenders by the state into our community. A gentleman posted a law on social media from the Town of Colonie. Supervisor spoke with the Michael Magee, Town Attorney from Colonie. The town has many hotels and motels built in the 50s and 60s which were not being utilized so they allowed sex offenders to live there. Magee sent him a copy of the law and Sean Murphy is reviewing it. The legal staff of the Town of Colonie said it solved the problem. He asked if they received any legal challenges when they presented it as local law. Magee said the hotel motel association thought about hiring a lawyer but after the topic they decided it was not the venue. This is not a law restricting or targeting the sex offenders; it is restricting the concentration of sex offenders in one location.
- Guerriero asked how many sex offenders would they allow in a hotel with 20 units.
- Supervisor presented the law to the board and asked them to look it over. The Attorney in Colonie is happy to answer questions and he asked the board to give him any questions, and he will send to Attorney. Sean Murphy has reviewed this law and does not see any problems with it. The Town of Colonie was the first in New York to implement a law like this, they were invited to speak on the Today Show and Good Morning American but refused. A copy will be posted on the town website. They put a lot of time and effort into making sure it solved the problem without causing other problems.
- Mazzetti stated he couldn't find a number as to how many sex offenders would be allowed per square foot.
- Supervisor commented that he believed it is based on a point system as sex offenders are classified at different levels. This law makes it clear that if you get a license you can open up to sex offenders but it is private pay not social service, etc.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- Pam Krimsky asked if there is a higher concentration of sex offenders allowed in Highland than the general redistribution throughout the County and why.
- Supervisor said we haven't gotten an answer, there are more hotel/motels in Lloyd than some other communities. We do not have an accurate number. The New York State Division of Parole doesn't feel that nine (9) is a large number in a community of 11,000 people. This is a problem and we are looking for a solution.
- Guerriero asked if Social Service has a lot to do with this.
- Supervisor said his understanding is that a motel or hotel will put themselves on a list with social services and as people become available they put them in a room. There currently isn't a licensing procedure but the law would require that.
- Barton would like to recommend that his department does not do the enforcement on this law.

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Supervisor with this law they will get their permit through the Town Clerk. He has read the law but did not see any section on enforcement. They have to register with the Police Department and we would know how many live in Town.

Mark Reynolds, reporter asked if there is a rain date for the Fireworks.

Supervisor said there was not as they have other events booked. It specifies in the contract how much it costs to cancel because of rain.

Reynolds asked what the annual premium is for health insurance.

Supervisor responded that it is about a 14% increase and he will get him the numbers.

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, second by Paladino to renew the health insurance plan, as is, with MVP Liberty HDHP Bronze 6 Plan with the Reis Group as insurance carrier.

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

Five ayes carried

B. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to accept the resignation of Laura Oddo-Kelly as second Deputy Town Clerk effective June 7, 2017.

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

Five ayes carried

Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk, appointed Wendy Rosinski, Second Deputy Town Clerk effective June 8th, 2017. She commented that Wendy has worked for the Town in the past and has invaluable experience. She stated that Wendy would be an asset to her office and the Town.

C. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to hire Laura Oddo-Kelly as receptionist-planning and zoning, at an hourly rate of \$14.56 effective June 8, 2017 at the recommendation of David Barton II, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

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

Five ayes carried

D. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to hire Jessica Hammond and Carson Miller as counselors-in-training at no compensation.

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

Five ayes carried

E. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Mazzetti to hire Emily Boesch, Harrison Pietrzak and Attilio CrimiVaroli as lifeguards at the hourly rate of \$10.50 for the 2017 waterfront season at the recommendation of Frank Alfonso, Recreation Director.

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

Five ayes carried

F. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Mazzetti

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has administrative and technical experience in consolidating government functions, developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd has expressed interest in participating among the consortium of Ulster County local governments and special districts in the competitive grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd, has expressed interest in examining the potential for an Ulster County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS-4) coalition; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd commits to utilizing citizen input and involvement along with significant outreach to our residents as the potential costs and benefits of consolidations, shared services, and shared facilities are evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd is committed to saving taxpayers money, preserving the quality of life for residents and improving the compliance with MS4 requirements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Lloyd expresses its support for participating in the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency application

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

Five ayes carried

G. MOTION made by Mazzetti seconded by Paladino to accept the resignation of William Rose, part-time police officer effective May 2, 2017.

Five ayes carried

Supervisor said there was an application submitted to the Police Department from Anthony's Towing to be added to Tow list. It was. The Town Board does not have to approve this and Sean Murphy agreed.

Mazzetti felt this was the second time he applied.

Brennie stated that he opened a second corporation and is running 2 businesses from one site.

MOTION made by Mazzetti seconded by Paladino to go into executive session to discuss personnel with David Barton at 4:52PM.

Five ayes carried

MOTION made by Mazzetti seconded by Paladino to come out of executive session at 5:22PM.

Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk