

Joint Town & Village Board Meeting
September 15, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Present: Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Dan Torres. **Absent:** Supervisor Susan Zimet.

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Don Kerr, Trustee Dennis Young, Trustee Tom Rocco.
Absent: Trustee Rebecca Rotzler.

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. On behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Rogers to open the meeting with the pledge on behalf of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Kerr, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:37 p.m. Trustee Rotzler arrived.

Agenda: +Fire District, +Village Board vote for live broadcast of meeting, +Joint meetings going forward. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Trustee Rotzler, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion of a Municipal Center:

Dave Lent, Chair of the Building Committee, indicated that the committee determined that the best location for the new facility was the old Town Hall site on Veterans Drive partially due to the Village revising its zoning ordinance. The committee is currently in the process of analyzing the bids received from various architecture firms. Committee member Josh Honig suggested the Board determine how long it will need to move the records that still remain in the old building, in order to prepare it for demolition.

Councilman Irwin indicated that there is a strong desire on “many of our parts” to see this be a collaborative effort and see this as an opportunity to achieve efficiencies through the use of space and shared services. He asked members of the Village Board to express their thoughts and concerns.

Mayor Rogers indicated that this is a unique opportunity that should be looked at seriously. He would like to see a commitment to work together, by the Town and Village by the end of the night.

Trustee Kerr indicated that there is a general interest by the Village Board. He personally does not like the Veterans Drive site because it is too far away from the center of the community. He expressed preference to the current Village Hall site.

Trustee Rotzler asked if there is an OSHA report on the condition of the old Town Hall, in terms of the health of the building. Are there any concerns about contamination to the soil? She would like to see an assessment/building inventory for the Village Hall site. She feels that this is an important thing to do.

Trustee Young feels that this is a good idea and that he’s very interested in pursuing it. The details can be worked out later.

Trustee Rocco indicated that he is in favor of an exploration of a joint municipal “home”, and of intermunicipal collaboration. Suggested forming a committee to explore what it would take for both municipalities to cohabit the same facility, what efficiencies would be achieved, and what possibilities can be explored for other forms of collaboration if we are in the same location.

Mayor Rogers indicated that there is a willingness by the Village Board to explore what a combined municipal center would look like, in terms of this site vs. the Village Hall site and the “pit”.

Discussion

A motion was made by Councilman Logan for Councilman Torres and Councilman Irwin to represent the Town on a joint committee with the Village regarding a Joint Town/Village Municipal Center. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rebecca Rotzler for Mayor Rogers and Trustee Kerr to represent the Village on a joint committee with the Town regarding a joint Town/Village Municipal Center. Seconded by Trustee Young for discussion. Trustee Young indicated that he is comfortable with the idea of a municipal center at the present Veterans Drive site. Mayor Rogers feels as though the current Building Committee, Chris Marx and Bleu Terwilliger should be part of this new committee. Trustee Kerr indicated that he is not in favor of taking the Village Hall site off the table.

All aye votes cast, with Trustee Kerr voting no. Motion carried.

Fire District:

Trustee Rotzler indicated that each Board would need to pass a resolution to the creation of a Fire District on the ballot for a referendum. Councilman Barry feels that the key is to have a plan. Trustee Young and Trustee Rotzler will work with Councilman Logan and Councilman Torres on discussions about the Fire District. The Boards agreed to discuss this at their next joint meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

Broadcasting of live meeting:

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to agree to allow the Town Planning Board meeting to be broadcast live tomorrow night, instead of the Village Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:23 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:23 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Rocco to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Rogers, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk