

**Joint Town & Village Meeting
September 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilman Kevin Barry.

Absent: Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan.

Present: Trustee Rebecca Rotzler, Trustee Sally Rhoads, Trustee Tom Rocco.

Absent: Mayor Jason West, Trustee Ariana Basco.

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the joint meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Rotzler to open the joint meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Trustee Rocco, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +DeMunck Water Bill issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:34 p.m. Councilman Logan and Trustee Basco arrived.

Public Input:

Mark Sherman indicated that in times of emergency when the power goes out, it would be nice to have a radio station that people can listen to to find out what's going on. He also commented on the music and noise that he can hear at home coming from the fairgrounds during events.

Ira Margolis indicated that he felt it was rude how the residents from Woodland Ponds were treated at last week's meeting by a resident from Lent Drive/Waring Lane neighborhood.

Request by Local Emergency Planning Committee for staffing of EOC/LEPC:

Gail Gallerie and Jeff Salt gave some background history about the group and the changes that have taken place recently with some of the volunteer members. Most of them have undergone professional changes that have made them less available. Therefore the committee is looking for municipal employees to take over the EOC to make it a formal governmental function and to share the cost. In order to keep continuity, it was recommended that elected officials should not be considered for this role. It was suggested appointing Town Building Inspector Stacy Delarede as the dedicated EOC manager and appointing someone from the Village or another Town department to assist. These people would facilitate meetings, research grant opportunities, work on the Emergency Plan, etc. These two people would rotate as manager either every year or every two years. It is important for these two people to live locally so as to be able to fulfill the roles of "Second Responders".

Supervisor Zimet indicated that there is \$1,000 in the Town's budget to appoint a person to this position. During the Town portion of tonight's meeting, the Board will discuss appointing Stacy to this position. Supervisor Zimet also indicated that in preparing the 2014 budget, she will include the funds to allow Stacy to remain in that position, should that be the decision the Town Board makes.

Councilwoman Gallucci indicated she has some technical reservations about appointing the Town Building Inspector to this position as she is a Civil Service and Union Employee and there could be complications with other employees as a result. She indicated she is not impartial but she does not feel as though she has enough information to make a decision at this time.

The Village Board agreed to put this on the agenda for their October 9th meeting.

Councilman Logan indicated that the hours put into the position of EOC manager would be outside of working hours required for the Town. A stipend would be issued for hours outside Town duties.

Trustee Rhoads asked if the Town will have the flexibility of moving the funds from the A-fund to the B-Fund if the Village Board decides they want their own person as opposed to what Gail is recommending?

Supervisor Zimet indicated that there would be no problem with accommodating that. She also explained that for the purposes of moving this along in anticipation of the potential upcoming storm season, the Town has unspent money in the A-Fund for Emergency Planning available now to allow Stacy to start working on this while the Village decides how it will proceed. If the Village decides to appoint their own person, there's also money in the B-Fund to begin using at that point.

DEP Contract/IMA- Proposed New Paltz Community Water Supply Exploration Project:

Town Engineer Dave Clouser made a presentation relative to the study that was conducted by the DEP. The goal was to find a back-up water source for when the Catskill Aqueduct goes offline for repairs in the Fall of 2016 that would provide 1 million gallons per day. The team involved with working on this project was Dave Clouser, Dennis Larios and Russell Urban Mead from Chazen Environmental. There were three strands identified, the Reservoir, the Wallkill River and groundwater. The source exploration tasks include seeking property access permission/options, conducting intensive soil boring investigations and an option to consider conducting gravity survey to quickly ID deeper valley areas. Based on the very tight schedule outlined for this project, work would begin immediately. The budget calculated is approximately \$412,000, with some variability.

A representative from the DEP indicated that at the last joint meeting on September 11th at Village Hall, the Village Board asked the DEP to consider funding a joint submittal from the Town Engineer and Village Engineer. The proposal has been reviewed and DEP has decided to accept that proposal to fund Phase II. The DEP looks forward to continuing to work with the Village on an Inter-Governmental Agreement.

Trustee Tom Rocco indicated that the Village's Water & Sewer attorney is working to develop an IMA with the Town, and an IGA with the DEP. He also indicated that all of the former options discussed are still on the table.

Library Referendum:

At last week's Town Board meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to facilitate the Library's proposition to be put on November's ballot. The proposition is calling for an increase in funding to the library in the amount of \$75,000 in addition to the \$321,000 that was given in prior years. Councilman Barry suggested asking the Village Board to split the \$75,000 increase with the Town as a result of the inequity that exists between the Town and Village's taxable values. The Village Board was not prepared to have a proper discuss on this as they did not have any prior knowledge of this agenda item.

Moriello Pool Shared Expenses:

This item was tabled until Councilwoman Brown could be present.

At 9:07 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the employment/hiring of a certain individual for the Master Plan Consultant Proposal. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Rhoads to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the employment/hiring of a certain individual for the Master Plan Consultant Proposal. Seconded by Trustee Basco, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Trustee Basco, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Joint Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the joint minutes of **August 15, 2013**. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Rhoads to accept the joint minutes of **August 15, 2013**. Seconded by Trustee Rocco, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Trustee Rotzler abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

At 9:52 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the joint portion of the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Business:

Lent Dr./Waring Lane Dedication:

Upon speaking to Town Attorney Joe Moriello, Highway Superintendent Chris Marx believes they have possible solutions to the issues pertaining to lot #6 as discussed last week. The owner of lot #6 has built his driveway and a monument on part of the Town's easement to the Town owned land located behind his property. One option the Town has is possibly obtaining written permission from the property owner to allow the Town access through his driveway for mowing and maintenance of the land as needed, while restricting all other motorized traffic. This would allow the monument and trees to stay in place and there would be "No Parking" signs placed along the road. The other option is to build another access road within the easement, 12 feet wide.

Supt. Marx indicated that they have solved the issue of the 3-way stop signs. The Highway department will add stop lines at each 3-way intersection. This will be done once the road is dedicated. He will also put another stripe down the east side of road, narrowing the lanes. Before he continues, he will make sure the contractor is on State Bid. He has also looked into the possibility of striping other roads in the Town due to the fact that he got a great deal on pricing. The Highway has \$6,000 in the budget for this.

Councilman Logan indicated they will need more discussions on this before the other Town roads are striped. Lent and Waring should be done first.

When the gate comes down, Supt. Marx would like to test out a speed bump in its place in an attempt to prevent speeding. These are lower than speed humps. They are wider and more gentle than the ones on Huguenot Street. Supt. Marx indicated they are made of rubber and can be bolted down in the winter. They are sectional, can be taken out and are easy to store.

Supt. Marx will work with Attorney Moriello to ask for written permission from Sam Friedman, Developer of Lent Farms, to stripe the road while the weather still permits and to remedy other issues including signs so everything is in place before the road is dedicated and the gate comes down. Councilman Logan would like to see as many traffic calming devices in place before the gate comes down. Supt. Marx will also follow up with Attorney Moriello on getting permission from the owner of lot #6 and the draft local law for "No Thru Truck Traffic". In the meantime the gate will remain in place. The speed limit issue will be addressed at a later time.

DeMunck Water Bill:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept a settlement in the matter of Mr. & Mrs. De Munck a payment of \$825 to be paid in 60 days. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to offered a friendly amendment to include that this will not be relieved onto the 2014 tax bill. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Cystic Fibrosis Duathlon:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the Cystic Fibrosis Duathlon for the Spring of 2014. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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Tabled.

ZBA Training:

The ZBA Chair clarified her request indicating she would like the authority to authorize the attendance to training for members when there is no cost associated with the training. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve this request. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ethics appointment:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to reappoint Philipe Robbins (expired 12/12) to the Ethics Board for a five-year term to expire 12/17. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:49 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk

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