

Town Board Meeting
July 26, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan.

At 7:08 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the hiring, firing, discipline of a public official. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:17 p.m. Councilwoman Brown arrived.

At 7:37 p.m. Councilman Logan arrived.

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Pledge

Public Input:

Dave Lent informed the Board that the County is considering selling the RRA. The Transfer Station property is supposed to come back to the Town in 2015, unless other arrangements are made. He is concerned about the financial responsibility of its operation. He also stated that it is important to keep the road from Waring Lane to Woodland Ponds a thru road to alleviate some of the traffic problem and because it was always supposed to be a thru road.

Dan & Mariann Winfield and Andy Loyer, residents on Waring Lane disagreed. He feels that a chain should be installed because to prevent traffic from cutting through to and from Woodland Ponds. The road was supposed to be for Emergency vehicles only.

Chris Ullrich wanted to know the status of getting a ban on prescribed burns on a meeting agenda. Supervisor Zimet stated it would be on a future meeting's agenda.

Roberto Lobianco, presented the Town Board with a petition in favor of a chicken ordinance last week and informed the Board that the signatures were all from the R-1 zone. He feels that referring it to the Planning Board would delay the process.

Everett Payne is not in favor of the chicken ordinance.

Agenda:

+ Appointment to ZBA & seasonal help

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to add a discussion about the chain at the end of Waring Lane to the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Nay votes were cast by Supervisor Zimet, Councilwoman Gallucci and Councilman Barry. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements:

Supervisor Zimet informed the Board that the County has sent written confirmation that they have received the Shovel Ready Application. She also stated that the Town has received a 3rd notice from the Comptroller indicating the Town is late in submitting the annual report. A letter was sent from Supervisor Zimet indicating that the outside auditor plans to have it ready within 2 weeks and is just as upset that the report is not being filed in a timely manner.

Supervisor Zimet stated that a decision was made during Executive Session in which the Town Board reviewed a complaint dated June 14, 2012 as referred to the Town Board by the Police Commission. The Town Board determined that there were no violations committed concerning the recent public auction of 2 police vehicles. Councilwoman Brown stated that she abstained from the vote because she was not present for last week's discussion.

Contract for USDA- Dug Road/Highway Department:

The Town will be receiving \$10,713 from Senator Bonacic in additional flood mitigation and flood control funding through New York Works Program for the Dug Road project. This funding will help remediate, mitigate and reduce flooding in Ulster County.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into the Dug Road grant agreement forced account with the USDA. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Amendment for the Expenditure of Highway Monies-284 Agreement (Previously approved on 3/15/12):

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of New Paltz Ulster County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways shall be amended as follows:

1. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of town highways:
 - a. On No. Ohioville Road commencing at Town Line to Van Nostrand Road, a distance of 1.15 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$183,731.28.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the amendment for the expenditure of Highway Monies in the amount of \$183,731.28 for N. Ohioville Rd. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consolidation Proposal for B&G/Highway:

One person has retired from the Highway Department and Bob Leghorn has submitted his resignation from the Town for retirement also. Highway Superintendent Chris Marx feels that by consolidating, operations would run more efficiently and would save the Town money. The only concern is that the Town would only have one licensed operator for Water & Sewer. Dave Clouser could fill-in in the interim. It was suggested that the Town could bring in an outside firm to run the plant.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry that the Town Board authorize the Town through various employees and departments to move ahead with the process of a consolidation plan that may lead to the formal approval of the merging of B&G and the Highway Department. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Councilwoman Gallucci stated that she was concerned with the legality of this and that Water & Sewer needs to be a separate department. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Government Center:

The idea originated with former School Superintendent Fred Betchen. County Executive Michael Hein is willing to work with Supervisor Zimet on this project. Councilwoman Brown indicated all the stakeholders need to come together. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to convene a meeting of the stakeholders for the purposes of initiating this conversation. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Brown agreed to serve with Supervisor Zimet on this project.

Personnel Policy:

Councilwoman Gallucci is still working on it.

Referral of Livestock Ordinance to the Planning Board:

The Town Board agreed that it would wait to see how the Village's Ordinance goes with the possibility of using the same law/ordinance. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to table this item until the Village finalizes their ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Logan suggested that the Town requests to be reimbursed from the Ad Hoc Committee for the 125th Celebration of the Village for Police over-time expenses not to exceed \$855. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Zimet will send a letter to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to reappoint Pat Schwartz to the ZBA for a 5-year term to expire 12/16. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to reappoint Nick Morris to B&G at the seasonal union rate of \$15.61/hr. until September 5, 2012, with a retro addressment from \$8/hr to \$15.61

as per contract. Seconded by Councilman Barry, no votes cast by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan, motion carried.

At 9:30 p.m., Councilman Barry left the meeting.

UCIDA:

Supervisor Zimet will follow up with Frank Mauro.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept with regret the letter of Resignation from Bob Leghorn for retirement on September 29th, and thank him for his many years of service. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Zimet will draft a letter to him.

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk