

Budget/Town Board Meeting
October 30, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Zimet, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Kevin Barry

Absent: Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci

At 5:42 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Shared Services with the Town of Lloyd:

Laura Petite, Recycling Coordinator indicated that the Town of Lloyd's Transfer Station is operating at high costs. Paul Hansut, Supervisor of the Town of Lloyd reached out to her about a Shared Services Agreement between the two Towns that would allow Lloyd residents to use the New Paltz Transfer Station. New Paltz would get a portion of the permit fees sold to those residents as well as the dumping fees. They are also trying to work with the Town of Esopus. He would like to know if the Town is interested as soon as possible. The Town Board will schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, November 3rd at 6 p.m. to meet with Paul Hansut to discuss the possibility of a Shared Services Agreement. Councilman Barry indicated that this agreement should contemplate a more expansive option, should the Lloyd Transfer Station close.

At 6:15 p.m. Councilman Logan arrived.

Preliminary Budget:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the money for the rental of the modulares is in the Buildings & Grounds line for 2015. She also indicated that Bob Stubbs from Marshall & Sterling had re-engineered the insurance quote from NYMIR from \$115,996 down to \$112,372.06.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with NYMIR tomorrow. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Logan indicated that he would like to see more money in the budget for the maintenance (ditching) of the Rail Trail because the Town owns it and is responsible to keep it safe. Highway Superintendent Chris Marx indicated that the \$1,000 that is currently budgeted should be enough to get the work done.

Supervisor Zimet went over the spreadsheets she prepared and indicated that going forward the Town cannot rely on the Fund Balance to keep taxes down. No changes were made to the Preliminary Budget.

Trailways Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for Traffic Control Services by the Police for Thanksgiving, with the same terms. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Establishment of Escrow Account:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the establishment of the following Planning Board Applicant via Resolution: The applicant Golgoski Lot Line Revision on N. Ohioville Rd shall provide for initial deposit into escrow account in the amount of \$1500.00 as determined by the Planning Board and Town Board of New Paltz based on its evaluation of the nature and complexity of the application. The applicant shall be provided with copies of all Town vouchers for such services as they are submitted to the Town. When the balance in such escrow account is reduced to ½ of its initial amount, \$750.00, the applicant shall deposit additional funds into such account to bring its balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. If such account is not replenished within 30 days after the applicant is notified, in writing, of the requirement for such additional deposit, the Planning Board may suspend its review of the application. A building permit or certificate of occupancy shall not be issued unless all professional fees charged in

connection with the applicant's project have been reimbursed to the Town. After all pertinent charges have been paid; the Town shall refund to the applicant any funds remaining on deposit. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Building Inspector Conference:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the attendance of Stacy Delarede at the State Required training at a cost of \$200. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Update on Town Hall Move:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Remediation Consultants were asked to rebid based on the revisions to the scope of work needed. The Drill Hall and Basement files were removed. The new bids came in at \$92,000 and \$32,600.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to sign the contract for \$32,600 with ServPro for the remediation of inventory for the Town Hall move. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ms. Delarede indicated that there is no start or move date yet. The units are put together and the work on the inside is underway. Cabling for the computers and phones will start tomorrow. We are running into problems with Central Hudson getting power to the new facility.

IDA Resolution to NYS Legislators to benefit local municipalities:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that Attorney George Lithco was asked to look into drafting legislation whereby giving the local municipality a little bit more input into PILOTs being granted at their expense.

Attorney Lithco indicated that there are already initiatives along that line. During his research he came across a Bill that was adopted in 2011 to allow the Town of Chester the authority to approve or disapprove PILOTs, but the Governor vetoed it. He indicated that the County can attempt to control the IDA better by appointing people who have a better understanding of the impacts on localities. He is suggesting a process that the IDA would go through similar to SEQRA, where it would explicitly look at the project in terms of its impacts upon the taxing jurisdictions and it would be making determinations/finding much like SEQR, saying this is what "we" believe will happen to the communities and/or this is why a PILOT would be warranted; and with the PILOT, this the nature of the impacts. Everyone would theoretically have a record. The utility of making findings is to allow the public the opportunity to review the basis on which you are proceeding and make comments like you do with SEQRA.

Councilman Torres will contact Comptroller Auerbach about coming to present the IDA report to the Community.

Outstanding Planning Board fees:

Attorney Lithco indicated that there are four Planning Board applicants with outstanding fees owed to the Town. One applicant owes between \$15,000-20,000, while the others owe less than \$5,000. He has been working with Attorney Joe Moriello to come up with a way for the Town to collect the fees in the event that the projects are sold to individuals who did not incur the debt.

IDA Lawsuit:

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the lawsuit between the Town and the Ulster County IDA. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk