

December 21, 2017

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00 pm. Councilman Cooper was absent, all other Board members were present. Also attending were seventeen people of the community, Assessor Chairman Jim Mara, Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Engineer to the Town Ray Jurkowski, and Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky. Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Motion by Jones second by Coons to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for November and the minutes of November 15, 2017. 4-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – the Garden Club sent a letter thanking the Town for their donation. The terms of Diana Woolis and Tully Lyons are up on the Library Board and they both want to be reappointed. Motion by Coons second by Brenner to so do. 4-0 passed.

Bills Motion by Jones second by Bartles to pay General bills #15314-15334 and #15357. Recreation Director Prentice was asked about the Briggs Paving bill. She responded that she would like it earmarked for the 2017 budget and that is why it is in now. She will have the check held until they fix the basketball court. Board OK'd that. Highway bills #15342-15356. 4-0 passed.

Public Comment – Jen Chase addressed the Board regarding the Sprint Triathlon. She stated she is no longer the Director of this and it has been sold to Wilson Endurance Sports. The new owner is Mark Wilson. The money from the sale is in the Triathlon account at the Bank of Millbrook. The new owner will communicate with our Recreation Director. The money made from this was to originally go toward the bike and run lane around the Lake. Jen added that she is working with them this year- she is just not in charge anymore. She said they want to meet with the Town Board and she thanks the Town for their support.

Jim Mara- Would like to thank Rich Brenner, Gary Cooper and Brian Coons for their years of service to the Town.

Dutchess Land Conservancy - Erin Hoagland from the Land Conservancy said they are looking for a Conservation Easement and looking to purchase the Speeter property. They have 75% of the money needed to secure the purchase and the other 25% will come from the Dutchess County Partnership Manageable Growth Program. They are looking for the Towns support. They were asked what is not allowed and the response given was normally public access- they are still negotiating with Betsy Speeter and said this does not allow the land owner from allowing public access. Councilman Bartles said he expresses concerns for the Trails and Bike Route and the Well Head development. P.P. Water Clerk Ray Jurkowski said he does not feel the Well Head development would be of any concern. Councilman Bartles and Jones both support this and recommend sending a letter with our concerns and support. Supervisor said Speeter should be linked up with the Trails Committee. Motion by Bartles second by Jones to send said letter. Coons said the letter will go out within the next week.

Building Inspector Report – All have and on file.

Police Department Report – All have and on file. Councilman Bartles questions about the uniforms and equipment spending and has a lot of concerns about this and feels we should look into it.

P.P. Water Improvement Report – All have and it is on file.

Engineer to the Town Report – Jurkowski said it is quiet. We are waiting on the sidewalk grant “Sams Grant” and that all the paperwork has been submitted for it.

Recreation Report – Catherine said she has nothing to report.

Highway Report – Councilman Bartles said there is a new employee to start after the first of the year – and said we need to talk about the old report of floor repair and the gutter issues with the Engineer to the Town. Town Clerk read memo from the Highway Superintendent (on file).

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said the proposed Cold War Law has been reviewed by the Assessor and approved by him. We need to set a Public Hearing date. Motion by Coons second by Bartles to set Jan. 18th, 2018 at 6:00pm for said hearing. 4-0 passed. Clerk said she will advertise.

In regard to the speed limit reduction on North Main Street Warren said he needs to know which are the Town Roads and State Roads and we will hold off on this until he receives this information.

Warren also asked about the Trails Report and said he needs a redlined copy or explanation of the report.

Councilman Brenner asked about the Library lease. Warren replied that the Library is going to get the stuff to him and hopefully will have for the next meeting.

Councilman Jones asked about the Hudson case and Warren said the Judge has it.

Supervisor Coons spoke regarding prepay on property taxes and the Tax Collectors note regarding the same. Atty. Replansky said that local municipalities can make the decision on whether or not to do this.

Jane Waters – Wanted it noted that John Forelle has done a wonderful job as Chairman of the Planning Board.

Supervisor thanks everyone for their support and read his accomplishments. (On file)

Town Clerk asked the Board for a decision regarding prepay of property taxes. After discussion the Board decided property owners cannot prepay their taxes.

Supervisor asked about the letter to Speeter and Councilman Jones said that the rail bed is not to be encumbered with the purchase and we are not concerned about the well head protection.

Motion by Brenner second by Jones to adjourn. 4-0 passed.

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Town Clerk	Councilman <u>Jones</u> _____
	Councilman <u>Bartles</u> _____
	Councilman <u>Brenner</u> _____
	Councilman <u>Cooper</u> absent _____