

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. Supervisor Coons was absent, all other Board members were present. Also attending were Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, PPWIA Superintendent Gary Keeler, Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson, Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Chair to the Assessors Jim Mara, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, OIC John Hughes, Summer Camp Director Jen Chase, Atty. to the Town Warren Replansky, the Reporter from the Millerton News and 10-15 members of the community.

Deputy Supervisor Don Bartles called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Town Clerk Report and Minutes – Motion by Cooper second by Brenner as amended ( Jan.7<sup>th</sup> minutes – to change Grievance Board to Board of Assessment Review) to accept the Town Clerks minutes of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and Jan.7<sup>th</sup> and the Town Clerks monthly report for December. 4-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement - Don announced all of the following: Dutchess County letter regarding changes in employment application, the Association of Towns meeting will be held in NYC Feb.14-17, 2016. He said the appointment for a Recreation Committee member and the Highway Superintendents Secretary will be discussed in executive session.

At the Reorganizational meeting Jan.7th the terms for the Planning Board members John Forelle and Kate Osofsky were not made and the term for the ZBA for Marie Stewart was not made, all terms should be five years. Motion by Jones second by Cooper to appoint all for five year terms. 4-0 passed.

Discussion took place regarding the Street lights in Pine Plains. Central Hudson will change them to LED lights. Cooper asked the cost to the Town and was told none to us. Motion by Cooper second by Jones to approve with the option of doing all the street lights at one time. 4-0 passed.

Bills – Motion by Brenner second by Jones to approve PPWIA bills #2556-2562, Highway bills #13788-13805 and General bills #13767-13787. 4-0 passed.

Public Comment – Jim Mara asked when they will be able to get into the Library- Don said they are waiting on the locksmith who is waiting for a lock cylinder. Brief discussion took place. Motion by Cooper second by Jones to continue to move the books in. 4-0 passed. Mara thanks them very much.

Jen Chase addressed the Board regarding the Summer Camp and earmarking the leftover money from 2015 to 2016. She wants to clear this up. Brenner said he spoke with Catherine and she could move some money from one of her accounts to the Summer Camp account. Don said a meeting is to be set up with Catherine, Jen and one other person to get this cleared up.

Matt Finley asked if the new street lights are an opportunity to reduce light pollution and Don replied he did not know. Central Hudson could be asked. Joan Redmond stated our street lights are transparent on top.

Dutchess Land Conservancy – Karin Roux addressed the Board regarding Ronnybrook Farms application for their Globe Hill property for financial assistance in purchasing development rights through a “Farmland Protection Implementation Grant”. She gave all information sheets. She said a Town letter of endorsement is needed. Motion by Jones second by Cooper to so approve for the Supervisor to sign the letter he prepared. 4-0 passed

Library Trustees Appointments – Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to appoint Esther Williams, Richard Diaz and Dyan Wapnick from January 2016 to Dec.31, 2018. 4-0 passed.

Building Inspector Report – All have the report and Drew said the bushes at the Tow Lew property are all taken care of – the Highway men trimmed and cut.

Animal Control Report – All have the report and Don said Rich has a dog census form he wants to send out. Motion by Cooper second by Jones to so approve for the census report to be sent out. 4-0 passed.

Police Dept. Report – All have the report.

PPWIA Report – All have the report. Don asked Gary to stay for the executive session.

Town Engineers Report – Ray gave update on the Bath House project. He said he spoke to the contractor and they will be back on Tuesday to install the interior partitions between the fixtures and Friday the plumber will come to install the fixtures. The exterior is complete and they will return in the spring to do the grading and topsoil.

Warren stated that it looks like we will not be able to do USDA financing regarding the PPWIA project with the School. We do have an option from Green County Bank and Capital Markets for twenty five (25) years and from Rhinebeck Bank and Salisbury Bank. He said we may be able to work with USDA if they are not affordable. He said he will focus on Green County and Rhinebeck Banks. We need to complete this in the next couple of weeks.

He said all have a copy of the Inter-municipal Agreement with the School and he needs the Supervisor to be authorized to sign it. Motion by Cooper second by Jones to so approve. 4-0 passed.

Recreation Report – Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to appoint Ray Christiansen to the Recreation Committee. 4-0 passed. Catherine asked if she needs Board approval to put up more signs about recreation that is taking place in Pine Plains. Board said no. She also said that Insurance is required for the Girls Softball Travel Team and asked if she can purchase it out of her budget or the Towns budget. Jones said to try for it. Catherine addressed the Board regarding a bill she received from our Highway Dept. . Heather spoke and said she is doing her duty; the Board can do with it as they wish. The Board said this has never been agreed upon and she should meet with Catherine, Coons and one other Board member. Jones said the policy needs to be set. Catherine also has met with the Athletic Director from the School – Richard – and he is happy to work with the Town and is looking forward to it.

Highway Superintendent Report – Heather said she put a bill to Hillman Signs in with the bills it is a 2015 bill and wants to know if the Board is OK with that. Cooper said it is a 2015 charge as the sign were ordered in 2015. The Board is all OK with that. As for the bill to Recreation she said the hourly rate and benefit rate are included on the bill. The bill for cleaning up near the Post Office, the Tom Lew property will be billed the hourly and benefit rate also and it will be \$120.00. Cooper said we should ask our accountant for the actual benefit rate as we should use the exact rate. Heather will contact our accountant. Deputy Supervisor Bartles asked if we are charged for the comingled dumpsters at the Highway Garage. Heather responded they are free.

Jones said she attended the CAC meeting and there were only two people there.

Motion by Cooper second by Bartles to go to executive session regarding personnel. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Brenner second by Jones to return to regular order of business. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Bartles second by Cooper to appoint Karen Pineda Secretary to the Highway Superintendent. 4-0 passed

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

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Town Clerk

Supervisor Absent

Councilman Jones

Councilman Bartles

Councilman Brenner

Cooper \_\_\_\_\_