

August 15, 2013

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00 pm. All Board members were present. Also attending were Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Highway Superintendent Barry Hay, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Chairman of the Assessors Jim Mara, Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Reporters from the Millbrook Independent and Millerton News and fifteen (15) to twenty (20) members of the community.

Supervisor Coons called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Motion by David second by Lyons-Chase to accept the minutes of July 18 and the monthly report for July 2013. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – Coons stated there will be a public informational meeting at Stissing Mt. High School on August 20, 2013 at 7:00pm regarding the new Library building.

Motion by Keeler second by David to approve the travel request of Court Clerk Maryanne Lennon for advanced training and new legislation in Oct. of 2013. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve the bank parking lot paving project to be done by the Pine Plains Highway Dept. and shared help from Red Hook Highway Dept. 5-0 passed.

Bill Approval – Motion by Keeler second by David to pay PPWIA bills #671-680, Highway bills #681-692 and General bills #693-727. 5-0 passed.

Senator Terry Gibson Presentation – he is doing a tour of all Towns in his District and taking questions. The Senator said he will meet with Brian Kelly Director of Government Affairs from his Office, DEC and Supervisor Coons at his Office to discuss the issue of flooding in our area. Senator Gibson also made known that a “Veterans and Families Fair” held Sept. 28, 2013 at the Fishkill Ramada Inn for resource information.

Cornell Cooperative Extension - Shawn Carroll and Camille Marcotte gave a presentation on the Hudson Estuary Watershed Resiliency.

Legislator Debra Blalock gave the monthly report of the Legislature.

Proposed Resolution establishing a “Pine Plains Walks Initiative Task Force” – Board reviewed.

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Jackson to approve said Resolution with changing the word Supervisor to Town Board in two places on page three. 5-0 passed.

Motion by David second by Jackson to hold a Public Hearing on Sept. 19, 2013 at 7:15 pm on proposed Local Law #2 of 2013 “ Amendment to the 2011 Ethics Law”. 5-0 passed.

Proposed Property Maintenance Law – Discussion took place on this proposed law. Replansky will talk with Code Enforcement Officer Drew Weaver and come back with their recommendations at the Sept. meeting.

Public Comments – Jen Mosher representing the “HOPP” asked about the vouchers she had submitted for approval. Coons stated he will meet with her on Saturday to discuss them, adding he has some other possible funding ideas for the HOPP>

Vikki Soracco – Asked what happened to the Town signs – Councilman Lyons-Chase said that is a good question. Soracco also said the Town did renovations inside the old Library building, the outside needs to be done. She said the Board needs to make a decision.

Vikki asked Highway Superintendent Barry Hay to trim the trees and sidewalk area on Smith Street and questioned the placement of the crosswalk at Seymour Smith School. She also asked Barry to about changing the location of the garbage cans in the middle of Town and having them emptied more often. Stan Hirson stated that a sound system is needed for the meetings. Supervisor said we will get back into using it.

Recreation Report – Catherine stated she has concerns with the beach septic and asked who she should contact. She added that the beach is closing Sunday. Discussion followed and Councilman Keeler said they may have to get a port a potty.

Catherine also asked the grant status for recreation with Grant writer Mike Haggerty. Catherine said the Future Hoops Basketball Camp had fifty one (51) campers this year.

Highway Superintendents Report – Barry gave the Board estimates for the Bank Parking lot paving project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve said project with the Pine Plains Highway Dept. and Red Hook Highway Dept. doing the job. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor asked Barry to check the stumps on Academy Street to see if they were ground and asked to let us know when the parking lot paving will take place so letters can go out to the adjoining property owners.

Barry gave the Board a quote from Hudson River Truck and Trailer for the purchase of a dump body for truck #10 that he wants to purchase. He stated he can “piggy back” with LaGrange through the County and then will not need to go through the bidding process. The cost would be \$29,822.00 and he said he has it in the budget.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve said purchase. 5-0 passed.

Assessors Report – Chairman Mara stated that the equalization rate is 39%, forty two (42) grievances were handled and the re-val is on schedule.

PPWIA Report – Councilman Keeler reported that a leak was fixed down by the Lake residents’ property.

Police Dept. Report – All have the monthly report.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said we need a Public Informational Meeting regarding the 7775 South Main Street Property and a Special Town Board meeting for the same night – we may want to take some action.

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by Jackson to hold said meetings August 20th, 2013 at 7:00pm. 5-0 passed.

Building Inspector Report – All have monthly report.

Councilman Lyons-Chase asked about the status of the Affordable Housing. Replansky responded that he had a conference call with Jack McQuade and Bonnie Franson. We will get a written proposal from her. Warren will look into the duties and powers of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Councilman Lyons –Chase noted that the mural at the Platter is great.

Councilman David noted that the Planning Board meeting date is changed to Aug. 21, 2013.

Councilman Keeler thanked Ann Noone for her years of service to the Town as he heard she will be moving. She served on the Planning Board and as Deputy Town Clerk among other things.

Motion by Lyons-Chase second by David to go to executive session regarding contractual matters, return to regular order of business and adjourn. No action to be taken. 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Lyons-Chase _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Jackson _____

Councilman David _____