

February 20, 2014

Meeting of the Town Board at 6:00pm. All Board members were present; Councilman Jackson arrived at 6:08pm. Also attending were the Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector, PPWIA Clerk of the Works, Assessor Chairman, Officer in Charge of the Police, Ray Jurkowski and Atty. to the Town Replansky and approximately 15 members of the Community.

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

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to accept the Town Clerks minutes of January 16, 2014 and the Town Clerks monthly report for January. 4-0 passed.

Bill Approval- Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to pay PPWIA bills #127-137 holding #128; Highway Bills #138-166 and General Bills #167-199. 4-0 passed.

Building Inspector Report – All have the report. Drew stated he has to attend a mandated training session in Poughkeepsie. It is a twenty four hour course and he would split the cost between Gallatin and Pine Plains.

Motion by Keeler second by Coons to approve. 4-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement - Coons stated that the Town Hall copier needs to be replaced.

He has looked into the County Shared Services and asked the Board to look at what he has given them.

Travel Request from Scott Chase assessor was received to attend a mandated Ethics for Assessors course in Fishkill on Feb.26, 2014.

Motion by Coons second by Keeler to approve. 4-0 passed.

Coons spoke about the required courses required by the Planning Board and ZBA.

Scott Chase explained the Trails Committees request to hire Nan Stolzenburg to help them through the process with this Committee. He stated that public meetings will be held and they will also be doing a survey.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to hire Nan Stolzenburg as requested. 5-0 passed.

PPWIA Report – Water Clerk of the Works Gary Keeler said there were ten (10) meters that did not read in January- he has to address that. He also said there is a small leak somewhere and he will get Rural Water down to find it. Ray Jurkowski said the plans, specs and contract have been complete for the Route 82 South new water main and sent to the Health Dept. and DOT and we are waiting for their approval. He added that the current line is four inches and the new one would be twelve inches.

Supervisor Coons read the information regarding installation costs of a new meter to someone's property.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to hold voucher number 128 from the PPWIA bills and have Gary Keeler correct his error in charges.

Public Comment – Sarah Jones addressed the Board regarding the Library. She is upset over the Library moving –she feels it is a terrible waste of time and money and gave the Board members each a copy of the information according to the NYS Constitution Article VII that she said applies to the Library. She added that the NND still needs to be addressed. She said she attended the reveal meeting and it was too bad no Town Board members were there. She feels a good job is being done and asks the Town Board for support.

Jim Mara – He said he needs a key to the new space the Library is going and need to rent book carts. He said the current Library can be used for storage and that he has received no Town Board response regarding the cart rental.

Supervisor said he feels \$2300.00 is OK- however he feels it will take more than two months to move with the carts. He added how long will it take for the Town to buy the building.

Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to approve \$2300.00 for two months. 5-0 passed.

Richard Hermans- Stated he feels it is ridiculous to have the Library move- why not wait until the issue with the ODD Fellows is resolved. Councilman Cooper replied that as long as the building is still the Library the ODD Fellows can stay. Hermans added that he also feels two months for the carts is foolish.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to go to executive session regarding personnel. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Coons second by Keeler to return to regular session. 5-0 passed.

Boards and Committees – Supervisor read (on file) the names of the appointments. Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to approve said appointments. 5-0 passed.

Recreation Report – Councilman Jackson gave the report that Catherine had given to him and the Board members. (On file)He said the information regarding sign-ups will be on the web.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to approve the Green Haven prisoners help on Field Clean Up Day. 5-0 passed.

Cris Hedges submitted a letter regarding a Senior Gamers program she has been running. She has to leave the new Library and is asking the Town to pay for the use of the American Legion at a cost of thirty dollars a week for the use of the building.

Motion by Cooper second by Jackson to so approve for a three month period. 5-0 passed.

There is also a request for a Senior Exercise to be held at the Presbyterian Church. The Church would charge \$25.00 a week.

Motion by Jackson second by Cooper to approve for a three month period. 5-0 passed.

Ted Mallozzi asked what about the rest of Chris's' budget? Supervisor said the Town does not pay for food and we have supplies.

Jessica Silvia – stated that Chris also needs cleaning supplies and paper products. Jackson told Chris to keep the receipts and give them to Recreation Director Catherine Prentice.

Highway Report – Superintendent Wilson had the “Agreement to Spend Highway Funds” for the Board to sign. She will meet with Councilman Cooper and Warren and she will check on the changes needed.

She informed the Board that the check for the metal pile has been received in the amount of \$6775.85. She asked the Board to consider replacing the refrigerator in the Highway break room; told all that Hammertown Road guardrails are all in; had a problem with the heat at the shop and it is all fixed and has received the check for the recycled phones.

Motion by Coons second by Brenner to approve the purchase of a refrigerator for \$400.00. 5-0 passed.

Assessors Report – Chairman Mara informed the Board of the public meeting that was held at the High School last night.

The disclosures will be mailed out to the property owners by March 1, 2014 and will include an estimate of what their taxes will be. The next step will be to set up meetings with the public to discuss any questions they have.

Mara also noted that the School Veterans Exemption is automatic if they already have it on their land taxes. He said it may not affect the school taxes until 2015.

Police Report – All have the monthly report. Officer in Charge Hughes stated that there is a grant available to purchase vests for the men. He asked if the Town Grant writer would do this and would the Board approve payment.

Councilman Brenner stated that at the present the School is paying fifty (50) dollars an hour for Town Police coverage and he would like to see it changed to twenty five (25) dollars an hour. Motion by Brenner second by Keeler to so change. 5-0 passed.

Attorney to the Town Report- Replansky read the proposed amendment to the Procurement Policy – the Board will review it and discuss it at the March Board meeting.

Replansky read the Proposed Local Law regarding the residency for Deputy Highway Superintendent. Councilman Cooper stated he would change the “must be employed by the Town” section. Warren said the Board can review it and let him know any changes to be made.

Other- Supervisor stated he received a letter from Central Hudson with information about a possible grant to help revitalize and rebuild Town Centers. He wants to talk to Mike Hagerty as the grant is due by March 31, 2014. Motion by Brenner second by Keeler to approve Coons contacting Hagerty. 5-0 passed.

Jessica Silva asked Coons to check with Hagerty about the Recreation grant.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to go to executive session, return to regular order of business and adjourn. No action to be taken 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Jackson _____

Councilman Cooper _____