

July 17, 2014

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. All Board members were present. Also attending were Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, twelve members of the community and the reporters from the Millerton News and Millbrook Independent.

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

Motion by Keeler second by Coons to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for June 2014 and the minutes of June 19, 2014. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – Coons thanks LoBruttos for their sponsorship to the Town Summer Camp program.

The storage of the kayaks was now addressed. Coons said all Board members have the three estimates on the structure to hold the kayaks. The structure will be a caged structure. Discussion by the Board took place. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson authorizing Supervisor Coons to take the low bidder after talking to Quinn and Simmons. 5-0 passed.

Coons presented four bills for payment. They are bills relating to the water leak at the Library in March 2014. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to pay said bills. 5-0 passed.

Bills - Motion by Keeler to pay PPWIA bills #2361-2364, Highway bills #12524-12536 and General bills 312537-12572. Councilman Brenner said the Harrington bill is also on the Simmons bill. He said the Town Clerk suggests voiding the Harrington bill and having Simmons pay them. The Board also discussed the Courier fee bill #778 and decided to hold that bill. The Board asked about the Highway bill for books also. Highway Superintendent Wilson and the Town Clerk explained the bill to the Board that it is not for books but for software support. Board decided to hold bill #778, have Simmons pay Harrington and pay the Highway bill for the software support. Second by Cooper. 5-0 passed.

Public Comments – Sandy Tower addressed the Board on behalf of Pine Plains Community Garden Free Families Forward and Community Farm to Community Pantry. She gave a drawing of the fencing design they want to install. It is being donated by Jason Culver. The Board gave the OK on this design.

Judith Christopher – read a letter into the meeting that she had put in the Millerton News regarding the new Library and asked the Board for comment or clarification and that it be added to the minutes. (On file)

Thom Christopher – stated that he feels this matter has caused tension, anger and will snowball further. He feels we need a Community Center and the people have to know what is going on with the Library Building.

Coons responded – He stated that the Board has decided there will not be any Town Offices in the building.

Jane Waters – stated the Referendum came after the Board decided not to put Town Offices and believes the Referendum was amended.

Don Bartles – stated the ODD Fellows issue is not new.

Thom Christopher –we are not attacking – we just want transparency.

Sarah Jones – The Town will not buy a building that is encumbered. It is now between the Odd Fellows and the Bank.

Louis (Buddy) Galm- stated he is from the Foundation. He is confused about the purchase amount. He was told by the Bank the amount to purchase will be \$400 thousand.

Ken Meccariello – Members of this Board have told him they could not be responsible for what can happen to that space down the road should another Board come in.

Jane Waters – stated that the previous Town Board almost on a monthly basis gave information on the Town website of the library situation.

Thom Christopher – then what the ODD Fellows had printed was untrue – Coons said we are done making statements.

Building Inspector Report – Drew gave and all have the report. He said he has been doing his inspections and there are some things that the Town owns that need to be taken care of and asked who to get to attend to them. He will give a list to the Board per Supervisor Coons regarding the items that the Town needs to attend to. He stated he gave an Order of Compliance to Nancy May 15 – it was a thirty day compliance .He has gone back and re-inspected what has been done and based on his findings extended her time frame. He added that he would like to discuss the email from Supervisor Coons and asked if this should be addressed in executive session. Coons said he likes the work Drew does.

Assessors Report – Keeler stated he received an email from Chairman Mara that he would not be here tonight and that all is going smooth.

Police Report – All have the report.

Supervisor read to all the resignation of Officer Kilmer. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to accept said resignation. 5-0 passed.

PPWIA Report- Clerk of the Works not here, Ray Jurkowski gave report. West Church Street work is completed and blacktopped. There are no violations for the PPWIA, every two months samples are required to be taken. The Health Dept. took a sample by an Intern at the Pump House that came back with an issue and Ray has requested in writing from Ron Miller of the Heath Dept. asking why they do testing. Ray said this costs us and the County more money. Keeler asked who does our testing and Ray said Smith Lab and the Dept. of Health Lab is out of Newburgh.

Ray said they are getting three quotes on replacing the “mandor” at the old highway garage.

Councilman Keeler addressed the delinquent bills of the PPWIA. He stated that one customer owes over two thousand dollars. Ray stated that the delinquent amount can be put on the tax bills once a year and the PPWIA has to do it by November.

Coons asked about the Lee residence regarding the curb cut. He said the shut off sticks up about six inches. Ray said he will get that taken care of.

Recreation Report – Catherine asked about the kayak shed decision. Coons said he is authorized by the Board to speak to the two low bidders and let them know the storage unit has to be ten to twelve feet wide not eight feet wide and decide who will build it.

Catherine said the septic is an ongoing issue and asked if any decision has been made in regard to replacing the septic. There is a lot of water at the beach. They had to have the septic pumped today and the smell is bad. Coons said they are waiting to hear on the Grant and Ray Jurkowski said the Dept. of Planning indicated the decision on the Grants is to be in July.

Catherine asked to have the conditional hire of Emma Boucher be removed and to hire her. All the needed paper work is in.

Motion by Brenner second by Jackson to approve hiring Emma. 5-0 passed.

Catherine asked if there are any grants to obtain fill for the beach to change the contour of the land. Ray stated that the DEC is very unlikely to give a permit for that.

Catherine said the kayaks are a hit and that she had sand brought in for the beach.

Town Clerk said Camp Counselor Jen Chase had given her three changes to be made to the Camp hire. Zach Badore as a Lifeguard in place of Michaela Lamont; Jordyn Funk in place of Justin Cooper as Sports Director and Michaela Lamont in place of Jordyn Funk as a Group Counselor. Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report – Heather reported that the crew has been busy cleaning up after the rain. Ray Jurkowski has the Resolution regarding Silvernail Road and asked for permission to go out to bid for Road Materials for 2015. Discussion followed about the “shared services” possibility. Heather said it would mean to include in the bid notice the terminology of the shared services. Cooper said he feels that it would not hurt to try it. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson authorizing Heather to go out to bid as requested. 5-0 passed.

Ray explained the Resolution regarding Silvernail Road project. He said we previously had a permit for this but it has expired and we need a new one approved and he recommended to DEC that this is an emergency. Cooper asked the rough estimate of the cost for this and Ray responded twenty five thousand. Discussion followed and Heather showed the Board the plans to the Board. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve said Resolution. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor said he will sit down Saturday morning and talk about the Highway building repairs with Heather.

Attorney to the Town Report – Warren has nothing.

Executive Session – Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to go to executive session regarding personnel. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to return to regular order of business. 5-0 passed

Catherine asked the size of the kayak storage unit and Coons said sixteen by ten or twelve. Catherine asked if there is any chance to change to a shed and Coons said no.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to adjourn. 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor Coons _____

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Jackson _____

Councilman Cooper _____