June 20, 2013

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00. All Board members were present. Also attending were Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Atty., to the Town Replansky, reporter from the Millbrook Independent and sixteen members of the Community.

Supervisor Coons opened the meeting and the pledge was done.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to accept the Town Clerks minutes of May 16, 2013, and the report for May. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – Meet with the DTC regarding sidewalk contraction. 3 weeks ago walked around town and will return in 3 weeks. Map on wall for the proposed improvements. Study was free. Brian met with Supervisors of other towns to help defer costs of products. Highway Department has been doing this for years working with other towns saving the cost of doing road paving and other services. Town of Stanford wished we were a little further along in our reevaluation process as they are interested in doing theirs. Brian was under the assumption the chain link fence was installed at the beach to prevent geese from coming into the area. Since removing fence cars have been driving onto the grass. Garden Club will look into installing raised beds. Triathlon volunteers needed and there will be a meeting at 6PM June 28th. Triathlon will be held on Saturday June 29, 2013. VFW will hold concert by the 42nd Infantry Division at the VFW on the 20th of July at 2PM. DEC program will require PP to purchase new computers in order to supply licenses to public. Motion by Lyons-Chase, seconded by Keeler to purchase new computer passed 5-0. Moment of silence was proposed by Lyons-Chase seconded by Keeler for Lucille Patterson. Greenway grant money toward planning design just for planner for trails $7500.00. New phone line installed at cost of $9200.00 which is $3,000 more than expected.

Memo from Jim Mara to appoint Vivian Walsh a library trustee filling out the unexpired term of J Simone. Her term will end December 2014. Motion by Lyons-Chase seconded David 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by David to approve paying bills PPWIA#472-480, Highway, 481-492, General #493-542 & #545. 5-0 passed. Bill for Richard Diaz Travel motion by Keeler second Lyons-Chase 5-0 passed.

Chris Barkley, Director of Central Services of Dutchess County, gave a presentation on quantity buying power if the towns joined together. The towns would also receive the ability to set up computer programs at a cost to them. Hand out was given to the Board members for services available and contact information.

Proposed Local Law regarding property maintenance - Attorney to the Town-Replansky stated we already have a code in place for neglected property to be maintained by the Town. Nothing else is needed for Drew to enforce property maintenance. Lengthy discussion followed. Warren will put together something for Drew to follow. State has property maintenance laws and Brian will make copies.

Debra Blalock gave information on what is happening in the county legislature.
Public Comments - Jen Mosher questioned if communications between the town and HOPP could go better. Why there is a duplication of services with the program the town currently supporting. Why won’t the town support community center as other towns have done? The salaries are obtained from fund raisers and grants. The community center has programs for adults as well as children and the monthly newsletter is printed for less than the town calendar. We would like to work together for the people we service which would be for the good of the town.

Dorean Gardener advised the Town that the reason for the fences to be installed was to prevent cars from going onto the grass and doing donuts. The fence by the water was mandated by the health Department to keep children from swimming when swimmers itch was contracted from the water. It was also for insurance purposes so the children who were on the play area could not go into the water when no lifeguard is on duty. She would have liked it talked about before they were removed as it was a costly project to install. Also none of the Town Board Members were present for the Senior Citizen Luncheon held at the Lions Club. Dorean asked about the Town sign west of the Town. Coons said it is being worked on.

Sean Lamont stated that the last storm caused trees to come down at Bethel Cross and Strever and Carpenter roads. Every storm we have trees come down which is a hazard to traffic on the roads. Many of the trees along these roads are dead and last storm four of them came down causing wires to cross the road. There is a vote in the Fire House for approval to purchase a new track truck. The cost is $373,00.00 which $245,501.00 will be put down. All registered voters can vote on June 23rd and it will not increase taxes. A bond will be obtained that will be paid for by the fire Department.

Affordable housing liaison Lyons-Chase. J. McQuade, J.Morlarity E.White, and J.Chestney will continue to be on the committee. Lyons-Chase will review the work done in the past and try to get committee going again. Affordable housing is not necessarily built in a town this small. David said the “Task Force” made 8 different recommendations which Replansky summarized, but McQuade did not see these. Lyons-Chase recommended the “Task Force” be changed to a “Committee”. David said the new committee will have powers and duties spelled out. McQuade is ready to chair committee but needs zoning to be worked on. The committee has not met for 1 year and he has forgotten what was learned in the past. Replansky looked at report and sent copies to task force. Board members need to look at report which is not difficult to enact. Affordable housing comes into play only when there is development. Zoning law needs to be looked at. Lyons-Chase and McQuade to meet.

Ethics Committee needs people to be appointed. 3 more people are interested and need to be interviewed. Replansky explained what duties the members are responsible for. David stated that it used to be if the towns had to have one but if the County had a committee the towns did not have to have. Interested people will be interview on July 18th at 6PM.

Rec Department report - Catherine stated Jen asked to change L. Hollick position to talent show director. C. Prentice to get paper work to Karen. Motion Lyons-Chase seconded Jackson 5-0 approved. New shed has been ordered for the camp and Hammertown Barn gave donation to pay for it. Baseball closes on June 24th. Ice cream was donated by Ronny Brook. Beach passed Health Department inspection. Letter from Les Funk questioned if three camp directors are to be paid. Catherine recommended not going above $600.00 ($200.00 each) that would keep it the same as last year. Town camp funds go into town funds. Motion by Keeler seconded by Jackson to keep pay the same as last year. 5-0 passed.
Catherine requested Rachel Lenihan to be hired to teach swimming lessons. Motion by Keeler seconded by David to hire Rachael passed 5-0

Highway Department working with Millerton this week and next week. Next week they will work together to pave Chase Rd, Strever and Carpenter Hill Rd. Part time seasonal employee Jeff Swartz for 20 hours a week to start on July 15th. Motion by Keeler seconded by Jackson to hire Swartz 5-0 passed. Water Dept. bought new software for their computers. No leaks this month.
Sign on Skunks Misery road stolen again. One more in stock and then it will not be replaced.

Police Report all have.

Building Inspectors report all have

Town Attorney Report. None

Motion by Keeler seconded by David to go to Executive Session, return to regular order of business and adjourn. 5-0 passed

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Asst. Town Clerk        Supervisor

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Councilman Keeler        Councilman Lyons-Chase

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Councilman Jackson       Councilman David