

March 20, 2014

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. All Board members were present. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson; Recreation Director Catherine Prentice; Officer in Charge John Hughes; PPWOA Clerk of the Works Gary Keeler; Building Inspector Drew Weaver; Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky; Grant Writer Michael Hagerty and fifteen to twenty members of the community.

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

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to accept the February monthly report and the minutes of February 20, 2014. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement - Coons asked for the Boards input on joining in with the County through a shared services regarding workers compensation insurance. Councilman Cooper feels it is the right way to go. Councilman Keeler and Supervisor Coons both feel it is a good idea as well. Coons stated we can join at any time.

Bruce Pecorella submitted a training request to attend a NY Planning Federation Conference in Saratoga Springs, March 30 to April 1, 2014. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to approve said request. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to approve PPWIA bills #2323-2327; Highway bills #12222-12243 and General bills #12244-12265. 5-0 passed.

Public Comment – None

Employee Health Insurance –Board has a copy of the CDPHP insurance policy. Supervisor Coons told of minor changes to the policy.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve CDPHP as the Employee Health Insurance. 5-0 passed.

Town Hall Copier – Coons stated we have discussed this for a couple of months now. He stated that through Dutchess County Central Services we can rent one for \$192.64 a month.

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

Procurement Policy Resolution - Town Atty. Replansky reviewed the content for all. Cooper asked about the vendors and Replansky explained. Discussion followed and Replansky will “tweak” the Resolution and it can be passed at the April meeting.

Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Community Planning and Environmental Associates (Nan Stolzenburg AICP CEP) to provide assistance with the trails and bikeway concept plan. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Approval of Agreement between Community Planning and the Town of Pine Plains. (On file) Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to approve said agreement. 5-0 passed.

Central Hudson Grant Approval- Grant Writer Mike Hagerty read the proposed application for the grant – the Walkway Restoration will partner with Central Hudson. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson for Mike Hagerty and Ray Jurkowski to submit said application. 5-0 passed.

Councilman Keeler asked for authorization for Central Hudson to replace forty (40) mercury vapor lights with high pressure sodium lights. Supervisor Coons asked the cost. Keeler does not see any cost to the Town. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to so approve. 5-0 passed.

JCAP Grant – Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve the estimate from Douglas B. Coons Construction for Phase 1- the foyer area in the amount of \$7100.00 and for \$11,700.00 for the NYS Police room. 5-0 passed.

Recreation Dept. Report – Catherine stated that the boys and girls in 5th and 6th grade held their basketball tournament on March 1, 2014. She asked the Board to send a letter to the school requesting that the Town not be charged for the use of the school. Councilman Brenner said that the Board should draft a letter to the school – we dropped the price of their fee for Town Police coverage.

Catherine stated that the Highway Superintendent said that the Highway Dept. has to charge the Recreation Dept. for mowing the ball fields. Councilman Cooper stated this is just a matter of more paperwork. Catherine asked who is going to mow then. Board all agree that the Highway Dept. is.

Catherine said that the problem with the septic at the Beach needs to be taken care of and wants to know if we need to go out to bid for this. Supervisor stated that in March or April we will know if we got the Beach House grant as we are number one in the process.

Catherine said that inmates from Green Haven will be coming on April 14th to work on the ball fields. She also asked if the charge for the use of the VFW is coming out of the Adult Recreation account and if she can sign the vouchers. Supervisor responded yes to both questions.

Jen Chase Summer Camp Director gave the Board an estimate from Simmons Design & Construction to install shelving in the shed. Supervisor said we will need a letter from the Lions Club regarding use of the Lions Club. Don Bartles and Jen will attend the Lions Club meeting and ask them for a letter. Jen also asks the Board for their support of the Triathlon. Supervisor said to request coverage by the Town Police. Jen stated that the Triathlon will be held on July 12, 2014.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve Simmons estimate for the shed shelving. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Brenner second by Cooper for Jen Chase to be the Summer Camp Director for 2014. 5-0 passed.

Highway Dept. Report – Heather told of repairs and tree removal on Schultz Road. She hopefully will have the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for the April meeting. She said there is a water issue in the Highway garage. Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski explained the problem and gave Heather and the Supervisor a copy – the cost would be up to \$twenty five thousand dollars and bids would be required.

Heather gave an estimate from Roe Jan Lockworks to change the locks at the Highway Garage in the amount of \$1135.50. Councilman Cooper would like to see who has keys.

Heather turned in two Travel requests for approval – one for Columbia County Cooperative Ext. on March 27, 2014 and one for Ithaca College for Highway School. Heather said that there is not enough money in her Contractual account – she would like money moved from the Secretary Salary to her contractual. Councilman Brenner feels enough is being saved from not having the Secretarial position and we should move the amount needed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve the two travel requests and make the budget transfer that is needed. 5-0 passed.

Heather also said she received a request from the Town of Ancram to borrow our loader on May 10, 2014 from 9 to 12. Councilman Cooper said to let them borrow from Columbia County, if equipment goes out the door it goes with an operator. Board says no to lending the loader to Ancram – it is too costly.

Heather asked about the Deputy Supervisor position and was told the Board will discuss it in executive session. She also asked the Board how to bill for removing snow on the sidewalks from two (2) PROPERTIES, ONE ON Church St. and the other on North Main Street. Discussion followed.

Assessors Report – Chairman Mara said the disclosure notices went out as they were supposed to. Equitable Assessment has had fifty four (54) calls They will be here on April 3 from 4-7 and April 11 from 9-2 to hear complaints. He also said about thirty (30) people may lose their Basic Star exemption according to NYS. He said NYS should be contacted not the Assessors.

PPWIA Report - Gary stated that we need to send the check to Ti-sales – all else is good. Councilman Keeler stated that we had one leak. Gary said we will have Rural Water come and check it out after we get the new computer going.

Police Dept. Report – John said that on car #125 and 126 there was a call back on the steering shaft and they are all fixed. All have the Monthly report. He also asked for the Board to approve using Railroad Auto as their mechanics.

Motion by Cooper second by Jackson to approve said request. 5-0 passed.

Attorney to the Town Report – Warren said Michael Hagerty needs to be authorized to pursue the Municipal Efficiency Grant.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Warren said he needs an Executive Session.

Building Inspector Report – All have the Monthly Report.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to go to Executive Session regarding personnel return to regular order of business and adjourn. No action taken. 5-0 passed.

TOWN CLERK

Supervisor _____

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Cooper _____

Councilman Jackson _____