

September 18, 2008

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30pm. All Board members were present. Also attending were Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Atty. to the Town Replansky, Assessors Mara & Chapman, assessors Secretary Heather Wilson, Reporter from the Millerton News and eight residents.

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

At this time Councilman Keeler asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of the Supervisors Father Anthony "Brud" Pulver. Keeler added that Brud was dedicated to the people of the Town and the unofficial "Mayor".

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to approve the Clerks monthly report for August 2008. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept the Clerks minutes of August 21, 2008 as submitted. 5-0 passed.

Correspondence- Supervisors Report- Public Comments- Supervisor stated the Town did not receive the grant for the Safe Routes to School Program. (Letter on file.) He said we need to decide what to do with the sidewalks on the north side of Myrtle Ave. There were no public comments at this time.

Bills – Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to pay PPWIA bills #687-696; Highway bills #697-705 and General bills #706-737. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor introduced Cindy Baire of GAR Associates Inc. saying that she is here to give a presentation regarding a potential Town "re-val".

Cindy gave all Board members a folder outlining goals and objectives. She said she is a partner in the business and GAR has been in business about forty five years. She stated the purpose of a re-val is fair and equitable assessments and to make sure they are collected fairly across the boards. Also included in the folder is a preliminary time schedule. She said GAR would visit all parcels, measure and do sales analysis as well. (Folder on file)

Supervisor asked if Town would have to go for an "RFP". Atty. Replansky said this would not be subject to bidding requirements as it is specialized project.

Cindy added that payment may be done in installments.

Supervios asked Assessor Chairman Mara if he had any questions.

Mara asked Cindy the experience of the data collectors. She replied they have NYS or NYS Assistance licenses and they would bring in management staff as well.

Mara asked Cindy for an example of a "high complexity" parcel as she said the company would not be assessing these. Cindy gave quarries and nuclear power plants as examples.

Mara said then you do not mean large parcels by that phrase and Cindy said no.

Mara asked if when measuring the company would start fresh or use our property cards. Cindy replied a clean start – and do not typically do interior inspections – no one enters the homes.

Mara asked about a contract to follow up with the Town for updating. Cindy said this is a pretty common practice by Towns. Mara asked if for cost effectiveness she recommends any time frame. Cindy said annually is recommended – if you wait longer you need to adjust more.

Mara asked if there is anything the Town can do to pare down the cost of this project.

Cindy said that would be difficult since it has been so long since re- val has been done. Mailings would be a possibility.

Mara asked what involvement would be from the Assessors Office. Cindy said they are encourage to go out with the GAR staff while they are collecting data and doing the education classes – she said they need Assessors input. She added that GAR does all hearings and acts as the buffer between the property owners and the Town.

Councilman Gardner asked what other Towns Gar has worked with. Cindy – currently in Gallatin; have done Clinton and Kingston.

Councilman Butler asked Cindy to describe types of sections – 5;6;7 & 8. Cindy did this and copy is in folder, adding that the residual benefit of re-val is bonding purposes and fair tax base.

Supervisor said he appreciates Cindy coming and giving this presentation.

Public Hearing – CDBG 2009 – Supervisor read the legal notice and opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 pm. He explained the grant application will be to put street lamps up on West Church Street from the traffic light to the High School.

Jane Waters – asked if the grant could be used toward the possible re-val. Supervisor said that can not be done.

There were no other public comments or questions.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to close the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm.

Supervisor read the proposed Resolution for the 2009 CDBG application. (On file)

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to approve said Resolution. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent Report - the “CHIPS” money has been received in the amount of \$70,594.07. The men have been doing culvert pipe replacement, mowing and preparing the trucks for winter.

PPWIA Report – Ray Jurkowski gave report – the day after Labor Day there were two leaks: one on private property that the owner took care of and one on Rt. 199/Academy Street that PPWIA took care of.

He said the meter project is winding down. Sept.26, 2008 Ti-Sales will be down to meet with Ray, Doug Coons, & Deb Phillips. They are bringing their software down and our software people are too and then we will start using it for.

Ray said the Board has the PPWIA proposed budget – Supervisor said he has not seen it. Ray said he will see that it is here tomorrow.

Police Dept. Report – All have copy. OIC could not be here tonight.

Atty. to the Town Report – Replansky said he has drafted a proposed “burning law” regarding outside wood furnaces – he will send it to Town Clerk Harpp tomorrow morning. He added that it does not ban – it just regulates- and prohibits burning garbage. It requires a special permit from the Code Enforcement Officer and grandfathers in current owners. Replansky said after the Board reviews it we can finalize it next month and then hold a Public Hearing.

Replansky gave Zoning update – making progress- having a meeting next week with Stolzenberg and Franson to resolve a few issues and will probably need to meet with the Town Board again after this meeting.

Stissing Farms – Warren said the old Letter of Credit has expired- they need to Bond “Phase 2” and this will be done with a joint bank account.

Building Inspector Report – all have.

Other/Questions/Public Comments - Letter from NYS DEC regarding their flood mapping project. There will be meetings and if Drew Weaver Building Inspector attends he can bring back information.

Atty. to the Town Replansky said the Board needs to review the All Hazard Mitigation Agreement.

Supervisor reported that both the Beach program and Summer Camp program did very well this year. All Board members have these reports.

Supervisor read a letter from the Pine Plains Girls Softball Assoc. (PPGSA) requesting partial funding for a pitching clinic. After discussion the Board decided the Supervisor will research this further and get back to the Board.

Letter form Pace University regarding notice of a training program for zoning, planning and local legislative bodies. This program will be held Nov.7th, 2008 at the FDR Library. Training certificates will be provided upon completion.

The Justice Court is reapplying for a Grant for an additional \$19,000 and needs Board approval to so do.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to approve. 5-0 passed.

Councilman Keeler noted that on Oct. 13, 2008 at 2:00pm a Monument will be dedicated at the Town Clock in honor of deceased Veteran James Link. All are welcome to attend.

Supervisor Pulver said that Highway Superintendent Bob Harpp gave his six month review to the Board on employee Dan Brooks and he is very happy with him and requests a fifty cent an hour raise for Brooks.

Motion by Butler second by Keeler to so approve with the raise starting with the next pay period. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor also noted that Highway employee Barry Hay has been with the Town for fifteen years as of Sept.6th – a certificate will be made and given to Barry. The Board also agreed to pro-rate Barry's time from that date through 12/31/08 for vacation time and he will get four weeks vacation starting next year.

The question was also brought up that a Highway employee would like to take a weeks' pay in place of a weeks' vacation. Supervisor Pulver contacted Town Accountant Torchia who recommends setting a cap on doing this. Councilman Gardner feels the cap should be no more than two weeks, Councilman Butler agrees. The Board will make a decision on this matter next month.

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

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Gardner _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Butler _____

Councilman Couse _____