

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. Councilman Brenner was absent, all other Board members present. Also attending were Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson, Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, OIC John Hughes, Chairman to the Assessors Jim Mara, Engineer to the Town Ray Jurkowski, Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky the Reporter from the Millerton News and approximately forty members of the community.

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

Motion by Cooper second by Jones to accept the Town Clerks minutes of Jan. 21 and the January monthly report. 4-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – Supervisor read the letter and Proclamation for the Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Motion by Bartles second by Cooper for the Supervisor to sign said Proclamation. 4-0 passed.

Supervisor read the response from Dutchess County Dept. of Public Works regarding the speed reduction request by the Town on County Rt. 83 stating that they are not advocating for a reduction.

Supervisor also said he has a request from Cathy Bartles of the Pine Plains Garden Club to use the Town Park for their plant sale May 20 and 21st. Motion by Jones second by Cooper to so approve. 4-0 passed.

Bill Approval – Motion by Cooper second by Bartles to approve as to be numbered by the bookkeeper the PPWIA, Highway and General bills. 4-0 passed.

Patchins Mill Update by Dutchess County Dept. of Public Works – Bob Balkind addressed the meeting by starting with the speed reduction request for Rt.83 stating that it will now go to the State for review.

He then gave a presentation and read to those present an overview of the project (Copy on file) and took questions and gave response to the questions. The questions asked mainly were regarding the time frame, possible limited use by small vehicles, contacting other Counties or Municipalities for financial assistance, acquisition of the three properties involved, incentives for early completion and penalties if not done on time, install STOP signs at Dam Road, is the dam part of the project, any problem with working in the stream, who will monitor the people you give the bid to, will it be the same blueprint as the old bridge, need a detour sign on Route 199 and Route 82 from the Millerton side, will there be a load size restriction, will Patchins Mill be included.

Motion by Bartles second by Cooper to close the comments. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Coons second by Jones for a five minute recess. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Bartles second by Coons to return to regular order of business. 4-0 passed.

Building Inspector Report - All have the monthly report. Drew said he will be attending Flood Plain Management meetings in March and he has a mandated course to take in Poughkeepsie. This course will cost \$300.00 and he splits the cost between Gallatin and Pine Plains. Motion by Cooper second by Jones to so approve the Poughkeepsie course. 4-0 passed. Drew said he has the 2015 Annual Report required by the State Dept. done and it may be viewed in his Office.

Assessors Report – Jim said the Board of Assessment Review training will be April 27, 2016 at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. He added we need to appoint a BAR member.

Police Dept. Report – All have the monthly report and John said he wants to purchase a new vehicle for the Department. Councilman Cooper told all the quotes he has received. Cooper will get a copy of the “specs” to Hughes and Atty. Replansky. They are looking at a SUV on County bid for \$32,968.00. Hughes has \$12,000.00 in his budget and they received \$29,000. For the damaged Police car from the Insurance Co.

Animal Control Report – All have the report and Supervisor said he is now the Animal Control Officer for Millerton too.

PPWIA Report – All have the report.

Engineer to the Town Report – Ray gave the update on the bath house project stating that it is substantially complete and he is setting up a walk through time and date. When it is warmer there are still some items that need to be done. He added that the Town did receive their hundred thousand CDBG money.

PPWIA /Factory Lane project update – he said they are ready to go out to bid in March and opened in April. We will need a special meeting to award the bid. We could start the second week in May on the project.

Warren addressed the Bonding stating that we will go with the Bank of Green County. They will hold the interest rate a couple of months.

Recreation Report – Catherine said there is a couple of events wrestling and basketball.

Highway Superintendent Report - Heather noted that after checking the Blue Book estimate on the 2006 truck it came in at \$17,900 she still feels justified in the transmission repair.

She had the bookkeeper figure out the hourly and benefit rate and said the Tom Lew bill will remain at \$120.00. She will give this to Kathy. She also stated she attended a seminar on OGS contracts last week.

She said the Hillman bill can be mailed out as the sign are here. We received our first CHIPS check Dec. of 2016 in the amount of \$82,947.09 and we should receive the second one February. She said Dutchess County is putting salt out to bid and she joined in on it.

Shared Service Agreement - -Heather asked the Board their decision on this and asked if Warren has looked it over. Warren said to clarify Schedule A before you sign it otherwise it is OK. Motion by Bartles second by Jones to approve signing said agreement. 4-0 passed.

Supervisor said Ray Jurkowski and him will get together regarding the bath house project.

Attorney to the Town Report – Warren said he needs executive session regarding personnel.

Heath Insurance – MVP Liberty HDHP Silver 3 – The Board discussed switching to this Insurance Plan on the representatives recommendation. The cost is \$74,068.32. Motion by Coons second by Bartles to so approve. 4-0 passed.

Public Comments – Jim Mara- Stated that the current Library is closing this Saturday morning and they plan on opening the new one March 1, 2016. Jim urges the Town Board to reinstate the new Library be designated as a Red Cross Shelter. The Supervisor will check into their standards again, he thinks it can only be a Warming Center.

Matt Finley asked if the BAR member will be appointed tonight. Coons said they will discuss it in executive session.

Motion by Bartles second by Jones to go to executive session regarding personnel. 4-0 passed

Motion by Jones second by Coons to return to regular order of business. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Coons second by Bartles to appoint Patrick Castelli to the BAR. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Jones second by Cooper to adjourn. 4-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Jones _____

Councilman Bartles _____

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Cooper _____