

July 19, 2018

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00 pm. 4 Board members present. Town Supervisor, Darrah Cloud absent. Also present were The Engineer to the Town/PPWIA Superintendent Ray Jurkowski, Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Officer John Hughes, Reporter from the Millerton News, and about 10 members of the community.

Don Bartles called the meeting to order at 7PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Town Clerk Report and approval of the June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes of special meeting and the minutes of the June 21<sup>st</sup>. Sarah Jones stated three minor typo corrections in the June 21st needed to be made. Once these corrections are made Sarah moved to accept the minutes, Rory 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 4-0.

Public Comment - Robert Couse commented that Executive Sessions are held too frequently. He suggested that the Town Board Members get a copy of Town Law Book and review the section on Executive Sessions. There is a section it on what is appropriate to discuss in Executive Sessions. Sarah Jones agreed with him and explained that when action is taken minutes of the meeting are recorded. Town attorney commented the way we conduct Executive Sessions are the way other municipalities conduct theirs.

Frank Volz Jr. gave a summary of a meeting he attended given by the Dutchess Co Behavioral and Community Health. Joseph Ryan the Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator gave a presentation on the services and training available in Dutchess Co. Mr. Volz gave the board information on how to get in touch with Mr. Ryan and to have him come to a board meeting to present the program.

Beth McLiverty of the library board stated that perhaps Mr. Ryan's presentation is one that would be appropriate for the community room at the library. Programs such as this have been given there and the board will make copies of the information given to them by Mr. Volz for her.

Sarah Jones stated that a letter was received regarding a noise ordinance. Discussion pursued if one ever was passed. Don Bartles stated that he thought when the Back Yard Garden opened one was in place. The Attorney stated that he can show some examples from other towns but unless a meter is available it is difficult for the police to enforce. We do have a dog noise ordinance. Sarah Jones concerned as to how people feel about having one.

Supervisor's Statement was read by Don Bartles. Beach is now open; The Triathlon drew 150 people for the event and other than a few unforeseen unpleasant negative problems it was a success and good for economic development; a grant for \$14,000 was received to install an EV Charging Station behind the bank in the municipal lot. It is also a step towards our qualifying to be an official Climate Smart Community; Drew Weaver attended an Environmental Code Enforcement training last Thursday; we only have one more step to go in order to allow us to get into a vast bank of grant opportunities and also save the town a significant amount of money. Once the low-light LED lighting for our street lighting system is completed we will have made great strides in improving our costs.

Resignation - Robert Cordellas' letter of resignation was read and accepted. Jim Mara is looking for a replacement and notice will be posted for this position.

Approval of Bills-Motion by Jones seconded by Zick to pay General Bill # 15825-15871; Highway Bills #15852-15868 and PPWIA Bills # 2803-2804. 4-0 passed.

Brief executive session announced by Bartles to discuss Bids; property appraisals. Replansky stated that they would also discuss Litigations and Hydrants which is part of litigations. Ray Jurkowski was requested to attend executive session regarding litigation on the hydrants. 7:20 PM Motion by Jones seconded by Zick. 4-0

7:30 PM Motion by Jones seconded by Chase to return to regular order of business.4-0 passed. Report by Bartles of discussion in executive session. Bids were put out to three local contractors for the septic system for the beach house. All three bids were rejected. The engineer will write up a new request for proposals and we will be bidding that shortly. The attorney reported that the latest law suit filed by Mr. Hudson has been dismissed by Judge Forman.

Shared Agreement was discussed for the town to be able to be a part of the County and other municipalities to receive assistance with central purchasing services. If a proposal is needed the attorney will create one. Motion by Jones to give permission to Supervisor to sign the agreement seconded by Chase. 4-0 passed.

Bartles stated that the EPA has been looking at the old land fill to see if it would be an acceptable place for Solar array installation. No real response has been given to us at this time. Further study is needed to see if it is the project is economically viable. More study needs to be done so this will be tabled till a later date.

A request was made to the DOT for a reduction in the speed limit around the Stissing Mountain School on Factory Lane, Academy Street, Smith and Myrtle Streets. This request was rejected for a number of reasons.

Investment Policy is under review at this time. No action will be taken till later notice. The supervisor would like to have control over where our investments went so more discussion is needed.

Two different vendors have been review for removal of the brush. Rancord appears to be the best and are on the State bid list. It will take about a day and half of grinding to make the mulch usable. The cost is for 2 days at \$6,000. We are trying to find another municipality to share this with us. We will enter an agreement with him sometime in July or August.

The time lapse for the proposal on American Tower has been satisfied so the board needs to sign the agreement in front of a notary and this will be done tonight after the meeting.

Highway Report: Heather sent in a lengthy report as she was not able to attend. Phases 1 and 2 are completed. Phase 3 is scheduled for the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. She requested a \$.50 raise for her employee who has been with the Town for 6 months. Jones has difficulty with Heathers request to purchase new equipment without properly planning for the need. She stated that Heather has been absent for 4 out of 5 meeting. Motion by Jones seconded by Chase for Heather to solicit bids for heating oil, liquid propane and highway materials. 4-0 passed.

Building Inspector it has been a slow year, as the report everyone was given states. Jones had a question about the flags around town that are supposed to be temporary. They become unsightly. The ordinance should be enforced.

Assessor- Jim Mara had nothing to report.

Police Department – All have the report. The culprit who has been vandalizing the beach ropes has been found. It is a beaver and a picture of same was presented. Bartles stated there is no money in the Police Dept. budget, it will be necessary to sit down with the Supervisor and the Police Dept. and transfer funds.

Water/Engineer - There has been repair of breaks in pipes; since the repair there has been a savings as the water consumption has diminished. Zick requested that when work on the lines is going to be performed that the public are informed as it causes the water to be dirty. Jurkowski stated that the bills went out last month typo errors on them. This hopefully will not happen again. Bartles asked what are the recommendations on the front down spouts at the Highway Garage. These needed to be dug up as they were not able to be traced opened and inspected.

Recreation - Catherine not able to attend due to Babe Ruth Baseball Game. Requested approval to hire Michael Cooper as life guard. Zick gave motion Jones seconded passed 4-0

Attorney Replansky asked if any news regarding beavers on Bowman Road. Problem seems to be cleared. Any consideration in creation of a solar law. Bartles stated that Darrah is looking into this as well as other issues. Jones stated that it is moving forward.

Motion by Jones seconded by Zick to adjourn. 4-0 passed.

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Asst. Town Clerk

Supervisor Absent

Councilman Jones \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Bartles \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Chasse \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Zick \_\_\_\_\_

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