August 13, 2018

Workshop Meeting

Workshop meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 10:00am. All Board members were present, also attending were two members of the community and Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and thanked Heather for coming. Supervisor said we need to figure out how we can work together. Supervisor said Heather had received a nice compliment from Gallatin Board member Frazier Patterson on her road sealing. Discussion followed on the road sealing process and “Chips” funding availability schedule and criteria.

Supervisor said Accountant to the Town Torchia wants 350-400 thousand dollars for unexpended emergencies in the Highway budget.

Supervisor said she is confused about how we are supposed to work together and does not feel we will get help from the Highway Dept. if we ask. Heather responded that she has no problem helping; she is currently down to two men and still trying to play catch up. She added that other Towns pay better. Supervisor Cloud said she is now writing grants and a 20% match is wanted and that comes from the Highway Dept. The beach septic system is costing us thirty thousand and if the Highway helps it would be about half of that.

Councilman Bartles said policy changes are need in the Employee Handbook.

Heather stated why she does the charge backs and said that way she will not get in trouble if she is audited.

Cloud wants an attitude shift- she feels she cannot aske Heather for things. The pay will be discussed at budget time. Cloud wants us to work together.

Discussion took place regarding Health Insurance and equipment replacement. Heather stated she has given equipment replacement plans every year at budget time. Cloud said the license plates need to be turned in that are at Heathers office.

Councilman Bartles said the employees do not rebuild equipment- they are just to work on the roads.

Heather said she has a price on the tractor purchase from Westchester Tractor. Councilman Bartles said he asked Heather to get prices on drywells for the Highway garage – she gave them from Expanded Supply. Bartles also said they have been working on the gutter issues at the garage.

Discussion took place on the oil bids – Motion by Cloud second by Jones to disqualify all the energy product bids and to rebid. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Bartles second by Chase to accept Rancourt to do the double chipping at the Highway garage. 5-0 passed.

Councilman Bartles also noted that a surveillance policy for the cameras at the Highway garage be discussed with Attorney to the Town Replansky before installing them.
Motion by Cloud second by Jones to go to Executive session to discuss a Planner, the comprehensive Plan and Zoning tweaks. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Jones second by Chase to return to regular order of business and adjourn. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor

town clerk

Councilman Jones

Councilman Bartles

Councilman Zick

Councilman Chase