

Darrah

October 15th 2020

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were in attendance. Also attending were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, Water/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Department Michael Cooper, Beautification Committee members Susanne Ouellette, Vikki Soracco and Thayer Durrell also guest speakers Daniel Goldhagen, Jen Drake and Bailey Williams from the Commission on Human Rights.

Supervisor Cloud called the Zoom meeting to order.

Acceptance with correction to the September 17th minutes. Stating the discussion of Willow Roots. Motioned by Cloud second by Jones. 5-0 Passed. Motioned by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerks report second Jones. 5-0 Passed. Supervisor Cloud continued to discuss the Hometown Flags.

Approval of General Fund Bills # 17927-17955, Highway Fund #17957-17977, and Water District #2986-2988. Motion by Councilman Chase second by Councilman Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Gave her statement to the town. On file.

Public comment. Councilman Zick said he had been in contact with Fossil and wanted him to inform the public that the blue trail going up the mountain will be having repairs done and will be flagged off with yellow caution tape. The public should only use the orange trail. Also talked about Halloween, it is not cancelled; the town should be practicing safe Covid practices when out with their families. If you wish not to participate, do not have your outside lights on. Michael Cooper stated the firehouse would be handing out candy but very different then past years, due to Covid.

The guest speakers are from the Commission on Human Rights, Daniel Goldhagen informed the Board of the history of the Commission. Dutchess County has 22 volunteers and is always looking. Bailey Williams explained the mission for the Commission is to fight for human rights, racial, religious, to influence the community, and teach inclusion. Jen Drake mentioned some incidents that have been happening in local communities. Daniel Goldhagen emphasized the Committee wants to help making communities stronger, offer resources for all, bridge conflict and change the dialog.

Motioned by Councilman Bartles to renew the County Planning Shared Service Agreement from the previous year second by Chase. 5-0 Passed. The Attorney of the Town explained the road in question is privately owned. The owner Dale Mitchell believes that because of a damage town road, it is causing damage to his road. Replansky explained that the town is only responsible for the beginning part of road which the Town already maintains. Cloud brought up the Zoning Task Force. Cloud explained she had talented people to take the lead, to go through the Comprehensive Plan and take into consideration of new concerns. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky suggested to have a resolution to hire a planner to work with the committee, to make necessary updates to comprehensions.

Department Reports- Highway Department- The Highway Superintendent Emerich discussed a vacancy as a laborer in the department and was accepting applications. With the equipment the department has been getting ready for the season change. Fall projects have started such as stump removals, mentioned the brush pile is very high and should be ground. Emerich also discussed about the purchase of the new loader, the CHIPS reimbursement was on a schedule. The expense was higher than first estimated at \$57,784.97 from Town Funds. Councilman Bartles wanted to know the prices for auction price and trade in price. Councilman Zick discussed if the loader could be

purchased in the spring, and if the highway could still use the old loader. Councilman Jones motioned to purchase the loader second by Zick. 5-0 Passed. Ray Jurkowski explained the about the progression on the easement on Hick Hills Rd.

Building Inspector- Report was read by Supervisor. Report on file.

Police Department- Report was read by Supervisor. Report on file.

Water/ Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read report. Explained the two repairs that were made. One to the water main and one to service line.

Recreation Department- Michael Cooper discussed that the recreation department would not be what it is if it wasn't for local business. He encouraged the public to go out and support the small businesses in town.

Animal Control- Report was read by Supervisor.

Old Business- Supervisor Cloud introduced the Beautification Committee. Vikki Soracco explained the committee is at a stand-still and needs help from the Board to progress. Susanne Ouellette explained the updates going to be made to the town park. Thayer Durrell discussed the pathway materials to be used which would preferably be rubber tires. Questions from the Committee was if the town was responsible of the snow removal. The committee needed to get in touch with DOT to discuss removing cement pathway. Soracco discussed about removing the gazebo to the Town beach. Councilman Bartles thought it would be good at the beach if the committee could move it to the beach. Soracco wanted to know what happens if the committee removes the gazebo and it falls apart what happens. Councilman Zick motioned to pay for the disposal of gazebo if unable to move second by Bartles. 5-0 Passed.

New Business- Supervisor Cloud explained the process of the tentative budget to the preliminary budget and after this step only decreases to the budget can be made. Motion by Councilman Jones to accept preliminary budget second by Zick. Cloud -Aye, Jones- Aye, Bartles-Aye, Chase- Aye, Zick-Aye 5-0 Passed.

Lexipol- Supervisor Cloud explained the program for the police policies. \$3,500 for a year this software follows the State Troopers policies on reform. The software would help the Stake Holders Committee to help tweak and would save on time. Councilman Jones thinks the town should only purchase for one year, and would make task simpler. Jones also feels that Pine Plains would be consistent with other towns, uniformity. Councilman Zick would like more information on the program. Councilman Bartles is nervous about the program because the Sheriffs are not following the program. John Hughes and Supervisor Cloud attended a seminar on the program and Chief John Hughes is in favor of program. Councilman Jones moved to undertake the subscription to Lexipol for a year second by Bartles. 4-0 Passed. (Zick did not vote).

Supervisor Cloud brought up a planning safety plan that needed to be submitted in the spring for emergencies in towns. Councilman Jones said she didn't believe there was any need to create another committee, we already have enough on our plates.

Bartles moved to adjourn meeting Jones second. 5-0 Passed.