

November 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Water and Engineer to the Town Ray Jurkowski, Town Assessor James Mara and Recreation Director Michael Cooper.

Supervisor Cloud called the Zoom meeting to order.

Acceptance with correction to the October minutes with grammar correction to FOSL. Acceptance of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing minutes. Motioned by Chase second by Jones. 5-0 Passed. Motioned by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerks report second Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of General Fund Bills # 18001-18019, Highway Fund #18022-18040, and Water District #2993-2995. Motion by Councilman Jones second by Councilman Chase. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor gave her statement. On file.

Public Comment. Supervisor read a letter from a student who had an idea of a bike trail. Jones and Cooper talked about how Thompson Pond was to wet for bike trail, and to keep having younger generation to keep coming up with ideas for the bike trail. Cloud also discussed a letter she received about the use of the church lot for senior living, and to have a no motorized bikes allowed in Town. Councilman Chase received an email asking for police presence around the lake. Councilman Bartles thought creative signage for recreation area, because the recreational area is so big. Councilman Jones mentioned maybe having a designated lane for bicycle riders. Chase thought we could talk to the Highway Superintendent about maybe widening the road. Chase mentioned sharrows lanes on the road. Councilman Jones clarified that the Christmas tree in the center of Town had out grown the space and was therefore taken down.

Sexual Harassment Training Policy- Cloud discussed the training policy in the town handbook, which has not been changed since 2004. The State mandates yearly trainings. Supervisor asked if State policy is policy. Attorney to the Town Replansky stated municipality has to individually mandate. Make a policy for the handbook. Planning Board Member is not taking training. The State feels even though you are an appointed member, you still should be taking the training to be covered by insurance company. Replansky was going to have policy written up for the next board meeting. Supervisor Cloud stated she would try to find a more informative training for next year.

Supervisor Cloud discussed the request for the Broadband committee to contact Consolidated to certify they are compliant in the blocks that they cover. Brief discussion followed and Attorney to the Town Replansky wanted to look over the franchise agreement. We have no agreement with CCI.

New Business- Equitable Assessment Agreement. Cloud explained it is done every 3 years and the Assessors work with a Consultant. Mara explained Debbie Witon of Equitable Assessment does data gathering. Replansky said he looked it over and agrees with the contract. Councilman Jones is cautious about most recent sales during this year due to Covid-19 and that they have been higher. Replansky asked about the billing and service rendering. Councilman Jones motioned to accept the contract Zick second. 5-0 Aye Passed.

Dale Mitchell Easement- Mr. Mitchell wants the town to maintain and fix the end of Pilch Drive where it meets 82. Assessor James Mara explained Dale approached FOSL to give the Town land for trails. Instead of giving the easement of the property to the trails. The County has advised when the property bisects with another land mass you cannot land hook the previous parcel together. Instead

of giving the land he would be getting 3 parcels instead of the front parcel. Attorney to the Town Replansky wants to know why he wants to donate the property instead of easement. Mara explained that the property would get 3 parcels instead of just one with an easement. Replansky explained if the Mitchell wants to do it donated it that way, he would have to go to the planning board to get approval of subdivision. If it donated to FOSL then the planning board would have to approve that. Ray Jurkowski if that strip would be going to the FOSL then it would create a 4 lot subdivision. Councilman Jones stated it would never meet the zoning requirement. Replansky said it is not a Town Board decision. Jones said the Town would be happy with the easement, and anything else would have to go through the Planning Board. Mara was hoping it would help with the trail system.

Supervisor Cloud read a letter from Dale Mitchel to remove the gate. He wants a gate on the property line. Which is open all the time so he can have access to his property. Ray Jurkowski stated the Town added a new lock and gave Mitchel the code so he can have access to his property anytime. To move the gate up on the hill is unsafe for the Highway Department to maintain the roadway. Replansky agrees with Ray that moving the gate is unsafe. Ray Jurkowski feels that with the gate and giving Mitchel a code to the gate is acceptable to the Easement of 1994. Warren wanted to read the letter and discuss with Ray then he will come back with the next Board meeting and give his opinion of what to do next. Councilman Bartles wants to look over the Easement to make sure who is responsible to maintain the roadway. Supervisor Cloud discussed the roadway where the blacktop meets 82 there is water pooling, which comes back to the approval of building of the road, and the turnover of the road to the town. Jurkowski explained the road was supposed to be built to Town standards and needs to be dedicated to the Town. Councilman Bartles wanted to know if that roadway could be handling logging trucks.

Highway Department- Report was read by Supervisor Cloud. On file.

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

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

Water/ Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read report on file.

Recreation Department- Michael Cooper said October was the end of softball and baseball. Talked about the ice rink. Councilman Zick said if anyone needed community service, they can help set up the ice rink, November 25th at 10-10:30.

Animal Control- Supervisor read report. On file.

Old Business- Final Budget Approval- Motioned by Councilman Chase second by Jones. Roll Call vote. 5-0 Passed. Councilman Bartles asked about the tax increase.

NYSLRS resolution of Elected and Appointed Officials- all have to make calendars for the time they come to work, leave. Councilman Jones motioned to accept Zick second. 5-0 Passed.

New business- Supervisor asked about using the Community Center for people who have lost power or students without internet. Cleaning was brought up as an issue. Jones thought volunteer would help. Supervisor Cloud thought maybe the senior group would want to monitor. Bartles is not in favor without a monitor. Councilman Zick wanted to make sure that the space is safe for the social distancing. Jones confirmed there is enough room for safe social distancing. Michael Cooper stated he could start a Family ID list for who is interested in using the Library. Bartles wanted to know about the Insurance liability with the kids. Cooper explained illnesses are covered. Bartles wanted to

know about vetting the volunteers. Cooper explained that the Family Id gets free back ground checks through the program.

Councilman Jones wanted to discuss the Tri-Town Coalition for Affordable Housing. Town Board has been the entity, next month they want to know what we can accomplish next year. Jones suggested authorizing the Town Center. Jones discussed if the Town wanted to reach out to the public if they wanted to join the Tri-Town Coalition. Maybe Cloud could add to her Friday letter to have the public reach out.

Councilman Chase asked about the DOT study. Supervisor Cloud stated it is not yet approved, could take three months.

Councilman Zick motioned to move to executive session Re: Personnel seconded by Jones 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Zick motioned to return from of executive session, and adjourn. Seconded by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

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Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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