

January 21 2021

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.

Supervisor Cloud called the Zoom meeting to order.

Acceptance of the December 7th Budget Meeting, December 14th Workshop, December 17th Town Board Meeting with corrections, and January 7th 2021 Re-Org meeting minutes. The acceptance of the Town Clerks report. Motioned by Zick second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of the bills. For the year 2020 General bills 18149-18170, Highway bills 18184-18196, and Water District 3004-3010, Year 2021 General bills 18172-18183, Highway bills 18197-18201, and Water District bill 3011-3012. Motioned by Chase to approve bills, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor read her statement. On file.

Public comments came from the Board. Councilwoman Jones expressed concern about some of the Public lighting being out by Stewarts, and how dark it is. Supervisor Cloud said she would talk to Ginnocchio electric. Councilman Zick wanted to thank Ginnocchio Electric for help putting the electric out to the ice rink so there can be nighttime skating. He wanted to remind everyone the ice rink is open from 9-12 closed midday until it reopens at 4/4:30-7:30/8 pm.

Supervisor Cloud brought up the resolution regarding the real property renewal procedures for seniors and persons with disabilities and limited income in certain cases, pursuant to Senate bill S9114, subpart D, dated December 23rd 2020. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky explained the Senate passed this bill allowing exemption for 2021 due to Covid-19 for one year. The Town has to permit certain procedures, such as if the property owner is entitled to a lower assessment. The Assessor's office looked over the resolution and approved. Motioned by Bartles second by Jones. Roll call vote was taken. Aye 5-0. The resolution will be posted on the Town website and bulletin board at Town Hall.

The revision for the BFJ Contract for the Zoning Review. Town Attorney Replansky explained that the zoning code is consistent with the comprehension plan. Replansky explained after reviewing the contract that BFJ didn't provide the subdivision issue. Replansky discussed with the Board and BFJ, to pass the contract as is and if the Town decides to move forward with the subdivision code would have to be a new resolution. Jones moved to pass resolution, Zick second. Roll call vote was taken. Aye 5-0.

Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich gave her report. The Highway department is continuing with tree trimming, and winter maintenance. Emerich told the Board that street signs have been stolen, Skunk Misery, Woods Drive, and Stissing Mt Rd. The local police will be keeping a lookout. If anyone knows or sees anything to just call. Supervisor Cloud added that we lost an antique light that someone either backed into it. Jones suggested we move the light back a little when it is replaced. Bartles suggested a protection around the pole. The superintendent reported she spoke with Ray on the Hicks Hill job, and the bids should be returned by 2/16/21. The Highway Superintendent asked about the RFP for the highway drain repair. Ray Jurkowski said he would send an email that they are ready for the bids. The Highway Superintendent continued with cars parking in the municipal parking lot overnight before a snowstorm, some cars are not the tenants of the building. There was discussion with the Board about

putting notices on cars, and towing after the second offense. Councilwoman Jones suggested towing cars if they are parked in the charging station overnight. Supervisor Cloud supported the warning then towing of vehicles. Councilman Chase suggested writing parking tickets, that tickets can be powerful. Town Attorney Replansky said the town to amend the parking ticket fee to make it higher. The Board continued discussion on the boiler at the Highway Garage. The system has been maintained since previous administration. Bids were discussed for fixing the boiler. The Superintendent also talked about the brush and leaf pile.

Supervisor Cloud gave the Building Inspector report. On file.

Supervisor Cloud gave the Police report. On file.

Ray Jurkowski gave the Water report. On file. Councilman Zick wanted to remind the community that they can sign up for the One Call Now, in case of water emergencies.

Supervisor Cloud discussed the Re-Organization of the Recreation committee. Which included the requirements for the 7 members and 3 year terms. Councilman Zick and Jones still urged the public for volunteers. Councilman Bartles feels like it is too soon to make a decision. He feels only town members should be on the committee. He also disagrees with the Recreation Director being the liaison for the Beach Director and the Camp Director. Also he felt it isn't appropriate to vote now. The board should do more research. Councilman Zick explained he felt the Recreation Committee has been stagnant and this is the best direction to go. Then if there were things that needed to be changed along the way, the Board could. Councilman Zick motioned to accept the Re-Organization Recreation Committee, Jones second. Roll call vote was taken, Cloud, Jones, Chase, Zick- Aye Bartles- Nay.

Supervisor Cloud read the Animal Control report. On File.

Jones motioned to accept the renewal of Contract with Town Prosecutor, second by Chase. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud discussed the Police Reform and Modernization Plan. Which was 100 pages mandated by the state to reform all police forces in Dutchess County. Stakeholder met and chose which parts didn't apply to our part-time police department. Came up with the Police Reform and the Modernization plan to pass in February. Councilman Zick suggested having the Police present at the workshop meeting in February to understand the document. Councilwoman Jones felt that the stakeholders committee was interested in the force and complaints. The police department has not used any type of force in years. Jones also stated that the police department has been doing things in a first class way compared to larger police departments. The Police Department is interested in communication with the public and how to make a complaint. The policy has general transparency for the public to have more knowledge. Supervisor Cloud also stated the Police wanted to be more available to the community especially a better relationship with the youth in the community.

Supervisor Cloud brought up that the Association of the Towns needs a delegate and an alternative. Zick motioned to have Cloud as the delegate and Councilwoman Jones alternate, second by Chase. 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Zick moved to adjourn Jones second. 5-0 Passed.