

March 18th 2021

Meeting of the Town Board took place on the above date. All board members were present including Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson, Water/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, and guests Ken Pruesser, Sarah Miller and Rachel Greenfield.

Supervisor Cloud called the meeting to order.

Acceptance of the February 15th Workshop Meeting and the February 18th Town Board Meeting minutes. The acceptance of the February 2021 Town Clerk Report. Motioned to accept by Chase, second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of General Bills 18290-18306, Highway Department 18307-18325, and the Water Department 3024-3026. Motioned to approve Jones second by Chase. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud gave her statement to the Town. On File.

Public comment, Supervisor Cloud had talked to a highschool student who was looking for more for teenagers to do.

Guest speaker Ken Pruesser, USDA wanted to talk to the town about the options he felt would help the Geese problems at Stissing Lake. He explained the geese here are resident Canadian geese, which means they do not migrate. The state has a limit of 85,000 birds and there are now about 230,000, which is an overabundance. These birds produce 1 pound of droppings per day. During his visit he explained he counted about 75 to 100 birds on the lake that day. There are a couple options to help control the population. First is egg and nest control, in which they go around to the nests and spray the eggs with 100% corn oil, they do two rounds every two weeks, which would happen around April 15th. Another option would be shooting, which reinforces hazing. The last option is round up during the molt, between June 15th and July 15th. Mr. Pruesser recommended the Town to proceed with the egg and nest treatment, and the round up of the geese. Councilman Zick agreed with the recommendation. The cost of the Egg and Nest treatment is \$4,000.00. The cost of the poultry process is \$6.75 per bird. The DEC will have to get property permission to search all property on Lake for nests. Sarah Miller from the Lake Association and Rachel Greenfield from the CAC agree with Ken Preussers recommendation. There was brief discussion, Councilman Zick motioned to enter contract with DEC for geese control, Jones second. 5-0 Passed.

Dale Mitchell Trails Proposal- Town Attorney Warren Replansky felt there needed to be more discussion.

Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson discussed the Water Filtration Bid, which was installed at the Highway Garage. Supervisor Cloud said the Board was going to go with Ray Jurkowskis' recommendation then have a vote this month. Jones motioned to accept the bid Zick second. 5-0 Passed. Supervisor Cloud brought up the Slope Stabilization on Hicks Hill Road. Jurkowski explained the Town received 8 sealed bids. The low bidder was Kingston Equipment, also known as Baker's Brothers with a bid for \$77,900. Also obtaining an Easement request. Bartles motioned for the Hicks Hill Stabilization Second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

The Highway Superintendent brought up the Agreement for the Expenditures. Attachment on file. Bartles motioned, Jones. Second. 5-0 Passed.

The Highway Superintendent wanted to donate 16 old phones. Motioned by Zick, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed. A new hire has started March 8th. Also notice to the Town that the road sweeper will be coming April 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Building Inspector report read by Supervisor Cloud. On file.

Police Department Report read by Supervisor Cloud. On File. Cloud explained there is a training in handguns which Officer Beliveau would attend in order to train the rest of our department.. Motioned by Jones to authorize training, second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Water/ Engineer Ray Jurkowski, read report. On file. Councilman Zick motioned to purchase new leak detection equipment from USA Blue Book for \$3,750.00, second by Councilwoman Jones. 5-0 Passed. 8 and 12 North Main Street- demolition bids have been put out. There was a prebid held to look at building and bid documents. The Town received 7 sealed bids. The low bidder was Gentile Construction from Yonkers for \$104,795.00. Supervisor Cloud said the Town bonded more money than what the bid was for. Councilman Zick motioned to accept The Gentile bid for the demolition of 8 and 12 North Main, second by Councilwoman Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Recreation Department- Supervisor Cloud talked about the Triathlon. Councilman Zick talked about the sign-ups for Little League and Softball. Councilwoman Jones mentioned the triathlon is always looking for volunteers.

Animal Control Supervisor Cloud read report. On file.

Old Business- Emergency Action Plan- Supervisor Cloud discussed that Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich and Animal Control Richard Prentice had come to a final draft of the plan. Councilman Bartles thinks it should be stated for the shut down, that the Town Board should impose and release the Town shut down. To have the Town Board convene within a week. Councilwoman Jones agrees. Bartles motion to pass with revision, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud had talked to Michael Torchia, on how to spend the American Rescue funds. He recommended using the money for unbudgeted expenditures during the pandemic, which only short falls the Town had were the Justice department and summer camp. Sales tax and mortgage taxes are ahead already for the year. Puts the Town \$13,000 ahead revenue prediction. Long Term debut can not be paid off early. Michael Torchiaa stated in his email that since the bond payments have already been budgeted and the Town needed a new Police car to use the money for that expenditure. Also to think about the VPN program so Town workers can work from home if the town is shut down again. The Town will receive \$260,000 from the American Rescue Plan.

Supervisor Cloud explained the Town can purchase a new car with the Sheriff's Department, for \$55,527.00. Councilwoman Jones asked about the type of purchases to use the American Rescue fund. Councilwoman Jones and Councilman Chase both agree to purchase the car. It would be a Ford Explorer fully loaded. The car will not be ready for 4 months. Councilwoman Jones motioned to purchase the vehicle for the Police Department, second by Zick. 4-1 Passed.

Councilman Bartles motioned to accept Keary Hanan to the Library Board, second by Councilwoman Jones. 5-0. Passed.

Supervisor Cloud read the Zoning Review Committee report, which will be posted on the Town Website. Councilwoman Jones felt BFJ did a remarkable job. She also wanted to encourage public input. Councilman Chase felt there was no discussion between the committee, he felt discouraged about decisions already being made without being discussed. He wants to talk about the rural districts with minimal lot sizes, which would change to larger minimal lot sizes. Removing the non conforming zoning code for the hamlet business district, and the Main street residential district. Vast majority is conforming to the zoning already. He discussed accessory dwelling units for property owners. He is hopeful the committee will meet and discuss, and have the Town get involved, to have meaningful conversations, before decisions are made, and stop the non-conforming language. Councilwoman Jones feels it is important to hear from the public.

NYSERDA- Supervisor Cloud explained that if the Town sends Drew to a stretch code training, the Town would qualify for a \$5,000 grant. The Town can continue to improve and receive grants. Jones suggested the solar panels at the Water Department. Supervisor Cloud will find out more information.

Councilman Bartles moved to adjourn, second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud

Councilman Bartles

Deputy Town Clerk

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Chase

Councilman Zick