

April 12, 2021

Workshop Meeting

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00pm. All Board members attended. Also attending were members of the Beautification Committee Vikki Soracco, Thayer Durell and Suzanne Ouellette.

Supervisor called the Zoom meeting to order and stated that this meeting is devoted to the new Town Park that the Beautification Committee is working on. Supervisor gave a brief history of the park. She then turned the meeting over to the Committee to say where they are at and what the Town can do for them.

Committee Vikki Soracco asked if all Board members had received the packet and turned the discussion over to Suzanne. Suzanne went over the three (3) main issues raised by the Town Board at their Oct. 2020 meeting. (On file)

Supervisor responded to issue number one (1) stating that Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski is waiting for DOT to get back to him.

Issue number two (2) is the gazebo. Councilman Zick asked Vikki if she had talked to Mike Cooper about it going to the beach. Vikki responded that Zick and Cooper were going to pick a plot and never heard back from either of you so we decided to take it down. Short discussion followed and a motion was made by Councilman Jones second by Councilman Chase to authorize Carl Baden to take it down and dispose of it. Vikki asked where it can be disposed of and Councilman Chase suggested the Highway Dept. or 12 North Mai Street. In regard to issue number one (1) Councilman Bartles thought we were going to talk to Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich for their participation. Vikki responded that Heather said the Highway Dept. is unable to take the sidewalks out as she does not have a driver with the license to do that. Vikki also asked if the Town is paying for the dumpster or is it coming out of the \$25,000.00. Issue number three (3) is in regard to the fountain. Councilman Bartles stated he is against the fountain and Councilman Zick agrees with him. They feel it is not appropriate and allows a maintenance issue in the future. Suzanne gave information on the fountain design by Tim Jones and doesn't feel he was looking at any kind of maintenance. Thayer said it will only need to be drained once a year and the water would deter some of the noise. Councilman Jones, Chase and Supervisor Cloud like the idea of a fountain. Suzanne said Tim is excited about the fountain because his Grandfather and Uncle had something to do with the building of the Town Clock. Councilman Chase said we would need someone to maintain it due to the flowers etc... Councilman Jones said a Park Committee could. Chase also said we need garbage disposal and Jones agrees we do. Vikki and Sarah feel it is a Town problem, more is needed in the budget for maintenance.

Suzanne wants voting on number one (1) and number two (2). She said regarding number two (2) the landscaper the Committee recommends Susan Robinson, Down to Earth Landscaping, they are the lowest bid. Discussion followed regarding the sidewalks, materials and construction of pathways in the Park, ongoing maintenance and upkeep and forming a Town Beautification Committee. Supervisor asked how we should vote on this? She said Suzanne has it divided into four parts. Councilman Zick said he would like to see a sculpture instead of a fountain, discussion followed. Suzanne said to think of the overall plan without the fountain. Thayer said we need to get the landscaper going. Councilman Bartles feels it is too complicated a plan- the paths and fountain need a lot more thought.

Motion by Jones second by Chase to approve the Landscaper as recommended, the removal of the sidewalks and Gazebo, sans the fountain. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Jones second by Chase to remove and take the Gazebo to North Main Street property. 5-0 passed. Councilman Jones thanks all the Committee members, it has been a long haul working on this and thanks them all.

Town Hall Roof – Supervisor Cloud said our Maintenance man Bobby Lee Couse brought in a piece of our roof, he said it looks like it is crumbling. Building Inspector Drew Weaver remembers it being a rolled roof. She has been looking for a roofer, only has one bid so far. Bartles has one coming to look at it. Supervisor said it is Pottenburg and the person Bartles has coming to look at it. Supervisor said she does not want to put a lot of money into this building.

Motion by Bartles second by Jones to adjourn, 5-0 passed.

Supervisor _____

Town Clerk

Councilman Jones _____

Councilman Zick _____

Councilman Bartles _____

Councilman Chase _____