

A regular Meeting of the Town Board of Guilderland was held at the Town Hall, Route 20 McCormick's Corners, Guilderland, NY, on the above date at 7:32 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Jean Cataldo, Town Clerk, showed the following to be present:

- Councilman Forte
- Councilwoman Slavick
- Councilman Pastore
- Councilman Maikels
- Supervisor Runion

ALSO PRESENT: James Melita, Town Attorney

Supervisor Runion welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting and asked for a motion accepting the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Town Board meeting.

MOTION #205 Councilman Pastore moved to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING**. Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Forte | Aye |
| Councilwoman Slavick | Aye |
| Councilman Pastore | Aye |
| Councilman Maikels | Aye |
| Supervisor Runion | Aye |

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Laura Barry, 3 Waverly Place

As she has been reading about all the surplus money from the State and being aware of the sewer problem in McKownville, she asked if this multiple-million dollar project be thought of as an infrastructure project that could be promoted in light of all the politics that are going on with construction and infrastructure. Supervisor Runion acknowledged that it is a worthwhile project and they could discuss it with our State representatives.

Public Hearing: Supervisor Runion explained that we had a public hearing on for this evening regarding the rezoning request of Cumberland Farms on the corner of Route 146 and Route 20. We received a letter this morning from the attorney for the applicant, Cumberland Farms, requesting that the public hearing be tabled. I had a conversation with the attorney and the land owner and indicated that we would table or adjourn the Public Hearing to January 6, 2015. January 6 is going to be our Organizational Meeting and I advised them that it probably wouldn't be until 8:00pm before we get to the Public Hearing continuation. Supervisor Runion asked for another legal advertisement to be placed in the Altamont Enterprise.

MOTION #206 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REZONING REQUEST OF CUMBERLAND FARMS ON THE CORNER OF RTE. 146 & ROUTE 20 AND THE REQUEST IS TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM LOCAL BUSINESS TO GENERAL BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 6, 2015 AT 8:00PM**. Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #207 Councilman Pastore moved to **PERMANENTLY APPOINT TIMOTHY MCINTYRE TO THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FROM THE ALBANY COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE LIST** . Councilman Forte seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #208 Councilman Forte moved to **PERMANENTLY APPOINT KIM EDICK TO THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE FROM THE ALBANY COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE LIST**. Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Agenda Item 3: Consider adopting new Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule

A request was received from the Parks Department to consider changing some of the fees. Supervisor Runion explained an increase in fees are for the use of the pavilions, the daily field use for tournaments and rental fees for three additional picnic areas. The benefit for renting a picnic area allows non-resident guests free parking for the gathering. That's a \$10 savings per guest. Additionally, a rental fee has been established for the use of the Ballet Barn.

MOTION #209 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ADOPT A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE**. Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Agenda Item 4: Consider authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement for the continuation of the Flexible Benefit Plan for plan year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Supervisor Runion advised this plan is part of the Guilderland PBA contract and there are no changes to this plan. It allows employees to put a portion of their salary into the plan for pre-

tax health insurance benefits and for child care services. The employees are not taxed by the federal government on the amounts that are placed into the plan.

MOTION #210 Councilman Forte moved to **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN FOR PLAN YEAR JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Agenda Item5: Consider the request of McKownville Improvement Association to rezone several properties in the hamlet of McKownville.

Supervisor Runion called upon Don Reeb, President of the McKownville Improvement Association, to explain his request. Dr. Reeb presented a proposal to the Board to consider changing the zoning for three homes currently zoned LB (Local Business) to either R10 or R15 depending on the lot size. The three homes include 8 McKown Road, 28-30 Schoolhouse Road and 1420 Western Avenue.

Councilman Forte inquired if the residents were seeking the rezone as well. Dr. Reeb said the emails went out and he did not hear from anyone.

Supervisor Runion asked the Board to agree that the Town Planner should review the parcels. The Board agreed to have Jan Weston review the parcels and report back. If in agreement, she can write a memo to the Board for review at our next meeting. We would then send a copy of the memo to the property owners.

Agenda Item 6: Consider approving Collective bargaining Agreement with the Guilderland Police Benevolent Association to include the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016

Supervisor Runion explained the highlights of the contract and explained the potential benefit of some cost savings.

MOTION #211 Councilman Forte moved to **APPROVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE GUILDERLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Agenda Item 7: Consider authorizing Police Department to auction surplus items

Supervisor Runion explained items such as vehicles, plows and dump trucks would be auctioned. He further advised that there is a market for parts. If there are no takers, the equipment gets scrapped.

MOTION #212 Councilman Pastore moved to **AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AUCTION SURPLUS ITEMS**. Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #213 Councilman Forte moved to **APPOINTING ASHLEY SCHNORE AS A TOWN PARAMEDIC FROM THE ALBANY COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE LIST**.

Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #214 Councilman Maikels moved to **APPROVE TRANSFERS AS REQUESTED BY THE TOWN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE**. Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Agenda Item 10: Consider authorizing requests for proposals for Solar Energy

Supervisor Runion welcomed Jeff Conrad of SolomonEnergy to update the Board. Jeff has been looking at the benefits of the Town purchasing its energy through solar power.

Jeff advised that he has been in touch with Supervisor Runion, some Town employees and Town Attorney Melita over the past six month to look at the capability of installing solar for the Town in order to reduce their cost for electricity and to help to achieve some sustainability goals that the Town has for purchasing renewable energy. The services of SolomonEnergy are part of the Request for Proposal so there is no additional cost to the taxpayers of the Town.

A number of Town-owned properties were checked in to, however, proved there would be additional costs to interconnect resulting in higher prices in the PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). Signing a Power Purchase Agreement for 15-25 years at a set price, we're looking for 10-30% below current cost. As there would be no capital outlay, it would provide immediate savings.

A couple of key sites looked very viable from the land perspective, however, interconnection applications to National Grid provided information to install would create additional cost to interconnect. One of the big changes over the late spring and summer of this year is using a Remote Net Metering installation that would allow you to use power where your accounts are located. The parcel would not have to be a Town-owned property. Additionally, incentives from NYSERDA have been changing. For larger size systems, the program has not been fully finalized yet, but is expected to be launch in March. Finalized details on the rebates should be available on Friday of this week. In October, they reviewed the property at the Northeast

Industrial Park site. They've drafted an RFP (Request for Proposal) with Supervisor Runion and Town Attorney Melita for a system located on a Town site that would be a 1.75 megawatt system and additionally a 1.3 megawatt system that could be developed on one of the provider's sites that the owner can control. A \$10,000 security deposit that we would require from the solar providers, isn't typically seen, however, it would safeguard the Town in the process. With the RFP there still is no commitment for the Town, basically it just provides us with the prices and details so that a full report can be prepared for the Board to analyze. Over the lifetime of the system you would be looking at between \$3 to \$8 million dollars of total savings. This would be over a 25 year term. The RFP would be sent out early in January with responses expected back by early February. We would expect to return to the Town with a detailed report either in February or March.

Supervisor Runion asked for the authority to make a request for a proposal to get data on the proposals and paid out incentives. Town Attorney Melita read the contract and the Town is safe, no commitment at this time, it is just to allow companies to give the Town of Guilderland a proposal for electricity.

MOTION #215 Councilman Pastore moved to **AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR ENERGY**. Councilman Forte seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Supervisor Runion announced due to no Town elections this year, the Organizational Meeting can be held the first Tuesday of January.

MOTION #216 Councilman Maikels moved to **SET THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 6, 2015 AT 7:30PM**. Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Supervisor Runion wished everyone a very happy holiday and Happy New Year!

MOTION #217 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 16, 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 8:27PM**. Councilman Forte seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**Respectfully submitted,
Jean J. Cataldo
Town Clerk**