

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2014

Present: Supervisor Paul Hansut
Councilmember Kevin Brennie
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Michael Horodyski
Councilmember Jeffrey Paladino

Also present: Sean Murphy, Attorney
Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk

7:10 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance

He explained that there have been problems with the computer server during the last couple of days. He thought it was repaired but has discovered that Kate Jonietz' computer is not working; therefore, tonight's meeting will not be televised.

Supervisor announced the following liaison appointments:

Planning Board – Councilmember Michael Horodyski

Zoning Board – Councilmember Michael Guerriero

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Kevin Brennie

Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee – Councilmember Jeff Paladino

Environmental Conservation Council – Councilmember Michael Guerriero

Police/Fire/Town Justice – Supervisor Paul Hansut

1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons

Supervisor commented that there have not been meetings of boards or committees yet this year.

Audit – January 1 to June 30, 2014: Councilmember Horodyski, Councilmember Brennie
July 1 to December 31, 2014: Councilmember Paladino, Councilmember Guerriero

ECC/Zoning Board – Councilmember Michael Guerriero

Guerriero said that he did not receive the notice for the ZBA meeting until the day after the meeting.

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Kevin Brennie

Planning Board – Councilmember Michael Horodyski

Horodyski said that he will attend the Planning Board Workshop meeting on Thursday.

Police/Fire/Town Justice – Supervisor Paul Hansut

Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee – Councilmember Jeff Paladino

REPORT – Claire Costantino, President, Hudson Valley Rail Trail

Rafael Diaz, Hudson Valley Trail, reported that WinterFest will be on February 8, from 11 AM to 2 PM; there will be the annual chili contest, kids' games and wagon rides. Lauriann Marion, is the chairperson. Regarding the work to refurbish the cabooses, Liz Alfonso, Town Historian, told him that she has many photos of trains in her files. He has spoken to Charlie Busick who is trying to find someone who rode the cabooses. He answered Horodyski's question about the cabooses and updated him on the planned work. Walkway over the Hudson is running a coalition on bike and pedestrian safety. On March 29 there will be a bicycle rodeo for 8 to 12 year children; one on the east side of the River and one on the west side of the River. Walkway would like to use the card listing the pedestrian and bike rules he devised as a template for their own rules.

REPORT – Matthew Smith, Manager, Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park

Supervisor stated that Matt Smith was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

REPORT – Elizabeth Alfonso, Historian

Supervisor read the following report for December 2013:

Happy New Year! We put our heads together (Gail, Grace and yours truly) and came up with memorabilia, collectables, antique decorations and cards to feature a Christmas Holiday display in the Town meeting room for all to enjoy and convey the Holiday spirit.

Many times we are at a loss of information about the Town of Lloyd. Gail would say, "Peter Anella would know". Gail would call Peter and sure enough he would have the answer. On October 17, 2013, Peter donated two (2) 1940 issues of Father Devine's "The Promised Land", Krum Elbow, Red Top Road, Highland, N.Y. Peter left this world on October 19, 2013. Our sympathy is extended to Peter's family; he took with him History of Highland that we will never know. "We will miss you, Peter."

On Friday, December 14th the Tree Lighting, Santa's Workshop, a live Nativity, Highland High School Christmas Carolers, took place in the Town Square. The Methodist Women's Group held a Cookie Walk along with serving hot chocolate. Very well received. The attendance next year should surpass this year. Thanks to the Events Committee.

Holidays approaching quickly – everyone getting together – the Water and Sewer Department, the Highway Department and the Town Hall Christmas Event for all departments. A good time for all!

Now is the time to plan for the year 2014. May we all work together for a better tomorrow. Happy New Year!

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Greater Walkway Region: Discovery Zone signs for west side.

Supervisor stated that the Town Board members had received the proposed Discovery Zone signs electronically and asked if anyone had a comment on the signs.

Horodyski felt that he wanted to see them a little more 'Highland centric' and felt that they were a little ingratiating on the Scenic Hudson side as opposed to Highland. He felt that the sign for the Hamlet speaks as if the Hamlet has died and is an obituary of the Hamlet but he feels that the Hamlet is still vibrant and the center of town.

Supervisor said that he will relay those comments.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. NYS Association of Towns Meeting

Supervisor explained that the Annual NYS Association of Towns meeting will be held February 16 to February 19 in New York City. He asked if any Town Board member planned to attend.

None of the Board members plan to attend.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Diaz said that he is the Chair of the Ethics Board and prior to elections in the fall there was a letter regarding ethical issues and attacking the Vice Chair Jill Indelicato. The Ethics Board is going to hold an open meeting to explain to people what the Board does and its parameters. One of the charges was that the Board is not doing their job as a 'watch dog'; but the purpose is not to be a watch dog.

Brennie noted that there hasn't been Ethics Board activity because there has not been a need.

Horodyski said that he thought that this was a great effort to reach out but feels that some of the letter writers don't want to know the facts.

Supervisor said that he talked to Bill Wallens, labor attorney for the Town, about doing an ethics training this year.

Mark Reynolds, reporter, asked if the signs for the Town would be on the website so that people could look at them.

Supervisor said that this is a Scenic Hudson project and they are trying to get approvals from the Town so he will have to check with them to see what they want to do.

Donna Deeproise said that she has not seen the final concept on the signs and said that she has found it difficult to find out more about the Roberts Estate (Franny Reese Park)

Horodyski said that most of his knowledge of the estate is from Ray Costantino and the sign tells much of the story. He felt that the signs are beautifully done.

Guerrero commented that an advantage in the Hamlet is that the rent for a start-up business may be \$500 to \$1,000 a month, whereas, on the highway it may be \$3,000.

Horodyski explained that he did not expect the signs to say "come do business in the Hamlet" but they talk about the 'heyday' and he feels that it is a continuation of a different type of heyday. He would like the Hamlet sign to be more specific and show that there are thriving businesses.

Paladino quoted a sentence on the sign, "...with the advent of the automobile building of 9W had the opposite effect of deterring the economic character of the Town, moving the economic center of gravity away from the Hamlet which is now incorporating the Town of Lloyd". That is factual but it gives a negative connotation.

Supervisor said that they were very receptive to changing the maps and suggested meeting with them.

Horodyski quoted the first paragraph on the Franny Reese Park: “Had it not been for the visionary activism of a dedicated few, this beautiful and historic tract of woodlands might be just a distant memory, instead, the grassroots environmental and advocacy organization Scenic Hudson purchased the land in 2003 as part of its crusade to preserve and revitalize the natural wonder along a majestic river. Now a state park named after the organization’s founding member and guiding spirit, Franny Reese, it is home to 250 stunning acres and two and half miles of trails”. He feels that should be on their website not on a sign. The rest of the paragraphs speak more to what the Roberts Estate was.

Diaz said that they should have more about the trails.

Horodyski said that the second paragraph speaks to the trails.

Deeproose would like to see the Hamlet presented in a more positive light on the signage.

Locations for the signs were discussed.

Horodyski asked if there was a sign close to the Walkway that says, “you are here and this is how you can get to Franny Reese Park, Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park, etc.” and the reply was that there is not at this time but there will be such a sign.

Alan VanDeBogart confirmed that there will be signs at key points and one key point is on the west side of the Walkway.

Supervisor said that he received a letter from the New York State Department of State in reference to the Route 9W corridor southern water extension: “Thank you for applying for the 2013 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for funding made available by the DOS under title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund the local waterfront revitalization program. Total requests for assistances greatly exceeded the amount of funding available and we regret that we were unable to fund all worthwhile applications received. The DOS has completed the review of your application. Unfortunately your application was not selected during the funding process. We are offering an opportunity to be debriefed. This will be provided upon request of the unsuccessful applicants. The request must be made in writing within 30 days of notification of status.” He said that he will be sending them notice tomorrow so that we can find out why we did not get the grant.

Paladino asked when the next application cycle begins.

Supervisor and Horodyski had heard that it would be May/June; the philosophy being that they are out before Election Day.

Reynolds asked if there were other ideas for funding.

Supervisor said that would be discussed and he met with Dennis Doyle, Ulster County Planning Board and Suzanne Holt from Business Services to talk about some options.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino, to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 4, 2013, the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2013 and the Settlement Day Meeting of December 30, 2013.

Five ayes carried.

B. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero to authorize the payment of vouchers as audited by the Audit Committee:

General	G1 to G56	\$83,679.06
Highway	H1 to H24	\$20,592.05
Miscellaneous	M1 to M19	\$42,439.49
Sewer	S1 to S13	\$ 7,714.75
Water	W1 to W25	\$21,462.53

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Horodyski, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye.

Five ayes carried.

C. RESOLUTION made by Horodyski, seconded by Brennie, to hire William Short, for the position of Part-Time Seasonal Laborer at the contract rate of \$18.73/hour, pending pre-employment physical, at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Horodyski, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye.

Five ayes carried.

D. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino, to hire Eric Marion for the position of Part-Time Seasonal Laborer at the contract rate of \$18.07/hour, pending

pre-employment physical, at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent.

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye; Horodyski, aye.

Five ayes carried.

E. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Guerriero, to hire Kevin Klotz as a fulltime laborer at the Sewer and Water plants at a rate of \$18.07 per hour at the recommendation of Adam Litman Water and Sewer Administrator.

Supervisor noted that this position was posted for the required 14-day period.

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Horodyski, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye.

Five ayes carried.

F. RESOLUTION made by Horodyski, seconded by Brennie, to hire Ann Feo as fulltime Assessment Field Worker at a rate of \$17.20 per hour at the recommendation of Jennifer Mund, Assessor.

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Horodyski, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye.

Five ayes carried.

G. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino, to authorize adjustment for Account #4176, Elizabeth Lemke, 12 Washington Avenue for the February 1, 2013 bill. Using the usual formula, of \$204.00 adjustment on water and \$168.30 adjustment on sewer for a total adjustment of \$372.30, as it meets the criteria set forth by the Town Board.

Roll call: Hansut, aye; Horodyski, aye; Brennie, aye; Guerriero, aye; Paladino, aye.

Five ayes carried.

Brennie asked about the lawn care bids and if the bid process will be through the Supervisor's office.

Supervisor asked Frank Alfonso, Buildings and Grounds and Recreation Director, if he was going to put together an RFP and how he wanted to proceed.

Brennie said that Alfonso put out the bid the last time but all other bids come from the Supervisor's office. He felt that the bid should come from the Supervisor's office and he asked Alfonso's preference.

Alfonso said that he could do as he has done in the past, put it out to bid to the local businesses for the two parks; the Recreation Committee would address the bids and give their recommendation to the Board for approval.

Supervisor asked the difference between an RFP and a bid.

Sean Murphy, attorney, said that a RFP is for a lower amount; above \$20,000 would be for a bid.

Alfonso said that the RFP would ask for pricing on two parcels which would be Tony Williams Park and the Village Field. If it is just mowing, it is less than \$20,000. There is a separate RFP for fertilization.

Murphy asked why the mowing and fertilization is separated and if money would not be saved if it was one bid.

Alfonso replied that some businesses don't have licenses to fertilize.

Paladino said that most local people won't be able to do that.

Murphy said that the job can't be piecemealed just to use local people.

Horodyski said that he has the same issue at his bank and he cannot find a landscaper to handle both.

Alfonso said that he will put an RFP together and send it out.

Supervisor would like him to put something together and let Murphy look at it to make sure that the verbiage is right before it is sent out.

Paladino posed that it should be done so that it is ready by the March meeting.

MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

Five ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk