

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 4, 2018

Present: Supervisor Paul Hansut

Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti
Councilmember Claire Winslow

Also present: Wendy Rosinski, Deputy
Town Clerk
Kate Jonietz, Secretary

Absent: None

5:00 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and asked Casey Rosen to lead the Pledge

PRESENTATION: Casey Rosen, Troop 70 Boy Scout; Eagle Scout Project

Rosen distributed a booklet describing the project. He stated that the Hudson Valley Rail Trail Association has plans for a side trail from the Rail Trail at 75 Haviland Road to Mile Hill Road for improved access to Highland Landing. The present route is to use the roadway that does not have shoulders. He is proposing to construct a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the River Tributary, in support of the HVRT's future trail plans. The estimated cost of his project is \$4,500.00 and total project time is five months. He will obtain the funds by fundraising.

His next steps are to secure a signed agreement from the Town of Lloyd, develop a detailed plan of action and construct the bridge during the summer of 2018.

The trail and bridge will be maintained by the HVRTA.

He has spoken with the Water and Sewer Department and agreed that the trail and bridge will be at least 12' away from the new water pipeline to the Walkway Over the Hudson Ulster Visitors' Center. The Highway Superintendent has agreed to give him construction access from Mile Hill Road and offered to help with installing pipe, moving guard rails, etc. The new trail and bridge will create a scenic walk with quicker access from the Rail Trail to the River.

Supervisor and Town Board members applauded Casey's proposal and project and said they look forward to its completion.

Supervisor said that it is Town property and a few details need to be worked out. They will have the Town Attorney review the agreement and prepare a resolution.

1. REPORTS

Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Assessor – Jennifer Mund

Jennifer Mund stated that she has finished collecting and processing between 650 to 700 exemption applications. Her continued effort in collecting contact information for exemption renewals has been critical in completing this process every year.

She is completing the 2018 tentative roll.

1. She has received the final values for special franchise, utility properties, and the railroad ceilings values. She has put them all on the roll and verified that the amounts on the roll balance with the amounts provided by the state.
2. She is completing the new construction collection and valuation process.
3. She has completed the analysis and valuation processes.
4. There are about 30 parcels left to review.
5. There are a few additional split/merges to complete and value on the roll.

Mund will work on the roll continuously until the 3rd week of April when she will order the rolls from Ulster County. The tentative assessment roll will be available on May 1st. The Ulster County Information Services will again post the rolls so that the link on the town homepage will go directly to the new roll starting May 1.

She has created a report that will generate a list of property sales within the Water and Sewer District and will send it at the beginning of each month. It should give the water and sewer department a reference with trying to identify owners for billing and other issues.

New legislation has been passed in the State Budget. It provides that starting with the 2019 Tax Roll, all Enhanced STAR recipients will have to join an Income Verification Process through the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to receive the Enhanced STAR Exemption. The State will verify their eligibility through their NYS Income Tax. There are many aspects of implementing the law that have to be figured out.

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Her primary concern with the legislation is that a number of Senior Citizens who have a very low income is not required to file income tax. Many seniors may find the process confusing since they will now have to file a form and provide their income to the State in order to receive the exemption every year. She will determine the best way to address this as more information becomes available. She plans to provide as much assistance as possible.

The law indicates that the Assessor will assist all taxpayers with this process.

Individuals who did not file a return for the applicable income tax 5 year, then in order for the application to be considered complete, each such individual must file a statement with the department showing the source or sources of his or her income for that income tax year, and the amount or amounts thereof, that would have been reported on such a return if one had been filed. Such statement shall be filed at such time, and in such form and manner, as may be prescribed by the department, and shall be subject to the secrecy provisions of the tax law to the same extent that a personal income tax return would be. The department shall make such forms and instructions available for the filing of such statements. The local assessor shall upon the request of a taxpayer assist such taxpayer in the filing of the statement with the department.

This adds another layer to the yearly exemption processing. She is also concerned because when the income is presented to her office she reviews it and advises the property owner if they are eligible for other exemptions. Many of the low-income seniors are also eligible for the AGED exemption. The state cannot divulge their income to the Assessor so they will have to file two applications as the AGED Exemption is income based. As people become eligible for the AGED exemption upon retirement or the loss of some type of income, they will have to know to file with the assessor and if they do not they could go without a benefit that would greatly assist them.

She wanted keep the Town Board informed of the changes. She may start the exemption collection process as early as late September or early October for 2019 as she wants to have the best possible result for the property owners.

Supervisor commented that the Ulster County Tax sale list is printed and it is the lowest he has seen. There are only nine houses in Lloyd on the list and some are carryovers from previous years.

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton

Barton projected that there will be a big jump next month of permits for pools, fences, decks and small additions when people get their tax refunds.

He has a conceptual plan from Altamont Farms for a subdivision that may come before the Planning Board next month. It is a Conservation Subdivision which means most of the land will be conserved. It is a magnificent piece of property that has views to Connecticut and Massachusetts. They have agreed, in the conceptual, to run sewer mains from their site down 9W to Rt. 299 which would allow all the light industrial sites to have sewer. Having town sewer to light industrial would be a huge boom. This would give Zumtobel access to the sewer district instead of using reed beds. Town water already exists in that area because of the superfund site on North Road years ago. He also felt that this “gift” to the town might come with a price of high density.

The MS-4 report is ready for review. It is an interesting document that describes what Anthony Giangrasso, Building Inspector and Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent do all year to maintain storm water facilities i.e. ponds, outlets, outfalls, inlets in the town. After the Board approves the report it goes to NYSDEC for their review. The Town of Lloyd reports have always received top marks.

Mazzetti asked the type of housing the Altamont project will have.

Barton responded that he doesn't know but feels that it will be single detached homes as that is what works best with a Conservation Subdivision. They put more homes on smaller lots as was done with Mountainside Woods which is a Conservation Subdivision. The town has all the property behind the development on which they are putting trails.

Mazzetti commented that that the fire hydrants in Mountainside Woods seem to sit too high.

Littman responded that they still have to grade.

Mark Reynolds, Reporter, asked Barton if there were any other projects coming that he could talk about.

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Barton responded that there is a possible project across from Hannaford's but it is still in a very conceptual stage and nothing to discuss. The Altamont Farms project will be mixed residential and commercial.

Supervisor stated that the question arose concerning the Perkinsville Rd. Solar Project developer having spent \$165,000.00. He asked Barton to confirm that when a potential developer comes in he discusses the site, the zoning, all the potentials and explains to the developer what they can anticipate in the process.

Reynolds asked why they couldn't have found out in the first two weeks that the project may not get approved before spending all that money.

Barton said he has a law book to follow and the law determines if he can say yes. The project went forward acting under a law that the town adopted. The town changed the law and the project went away; that is the only reason the project ended.

Supervisor said people meet with Barton and ask if they can do a project on a certain piece of property. Barton tells them they need to do A, B, C, the pros and cons and the problems they may encounter along the process. They sometimes walk away.

The developers of the Solar project knew the new law was coming but they proceeded.

Barton and Adam Littman, Water and Sewer Administrator, met with the builder at the High Bridge project on the Rail Trail and Linwood Ave. The builder had notified neighbors about a water shut off and didn't do it correctly. Littman discussed with them the correct procedure for doing a water shut down.

Mazzetti said that some community members are concerned about the High Bridge Project as far as the size of the apartments and that it is right on the Rail Trail. He asked if the community should be concerned.

Barton said there should not be any concern about the apartments. He is concerned that people will come out of the complex want to make a left-hand turn onto Vineyard Ave. The site plan forbids a left-hand turn and cars will only be able to make a right-hand turn. They are putting signage up but vehicles come around very fast under the Rail Trail bridge on Vineyard Ave. The building is attractive and an asset to the town. The apartments are approximately 1000 sq. ft., 1 and 2 bedrooms. The price point suggests that they are not luxury apartments but for the young professional. The developer, Keith Libolt, builds affordable not cheap. The project is energy smart with solar and all the mechanicals are high efficiency. There will be a buffer of planting along the trail. Pedestrians walking the Rail Trail will no longer be able to walk down the driveway to get to Vineyard Avenue because they don't want to mix pedestrians and vehicles. The developer is putting in a new access trail in front of the building and along the creek.

Supervisor asked Barton to explain Adaptive Reuse.

Barton stated that Adaptive Reuse is for a building in Lloyd that could be called blighted. There is a list of them i.e. the Nardone Cooler, Pratt Lumber Yard, Matt Smith's group of buildings on Commercial Ave., 159 Vineyard Ave. and the old grape jelly factory.

Guerriero commented that there aren't many restrictions with Adaptive Reuse.

Barton responded that it was true and that they have to follow the law.

Guerriero asked if the Planning Board could create better guidelines such as density for Adaptive Reuse.

Barton said they have been discussing that. The building on North Road that became *Il Mercato* was an apple cold storage building that was made into a market is perfect example of Adaptive Reuse. He will ask the Planning Board Chairman if he wants to create a committee or perhaps it can be part of the Comprehensive Review Committee. Supervisor said they will appoint a committee soon.

Dog Control – Andrew McKee

Andrew McKee reported that he received 16 calls, including 4 calls to service from the Town of Lloyd Police, State Police and Ulster County Sheriff, some relating to cats and chickens. There is one open case and one stray dog, which was redeemed by its owner this morning. Zero appearance tickets were issued but he does have an ongoing court case that could turn into a dangerous dog case.

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Klotz reported they are starting spring clean-up; sweeping roads and repairing lawns damaged by the plows.

There was 17" of heavy snow On March 7th which destroyed their generator. He felt it was a power surge burned out the control panel. The estimated cost to repair the generator is \$7,000.00. The parts have been ordered and when they arrive they will get the generator back on line.

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One of the new trucks has arrived and he invited everyone to come to the highway garage to see it. The second one should arrive in a couple of weeks.

He plans to start paving the first week in May.

As discussed last month Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency no longer maintains the Transfer Station Landfill and the costs to the Town will be approximately \$3,000.00 for the mowing, \$7,600.00 for testing the ground wells, and about \$4,500.00 every two years to grind the brush debris. The leachate has to be pumped out. He will meet with an engineer for directions on how to proceed.

He signed off on FEMA money for the damage from winter Storm Stella. The cost of damages incurred was \$50,386.00 and the Highway Department will get back 75% from the Federal Government and the State will fund the remaining 25% when approved.

Supervisor asked Klotz to order street signs that read the *Frank Lombardi Memorial Parking Lot* for the Municipal Parking.

Supervisor said that in October he and Klotz met with the Executive Board of the Bridgeview Homeowners Association. They looked at the sidewalks and determined that the heaving and tripping hazards were caused by tree roots lifting the sidewalks. They asked the Bridgeview Board to have an informational meeting with their residents and about 25 people attended. Everyone there agreed that the trees needed to be removed prior to fixing the sidewalks. He assumed the residents had all been informed of the decision to remove the trees prior to repairing the sidewalks but he has now been told that the residents were not informed.

Cindy Thorn, Bridgeview resident, said she posted signs at the public mailboxes.

Supervisor stated that the Town went out to bid and started cutting trees down and the residents protested. They have stopped working and are looking at other options but all are expensive and any solution will either kill the tree or cause further problems with the sidewalks. The repair company is due to arrive April 9th to start repairs.

Jane Marone, resident of Bridgeview, said that Gary Pregno, resident, ordered 200 trees and had them planted along the sidewalks. He said they had the Town's approval.

Supervisor said the Town has been put on notice that there is a condition at Bridgeview and someone could get hurt.

Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia

Police – Chief Daniel Waage

TOWN OF LLOYD POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT MONTH OF MARCH 2018

PATROL ACTIVITIES:

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----927
OTHER/PUBLIC SERVICE-----380
ACCIDENTS-----35
TICKETS (PARKING/UTT'S) -----114 (3 parking)
(111 UTT'S)

ARRESTS-----51

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (OFFICER/SGT) -----Approx. 190 hrs.
SCHOOLS (OFFICERS/SGT)-----Approx. 95 hrs.

FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (CHIEF/LT.)-----Approx. 3 hrs.
SCHOOLS (CHIEF/LT.)-----Approx. 15 hrs.

March 06th -Town of Lloyd Police Youth Recreation League took place where members of the department played kickball and basketball with approximately 11 children from the community.

March 13th -Cops and Coffee event took place at Vignetto's Café. This event provides a relaxed and casual atmosphere to allow members of the public to ask questions about our department or discuss topics affecting our community.

March 14th the Town of Lloyd Police Department's first night of our Civilian Police Academy started with introductions of academy staff, instructors and honored guests. The first class was geared towards familiarizing our participants with our staff, equipment, vehicles and inner workings of headquarters.

March 14th -Lloyd Police assisted the Highland Central School District with security for National Walkout Day.

March 15th- Chief Waage instructed on the topic of Civilian Response to an Active Shooter at SUNY Ulster for Dr. Alan Roberts (SUNY Ulster President) and members of the SUNY Ulster administrative staff.

March 22nd - Chief Waage presented Narcotics Awareness to the Lloyd Police Civilian Police Academy and showed the film "Not My Child" by Vivian Lanzarone.

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March 23rd -Chief Waage presented Narcotics Awareness to (six) 8th grade students at the Highland Middle School.

March 28th -Chief Waage instructed on the topic of Civilian Response to an Active Shooter for the Lloyd Police Civilian Academy. This class was opened up to other businesses and individuals that had asked to attend this training.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso

Frank Alfonso reported that they are accepting employment applications for Summer Fun staff and Lifeguards until the end of April and in May he will put together the staff.

He has a lot of small projects in progress: Adams Fairacre Farms is putting in fences at Tony Williams Park and Berean Park, they are painting bathroom floors at both parks, and installing benches at Johnson Iorio, Berean and Tony Williams Parks. The water will be turned on at Tony Williams Park next week.

The Summer Fun information will go to the schools next week, it will be posted on the website and be available in Town Hall.

The Town Field is being used by Youth Lacrosse and the Highland School District. The School District, Ulster Community College, Babe Ruth League and Men's Wood Bat League have started or will soon start at Tony Williams Park. Over the weekend with the nice weather the Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts and playground were full as well as the parking lot with Rail Trail users.

There is a damaged light pole at Veterans' Park. He found extra matching poles in storage and Bragg's Electric will remove the broken pole and replace it.

Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow

Tax Collection

- \$ 4,022,820.98 for taxes was paid to the Bookkeeper in February and \$ 2,223,798.00 in March.
- \$ 2,000,000.00 was sent to the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance in March.
- Reminder Notices will be mailed on May 1st to property owners whose bills are not paid. The notice states that after June 1st taxes are paid to the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance. The tax bill is paid to the Town until June 1st and then the taxes with additional penalty are paid to Ulster County Commissioner of Finance.

Town Clerk

- Transfer Station permits went on sale on March 1st. The current permits expired on March 31st. 126 permits have been issued to date. Applications are available at the transfer station for residents to complete and give to the attendant with the appropriate fee. The envelopes are given to the Town Clerk's office and permits are mailed to the residents. One business has purchased a permit.
- Hosted the Ulster County Town Clerks/ Tax Collectors Association meeting on March 8th. Reviewed the Workshops to attend at the NYS Town Clerks' Annual Conference.

Records Management

- The Town Clerk would like to thank Frank Alfonso and Fernando Lopez for rearranging some shelves in the Town Clerk's office walk in safe to accommodate additional Town Board Minute books which are a permanent record.

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman

Litman reported that being on full time reservoir water has greatly increased the production of water and decreased the water plant run time. Reservoir water accounts of 80-85% of the daily water production and the new well pump accounts for the remaining 15-20%.

The cold weather was causing freezing at the wastewater treatment plant. Now that the weather is better the plant has returned to normal.

The sewer pump station, the low-pressure sewer system and all the parts for Berean Park, sewer line are at the plant and will be installed as soon as weather permits.

Mazzetti asked why he is happy to be on reservoir water.

Litman responded that they can provide the same quality of water from either source but it takes less production time when they are on reservoir water. The water plant operators work 7 days per week and a 10-hour shift. They have to make close to half million gallons of water per day during that 10 hours to supply the town. They can accomplish

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that in about 6 hours on reservoir water which gives them the opportunity to clean and maintain the entire facility. Production time increase by a couple of hours when they go to a blend of river and reservoir water. There is more work to produce the water from just river water because of the dissolved oxygen. Their 10-hour shift becomes a 12-hour shift and they spend all of their time producing water and it also costs extra to pump the river water to the water plant.

Mazzetti asked if a large project coming in would affect the reservoir water.

Litman said that it would and they are at the engineering stage of preparing for future development. As the community grows and the demand increases they will run out of reservoir water. Microfiltration will make that water last longer but it is very costly. There are currently running 10 hour shifts 7 days a week. They can run a second shift to increase water production as the plant is designed to run 24 hours a day.

John DiValentino asked if the sewer plant can handle the increased water production.

Litman said the sewer plant was recently upgraded and can handle new subdivisions.

Supervisor – Paul Hansut

Hansut said that earlier this year New York State Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation expressed an interest in purchasing a piece of Town property between Haviland Road and Mile Hill Road. Linda Cooper will come to speak at the Regular Board meeting. It is the same property on which Boy Scout Casey Rosen plans to do his Eagle Scout Project.

There will be a Ham Dinner on Saturday April 14th from 4 PM to 7 PM at First United Methodist Church; \$14 for Adults.

Highland High School will have Dinner and a Show for Highland Senior Citizens on Thursday, April 26th at 5 PM.

A free Shred Event for the Community will take place April 21st from 9 AM to 12 Noon in the Town Hall Parking Lot. Anyone who has paint or hazardous materials should call UCRRA in Kingston for the dates and times to dispose of these items.

Duchess County Executive, Marcus Molinaro, sent a thank you letter to the Town for taking part in the *Think Differently* Program.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Neil Curri, Chairman ECC, Presentation on the ongoing source water protection effort with other communities in the Mid-Hudson region who use the river as a drinking water source.

Neil Curri said that from November 2016 through December 31, 2017 Newburgh's primary reservoir was contaminated from Fire Fighting Training that occurs at Stewart Air Force Base. NYSDEC identified the contaminant as perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs).

Riverkeeper realized that many people rely on the Hudson River Estuary Watershed for drinking water and they need to do more to protect and improve the quality of the water and protect the public Health. Source Water Protection, a series of measures that protect drinking water supplies from contamination, was needed.

Riverkeeper contacted communities in the region that use the Hudson River as a source of drinking water. An Intermunicipal Council consisting of seven communities was created including the Towns of Esopus, Hyde Park and Lloyd, the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, and the Town and Village of Rhinebeck. Using the Riverkeepers Drinking Source Water Protection Scorecard they were able to focus on specific elements of source water protection and make recommendations to each community. The collaborative efforts are expected to make the municipalities more competitive for grants and other support with New York's historic \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act.

He distributed a Riverkeeper Press Release, a draft language of the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) that the towns are considering and the language that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie adopted where they authorized their Town Supervisor to sign the MOA.

He asked the Town Board to consider the language of the MOA and to make any revisions and adopt a resolution giving the Supervisor authorization to sign the MOA on behalf of the Town. He then asked the Board to consider appointing a staff person, board member or member of the public to be a point of contact who would attend the meetings and speak on behalf of the Town.

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Curri said he has also supplied the Town Board with the Score Card Report. Supervisor offered Mike Guerriero to be the point of contact. He said they will do the resolution at the next meeting and to get together with Guerriero.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catholic Charities- Presentation on the Mobile Opiate Services
Presenter unable to attend.
- B. Presentation of the Annual MS4 Report for Year 15 (March 10, 2017 to March 9, 2018) as prepared by Anthony Giangrasso, Deputy Building Inspector.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- A. **MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to accept the resignation of Anthony Pavese, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.

Five ayes carried

Supervisor thanked Anthony for his years of service.

- B. **MOTION** made by Guerriero and seconded by Mazzetti to accept the resignation of Paul Symes as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately following the Zoning Board meeting on April 12, 2018.

Five ayes carried

Supervisor thanked Paul for his years of service.

- C. a. **MOTION** made to **TABLE** by Guerriero and seconded by Winslow to designate John Litts as chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2018.

Discussion

Mazzetti asked John Litts to come to the front so they could ask him some questions.

He said it's nice to be able to put a face with a name when people are appointed.

Litts introduced himself, said he has been a resident of Highland his entire life and been on the Zoning Board of Appeals for several years.

Mazzetti asked Litts why he thinks he would make a good Chairperson.

Litts responded that he feels it is a privilege to be on the board, he takes great pride in representing his community and has the communities best interest at heart. He feels he is well versed in Zoning Law and has been in the construction industry for over 25 years.

Winslow said she is not opposed to Litts becoming Chairperson but feels he should submit a letter of interest and go through the process and would like to table this.

Guerriero said they are doing interviews next week and still need to make some appointments. He was unaware of Litts' interest in being chairperson.

Litts said he was unaware that a letter of interest from someone else had been submitted.

Hansut said there is no letter.

Guerriero said the other person asked to be considered for either a position or chairperson.

Hansut responded that the applicant asked to be considered for a position on the Board. The Chairman has resigned, Litts has been on the Board for many years and expressed interest in the Chair position. He called the Zoning Board liaison, Mike Guerriero who was in favor, Auchmoody and Mazzetti were also in favor. There are now two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals and he felt that it makes sense to move a present member into the Chairperson position.

Winslow asked about protocol and why does he not submit a letter.

Auchmoody said that Peter Brooks sent a letter expressing interest in being the Planning Board Chairperson, everyone agreed and he was appointed. Litts is a senior member of the ZBA. May 6, 1845 the Town of Lloyd was started at J. O. Litts Bar on New Paltz Road; the Litts family has been here for a long time. John and his brother have done so much for this community. Litts is the person for this position and move the two alternates to the board.

Mazzetti said he doesn't think it's right to put a good community members name on an agenda and not support him.

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Hansut said this happened quickly. Emails came from two members who resigned and minutes later emails came from others interested in filling those positions. Litts is the logical member to move to Chair.

Guerriero has no doubt Litts would be an excellent Chair but he would like to follow a process.

Roll call: Winslow, aye; Mazzetti, nay; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, nay; Auchmoody, nay

Motion to TABLE failed

b. MOTION made by Auchmoody and seconded by Hansut to designate John Litts as chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2018.

Five ayes carried

MOTION made by Hansut, seconded by Guerriero to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel with Adam Littman, Water and Sewer Administrator at 6:55 PM.

Five ayes carried

MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

Five ayes carried

MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM.

Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted;

Wendy Rosinski
Deputy Town Clerk