

# TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

## WORKSHOP MEETING

JULY 1, 2015

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

**Also present:** Kate Jonietz, Secretary  
Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Councilmember Michael Guerriero

**4:00 PM** – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor reminded everyone to please speak into the microphone.

### 1. REPORTS

**Finance** – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Supervisor stated that Karen has been ill and is now at home recuperating

**Assessor** – Jennifer Mund

Supervisor read the following report submitted by the Assessor:

The 2015 final roll was filed July 1<sup>st</sup> and is available in my office and online. The link is on the town homepage.

The Board of Assessment Review notices have been mailed. The changes were minimal and will not have any significant impact on the roll.

I have already started working on the 2016 roll.

Initial sales review for the state will take place this month. I need to review the sales pool that the NYS Department of Tax and Finance will use to measure the town for the 2016 tax roll; the state verifies the town's 2016 equalization rate. The validity of the sales is important as invalid sales can skew the State's measurement of the Town's full value and can skew the valuation work that I do every year to maintain equity and a 100% equalization rate.

Valuation will start in September and continue through the fall.

I am also part of the Ulster County Assessors' Association Task Force which is currently working to determine if there is an alternative method for developing vacant land trends as we are currently measured in a large regional area for vacant lands which may not result in appropriate or accurate vacant land trends.

**Building & Zoning Department** – David Barton

**Dog Control** – Andrew McKee

**Highway** – Superintendent Richard Klotz

**Justice** – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia

**Police** – Chief Daniel Waage reported that during June the department had 875 calls for service; 471 other than public service; 39 traffic accidents and 105 total tickets written. Foot patrol in the village area by the officers 160 hours, school 25; Chief and the Lieutenant 55 hours. On June 4 he had a meeting with the North Chodikee Lake community and the head of Camp Karlin Stolin to address the issues that arise in the area. The Department assisted with the 5K race for the Middle School on June 12 and on June 13 with the Walkway marathon. They met with personnel of CSX Railroad on June 15 to address the concerns that they have about the railroad tracks on Oakes Road. From June 18 to 21 they handled the security at St. Augustine's Bazaar and met with the City of Poughkeepsie about the July 4 fireworks. There was also the BikeNY event on June 28; there were fewer complaints this year as they tweaked the routes. He also said that the department is holding a three-hour self-defense class for women. The capacity is 20 students and there are seven vacancies.

Supervisor noted that New Paltz Road, in the area that used to be Absolute Auto, looks as if it is being used as a raceway because there are tire marks all over the road in both

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lanes; he asked if an officer would look into this.

Chief replied that he has just been notified that there has been a change in the ownership of that business; they had spoken to the last owner but will go there again.

Peplow said that she had a call from someone who asked if River Road would be closed on July 4 for the fireworks. Since she did not have an answer, she asked that person to call the Police.

Chief said that the roads will be closed to everyone except the people who live on those roads once the Police deem it unsafe for anymore cars to go down there.

Supervisor suggested that a ROBO call could be done on Friday to let people know. Also, he wanted the Chief to know in case there were any calls, that on Friday, July 3 a group would be riding bikes from SUNY New Paltz to the town fireworks and returning to New Paltz on the Rail Trail after the fireworks,

**Recreation/Buildings & Grounds** – Frank Alfonso reported that SummerFun began on Monday, June 29; there were 45 children in Arts & Crafts and 17 in Sports which is a low number. They will be going to the Ulster County pool on July 3. All the paperwork has been submitted to the County for the camp; t-shirts, snacks and crafts have been received. Swim lessons also started on Monday and the numbers are similar to what they have been other years; registration will probably be 180 or 190. Tony Williams Park has been very busy with people playing tennis, two teams of Legion baseball, summer basketball for the high school on Mondays and Wednesdays, New Paltz Women's Softball uses it Monday nights and Lloyd Men's League is there Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hudson Valley Wood Bat will start on Sunday, July 19. People from outside of the community always have a lot of compliments about the Park, the Rail Trail and all we have to offer. The picnic areas have been very busy on Saturdays and Sundays at all of the parks; they are booked from now through July. He spoke to a lighting company representative about lighting the baseball field at Tony Williams and he will put together an estimate. He hopes to have that number and more information for the Regular meeting.

Supervisor asked the impact on the Pop Warner program.

Alfonso answered that the lighting would help any program using that area. There is a 25-year warranty and they will make repairs when needed at no cost to the town. The representative said the town can work off the price he gives them with local contractors, which has been done in the past.

Paladino asked about the type of fixture.

Alfonso replied that the rep is looking at both the older style and the LED's; it is a unique layout and the number of poles will have to be determined. The lighting for baseball and for football is different. He would like to see this done in the future. He believes that the parks are overall in good shape.

Paladino suggested that he also get a price to upgrade the softball field to LED as there might be grants available.

**Town Clerk** – Rosaria Peplow reported:

*Tax Collection*

- Tax Payments have been accepted post marked June 1, as directed by the Commissioner of finance.
- \$587,542.03 total to the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance. Final settlement of 2015 Tax Warrant on June 16<sup>th</sup> with no problems.

*Town Clerk*

- 531 Transfer Station permits have been issued to date.
- 32 Fishing licenses sold \$510.18 commission was \$29.82
- 51 new dog licenses were issued in June, as compared to 10 and 18 two previous months. Mailing the dog licensing notice with the water bills has been a good

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step forward in getting dogs licensed. Several people returned the form they had received with the water bill and said that they did not have a dog. The form was enclosed again with the water bills mailed on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor stated that he was going to ask Andrew McKee, Dog Control Officer to check on the increased number of dogs in the hamlet.

Peplow added that reminders to renew the dog license are mailed and if not renewed, two additional reminders are mailed. The names of those who have then not renewed are given to Andrew McKee to pursue further.

- Attended the Ulster County Town Clerk/Tax Collector meeting in Town of Kingston. The Honorable Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, was the speaker. She gave the Clerks an overview of the apostil process and discussed filing of oaths of office. She outlined what was available from the Ulster County records.

Peplow commented that she contacted the Ulster County Department of Public Works and the Resource Center for Accessible Living with regard to handicap parking. She is waiting for additional information.

**Water & Sewer** – Adam Litman, Administrator, said that this report would be a recap of last month with the exception that the water production was switched from 100% reservoir to a blend of reservoir and river. On May 20 the installation of the third river pump was completed and the contractors did their testing and the water was switched to a blend and the pump was run for one week. There was an issue with a CO pump and they returned to reservoir water and the reservoirs were full. Now that it has been switched back to a blend, he notified the contractor and he expects they will address the issues of the pump the beginning of next week. There has been an intensive clean up of the exterior of the Sewer plant and it looks a lot cleaner and fresher; they are going to do some landscaping. The departments have been doing housekeeping, equipment maintenance, plant maintenance and operations. David Campala and Kevin Klotz have been working on hydrants and weed whacking.

Supervisor asked him to talk about the job posting.

Litman explained that the posting is to promote Paul Frasch from a laborer to Water/Sewer maintenance worker with a slight pay increase and which allows him to use his CDL equipment operations. This is not to create a new position. If the Town Board approves, Frasch will attend a two-week operational certification course for wastewater and lab to become a fully certified sewer plant operator in a year. Frasch is tied at 22<sup>nd</sup> place on the Civil Service operator trainee list. Water/Sewer Maintenance is a Civil Service title but it is not an open-competitive position.

**Supervisor** – Paul Hansut reported that Superintendent Rich Klotz' office is going to put together an RFP to finish the sidewalks in Bridgeview. The fireworks will be held July 3 on the town field, 6 PM to 10 PM, with Touch of Rhythm, Rick Knight, food vendors, games, activities for kids and they are asking for help with the wish list collection for the Ronald McDonald House. There will be boxes around town for Christmas in July collections. Please bring new unwrapped toys, activity books, markers, crayons, paint sets, gift cards for house supplies, major store gift cards, gas cards which can be dropped off at the Interact/Rotary booth at the July 4 celebration. There will be "A Night with Cash" on July 18 at the Methodist Church; a band that will play Johnny Cash music and tickets can be purchased at the new market on Main Street.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Lime Energy – update

Supervisor said that Perreca Electric, contractor for Lime Energy, will begin the installation of the LED lights on July 6 through July 8 at the Water Plant; July 9 at

the Sewer Plant and pump station, July 10 at the Town Hall.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Handicap Parking Spaces**

Supervisor said that there have been concerns about handicap parking in and around Town Hall. There is one spot on Grove Street and there has been a request for one or two spots directly behind the rear door on the first floor. He said that he will speak with Superintendent Richard Klotz to see if this can be accomplished.

#### **B. UCRRA Agreement proposal**

Supervisor said everyone was provided a copy of this proposal and he asked the Board to review it. They would like a signed agreement by July 17.

Horodyski is concerned about the box rental at a five-year term and noted that 'you are liable for the term of your lease plus five more years'.

Supervisor said that he has not had a chance to look at it. Originally, the cost of the box was \$8,000 then with further discussion, the price was \$5,500 and now it is \$9,000. If you enter into the agreement and you opt out within the first five years, you are responsible for the boxes. It changes with each conversation.

Horodyski said that Section 10 of the agreement reads that it is a ten-year commitment and then another five years.

Sean Murphy, attorney, did not read the agreement as yet but what he heard was that five years or you could buy the boxes, paying the full ten years.

Supervisor added that they are protecting themselves for the first five years.

Horodyski said that it would seem that they have ability to adjust fees at any time.

Supervisor related that the Town of Esopus put out an RFP to privatize their transfer station and they received no response; other towns have put out RFP's to provide boxes and transportation but it appears that the private sector is not interested.

#### **C. CFA Application – Route 9W Water Extension**

Supervisor said that there would be a resolution on the July 15 agenda to authorize the Town Board to submit a CFA application, due by July 31, for the water extension down Route 9W to the Wine Village project and further on to the Town of Marlborough. Marlborough is committed to joining Lloyd on that application.

### **4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mark Reynolds asked the Supervisor about the remarks he made at the Republican Caucus on Rail Trail West.

Supervisor replied that the town is waiting for the final okay from NYSDOT who needed yet another letter confirming one of the comments; he forwarded that email to Tom Baird, Barton & Loguidice. The town was hoping to be out for bids by now. We have \$100,000 from Scenic Hudson and \$50,000 from NYS Assemblyman Frank Skartados. There are more engineering costs as every time NYSDOT sends something back, our engineer has to respond which puts more money on the tab. Right now, the town will probably have a \$125,000 match for the grant; the town share was \$400,000 but after subtracting the \$100,000, \$50,000, the in-kind services, and the money left in the Rail Trail capital fund there is about \$125,000 remaining.

Sean Murphy explained that Peter and Nancy Meekins own property just north of Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park and they would like to donate the property to the town; it is on the river side of the tracks and access is difficult. He spoke with Matt Smith who is anxious for the town to accept the property as he thinks it might be used for a dock and a nature trail along the shoreline. Looking at the map it is not wide but a length of a couple hundred feet and at high tide some of the property is underwater. Dolly Decker, realtor, appraised it at about \$25,000 and it is assessed at \$40,000; he

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does not feel anyone would pay \$25,000 for it. The Meekins are paying taxes on it but they have no use for it and he does not believe that it is buildable; the only entity to whom it would be worth anything is an adjacent property owner.

Paladino asked if it was landlocked.

Murphy said that it could not be accessed across the tracks but it could be accessed across the spit from the Park and Matt Smith has a plan on how to use it. These folks have been trying to sell it but have had no luck in doing so and would like to donate it.

Horodyski is concerned about the liability and the infrastructure; he would like to hear a little more about Matt Smith's plan.

Murphy felt that there would not be much infrastructure needed for a trail to walk along the river.

He forwarded a copy to the Board of the proposed agreement with Verizon for an antenna on the water tower on Water Tower Road. Verizon would like the town to move forward. The group who originally donated the property to the town put in the agreement that the town would not place any facilities on the tank for cell phones, etc., but they have waived that. Ulster County is on the deed and has an interest in the property because the tower was built with a Shovel Ready grant from the County. He spoke to Beatrice Havranek, County Attorney, and the County wants an indemnification agreement that if something happens they are not responsible. They would also like in a provision in that agreement that if the county ever wanted to locate facilities on the Tower specifically for 911 or emergency purposes that the town would consent. Verizon is looking for the town's position to finalize the agreement as proposed; they are offering \$1,000 per month. He told Verizon the Town Board felt that was a little light. The last he heard from Verizon is that they are willing to entertain a counter offer but \$1,000 is pretty much their limit. They do not need service; they are just filling gaps in their service and it is not imperative.

Paladino asked if the lease amount would be increased if there are satellites added to the tower.

Murphy said the \$1,000 is just for the one tower.

Horodyski suggested asking for \$1,250.

Murphy said that he would ask and explained that the lease is for five years with five five-year extensions, at increased of 3% every five years for 30 years. This is one unit to be put on the water tank. He told them that it is a benefit to Verizon that it is going to be on the town water tank and they will not have to go through zoning. Verizon countered that it is on the water tower but does not rise above the water tower and is not offensive to people so there is a benefit for the town that there won't be a tower someplace else.

Supervisor suggested that if Verizon says no to \$1,250, we take the \$1,000.

Murphy would like to go back to them to see what he can get and will report back to the board. He feels he will have a response by the Regular Town Board meeting.

#### **4. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION** made by Horodyski, seconded by Brennie, to hire Gabrielle Breault as counselor for the Arts & Crafts SummerFun Program at Berean Park at a rate of \$8.75 per hour at the recommendation of Frank Alfonso, Recreation Director.

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

**Four ayes carried.**

**B. RESOLUTION** made by Brennie, seconded by Horodyski, to rescind the resolution of June 17, 2015, to hire Katherine Davies as part-time dispatcher as she has notified Chief Daniel Waage that she has taken a full-time position elsewhere.

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

**Four ayes carried.**

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**MOTION** made by Brennie, seconded by Horodyski, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM.  
**Four ayes carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow  
Town Clerk