

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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

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

Absent: None

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

Presentation: Garrett Jobson, NYS Parks – construction detour plan

1. REPORTS

Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Assessor – Jennifer Mund

Jennifer Mund reported that her department has been working with Sean Murphy on settling some of their Certiorari cases; one for Wingate at Ulster was successfully negotiated and one for New Concepts Management they are continuing to work on. They will have a resolution for the September 20th Town Board meeting for Wingate. She did extensive research in Ulster County and surrounding counties before deciding how it is best to proceed in these cases.

She said that there has been an increase in phone calls the last few days as school taxes have been mailed by the Highland School District. A lot of people are looking for their STAR checks. The STAR Program is completely administered by New York State Department of Finance and the Assessor's office is not provided any information by them on who is getting a check or when they are getting them. New York State is trying to get the checks out in September so that STAR rebate customers can use their rebate check towards their school tax bills.

They have started working on the Assessment Roll for 2018.

All sales have been processed for NY State's Full Value Measurement of the Town. They spend a lot of time doing research on the sales so that the sales that NYS is using to measure the full value of the town are valid sales transactions.

She is almost done with a project she has been working on using the Building Permit tracking in the RPS software. She has been working with the Building Departments list of open Building Permits. Sometimes permit lay dormant because the work was never done or the permit got renewed several times. She has updated that information in her system and is trying to streamline the process of data collection so that the data in her system is as up to date at the Building Department.

There are a lot of new projects in town. And they have been doing a lot of 911 numbering. She wants to make it easy for first responders to find properties and people in those properties, especially apartment units and multi-unit commercial buildings.

Mund will be attending two training classes, the first is interpreting and understanding deeds and the other is on agricultural properties and exemptions and their impact on the town and property owners.

Mazzetti asked if the assessment on the Wingate property is based on structure or revenue. Mund responded that it is revenue. They use a program on the RPS software we have expenses, cap rates based on how many beds, units. They want a decrease in their assessment and she felt they negotiated a very reasonable settlement.

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton

Dog Control – Andrew McKee

Andrew McKee provided a written report:

*A total of 27 calls this month including 8 calls to service from Lloyd PD,
State Police and Ulster County Sherriff*

*Responded to 7 active complaints and/or cases which are now closed or resolved
There are currently two open cases or complaints.*

We Impounded four stray dogs this month. Three were redeemed by their owners and one was placed in a new home.

Two appearance tickets were issued this month.

There are no dogs in the kennel and there were 0 dog bites reported this month

There are no Dangerous Dog Case in progress at this time in the justice court

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Supervisor Hansut explained that Richard Klotz was attending a class on FEMA.

Supervisor thanked Police Chief Waage for hosting an end of summer barbeque for the children that attended the Youth Recreation League Program throughout the year. There were 30 to 40 kids and their families who attended.

Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia

Police – Chief Daniel Waage

Chief Waage reported that it was a very busy month.

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----	925	
OTHER/PUBLIC SERVICE-----	411	
ACCIDENTS-----	35	
TICKETS (PARKING/UTT’S) -----	123 (16 parking)	
	(107 UTT’S)	
ARRESTS-----	51	
FOOT PATROL-----HAMLET (OFFICER/SGT) -----	Approx. 200 hrs.	
	SCHOOLS (OFFICERS/SGT)-----	Approx. 0 hrs.
FOOT PATROL----- HAMLET (CHIEF/LT.)-----	Approx. 5hrs.	
	SCHOOLS (CHIEF/LT.)-----	Approx. 0hrs.

August 01st- Town of Lloyd Police Youth Recreation League took place where members of the department played kickball and relay races with approx. 10 local children.

August 2nd- Lloyd Police arrested a 16-year-old Rosendale teenager and charged him with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree (felony), Trespass and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana after Lloyd Police found him trespassing at the Highland Landing Park after the park was closed (1:30am). The teenager was found to be in possession of a disguised .22 caliber firearm (pen gun). He was arraigned before Town of Lloyd Judge Elia and remanded to the Ulster County Jail on \$25,000 cash bail.

August 03rd-The Town of Lloyd Police Department presented a certificate of appreciation to Bill Ludeke of B & L Jewelers (New Paltz, NY). Mr. Ludeke has graciously donated his time and the cost of the engravings for our ALZHEIMER’S IDENTIFICATION BRACELET PROGRAM.

August 07th -The Town of Lloyd Police Department has once again initiated: OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL. This is our Fifth Annual Fundraiser to assist less fortunate school children in the Town of Lloyd gain access to school supplies and allow them to have a productive and happy upcoming school year. All supplies collected will be provided to children in the Town of Lloyd.

August 08th - 09th - members attended State and Local Anti-Terrorism training.

August 09th- Traffic enforcement detail took place with the Ulster County Sheriff’s Dept. on Rt. 9W to enforce the emergency vehicle move over law and seatbelt enforcement. The detail resulted in 2 arrests with 22 tickets being issued.

August 23rd- members attended the annual Senior Citizen Breakfast at the Bob Shephard Highland Landing Park.

Chief Waage said he was accepted to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force After a lengthy process and background check.

Supervisor Hansut said that over the past few months the conversation has continued with the Hudson Valley Rail Trail concerning bicycle-pedestrian safety and Police patrols. He asked Chief Waage to highlight some of the efforts that his Department has made in regards to bicycle safety on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and also answer some questions about the possibility of using Segway’s on the Trail for patrols.

Chief responded that they do patrol the Rail Trail and in past years they have made an effort to patrol at night as there was a lot of vandalism and mischief. During the day his department handles many calls and he doesn't have the man power to put a man on the trail for a significant amount of time. They respond if they receive a call for the Rail but everything is based on priority. If there is a serious motor vehicle accident and there is a sign on the trail being vandalized, obviously they are going to respond to the car accident first. They do patrol the trail and if there is a problem they would expect someone to call it in.

Joe Mazzetti asked if there would be interest in organizing a civilian volunteer patrol.

Chief responded that they could but it is the same if a civilian volunteer calls or just a person calls. He would be taking an officer out of a car to put him on the trail utilizing the Segway. Chief said they do use the Segway or the four-wheeler for large events such as the 4th of July. He emphasized if there is an issue to please call the Police and they will respond.

Rafael Diaz thanked Chief Waage for all he and his department do for the town. He stated that the New Paltz Times, which encumbers 5 publications, did a poll concerning patrols on the Rail Trail and 63% said there should be patrols and 33% said there were not necessary. It was a 2 to 1 in favor of patrols on the Trail. There are certain times when the cyclists are an issue; Saturday mornings there are thousands of speeding cyclists. Senior citizens are afraid of these speeding cyclists. He said that the health centers tell them to walk and they don't feel safe on the Trail, so this becomes a health issue.

Chief Waage suggested that he and Diaz discuss this and if there is a targeted time he will try to help. He does not want anyone to believe that an Officer will be walking down the Rail Trail at a certain time.

Mazzetti added that he feels a civilian patrol could be assigned a certain time to patrol and they can call the police if there is an incident. He understands that taking a patrol car off the street for something that may or may not happen on the Trail is not possible.

Guerrero stated that for the last three years the Walkway Association has been trying different things; educating the cyclists, putting signs up, putting cones up and still the cyclists continue to speed by without warning. He said that the police patrol the halls of the schools so why not take that officer during the summer months and put him on the Rail Trail.

Chief stated that summer is a very busy time for his department. The summer months bring their own issues that keep his department very busy. The calls go up during the summer months, more people come into town, people hang outside and there are more complaints about speeders. The summer camp on Chodikee Lake Road brings dozens of calls. He could reallocate some time. He appreciates what Diaz is saying and he will address it, but he doesn't want to lead anyone to believe that he will be putting a car full-time on the Rail Trail.

Supervisor Hansut asked Peter Bellizzi, President of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, how many members there are in the Rail Trail Association and if he thought the members could form create a volunteer civilian patrol.

Bellizzi responded there are 130 members but it is about education.

Supervisor said as an Association could they organize some volunteers, flyers, time slots, etc.

Diaz stated that in the past years about 5 or 6 different times he set up safety stations, stopping walkers and riders and engaging them in conversations about Trail safety. Some of those people became hostile.

Chief responded that if they wanted to do that again and had a specific day and time he could assign an officer specifically for that.

Supervisor Hansut said they are having a Public Hearing on September 20th for the new ordinance on the removal of vehicles during storms and asked Chief if he had received a copy of that new law.

Chief Waage responded that he had not but that they already follow the law and do remove vehicles.

Murphy stated that he would send him a copy. There is a law on the books but the Highway Superintendent wanted it to be more enforceable.

Joe Mazzetti asked Chief Waage if he was part of the conversation of this ordinance.

Chief Waage responded that he was not.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso

Supervisor Hansut stated that Frank Alfonso will be at the Regular Town Board Meeting to discuss the lights at Tony Williams Field. Alfonso also said that Buildings and Grounds would be doing some overall improvements to Town Hall, including finishing the windows; staining and installing shades.

Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow

Rosaria Peplow reported that The Town Clerk's office has received calls and visits from tax payers wanting to pay school tax bills. Her office provided the callers with the school tax collector's telephone number, website and explained payment could be made in person at M&T bank.

There will be a Primary Election in the Town of Lloyd on September 12th from Noon to 9PM. There will be one polling place at the Highland Firehouse, Station One, Milton Avenue. The Town Clerks have been asked to arrange to have the supplies picked up the morning of Primary Day and the chair master will pick them up at the Town Hall.

574 Transfer Station permits have been issued to date.

Sporting licenses went on sale on August 1. Many hunters have come to get their licenses and doe permits. The NYSDEC ACCELA program has improved but is sometimes very slow to respond. The local Deer Management Unit is 3J and this year there were no doe permits available as a second choice in 3J unless the hunter had preferential points.

Recreation fees received were

- \$ 25.00 Berean Park passes
- \$ 95.00 Berean Park Rental
- \$ 50.00 Tony Williams Field Rental
- \$800.00 Summer Fun

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman, Administrator

Adam Litman reported that as of July 5th the Water Department switched from reservoir water to a blend of reservoir and river water and on July 11th switched to all river water, which is about a month and a half later than usual. The Well Connections Project is under way; the 8" water main has been cleaned, the new line has been pulled through and the new chlorination building has been set in place. The line at the bottom of the hill has been connected to the new water main. The connection for the wells to the line at the top of the hill is still under way. They have been hammering rock for about a month but have quite a bit of the line installed at this point. The last 5-6 years they have been cleaning and maintaining the earthen dams; #5 dam has been repaired, at #4 dam the grass has been mowed. NYSDEC requires that all the dams be mowed so they can be easily walked and inspected. #1 dam has a very long steep grade which is difficult to maintain. Highway Superintendent, Rich Klotz, sent two men; Frank Palmateer, III who brought a tractor and swing boom and did a lot of cutting and trimming from the fence line all the way to the top. Gene Roosa brought a bush hog and was able to get all the areas cut to wear they can be maintained. He thanked the men and Rich Klotz. They had a PESH inspection at the Wastewater Plant at the end of June and he was required to develop and implement a Respiration Protection Program, which he did. They had a follow up visit from John Usher from PESH who reviewed the program and he commented that it was a well-made program. Usher also did a preliminary inspection, prior to the regular Health Inspection at the Wastewater Plant and they are making good progress on that part of the report.

Jeff Paladino asked what is the average time of year that they go back on reservoir water.

Litman responded that it is typically in February or March when the thaw starts.

Mazzetti asked if the staff needs certification or training for the Respiratory Protection Program.

Littman stated that Hudson Valley Workplace at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center has an OSHA certified program where they are trained and tested and then are medically cleared to wear respirators. They need to be recertified every two years. He will be including the Water Department and Road crews in the Safety Program. He is developing one program per department, individual and the chemicals involved.

Mazzetti asked the status of the project to put in a new Septic system at Berean Park.

Litman stated that E-ONE proposed installing an EONE pump station; they use them for in small parks upstate but those parks don't have the usage that Berean Park has. He discussed it further with Town Engineer, Ray Jurkoswki. They think a duplex system would be better as they handle heavier loads. It will be discussed further tomorrow at the Water and Sewer Study Committee Meeting.

Mazzetti asked if they were planning to do this project next year.

Litman responded yes.

Supervisor asked about the dredging of Valentino Pond (Schantz Pond) on Rt. 44/55 which was discussed about a year ago at the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting and if there had been any more discussion on this topic at the Meetings.

Sean Murphy said that there is a crossing on the north side of the pond and Ray Jurkowski thinks that may be considered a dam. Jurkowski was doing some research, the concern is that if the town looks for funds or permits for dredging that it may trigger inspections and extensive work on that dam, which means more expenses. Murphy said they will follow up.

Supervisor – Paul Hansut

Supervisor reported that the Town in conjunction with Hannaford's Pharmacy is offering Flu shots to all Town employees that are interested. It will be in Town Hall on September 28th at 9:00 a.m. and employees should sign up with Kate Jonietz.

Wednesday, September 27th from 11:00 – 2:00 pm at the American Legion on Grand St. Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Office for the Aging invite all Seniors to attend a free program Fall Prevention Lunch and Learn.

The Senior Citizen Breakfast at the Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park was a great success with 110 seniors attending. He thanked all the sponsors, Hannaford's, Bagels and Bites and all the volunteers. It was a beautiful day and they had a wonderful time. He thanked the Inter Act Club from the High School who helped served.

Supervisor said that the Hotel/Motel Law has been passed. He asked Town Clerk, Rosaria Peplow if anyone had come in to complete an application.

Peplow said that no one had.

Supervisor added that the Board needs to determine an application fee.

Peplow stated that her office has drafted an application. The Town Board will need to determine the fee. A resolution should be presented at the next town board meeting to approve the application and fee.

Hansut stated that there were some questions concerning the number of sex offenders in a certain hotel but more specifically a certain person. That person is in Kingston and not Highland.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tesla Destination Charging Program – Paul Gargiulo

Jeff Paladino updated on the Tesla Destination Charging Program. He said that Paul Gargiulo of P & G Electric has received most of the equipment from Tesla Motors for two charging stations. This program is free to the Town; the cost for all the equipment and installation is paid for by Tesla. The agreement is that the Town cannot charge for the electric being supplied to these charging stations. The Town could charge for the parking space. He thinks this is a good program for the Town and that the only downside to it is that the charging stations are only good for Tesla Cars not all electric cars.

Mike Guerriero said that the Environmental Conservation Committee is looking into generic charging stations.

Joe Mazzetti asked if the charging stations could be converted and how many people in the Town of Lloyd own Tesla's.

Paladino said that the stations cannot be converted. The charging stations is not necessarily for people who live in Town but for someone traveling near the Town of Lloyd who needs a charging station. They can look at the Tesla app on their phone and see the Town of Lloyd has charging stations. The Town has looked into installing

charging stations that were generic but the cost was \$10,000.00 each. These Tesla charging stations are being installed with the idea that if a driver uses the stations in the Town Parking lot they will go into the Hamlet and visit the businesses. At 75 Haviland Road parking lot they will use the Rail Trail. He said the Town could charge for the parking space itself to supplement the cost of the electric used for charging.

Mazzetti said his concern is that there is limited parking at 75 Haviland Road parking lot on the weekends and this will take up spaces. He would rather see the charging stations at one of the other Rail Trail parking lots where people are close to the Hamlet and would be likely to patronize the businesses in the Hamlet. He asked if the Tesla charging station could be moved from Haviland Road to a different lot.

Paladino said it could be moved as long as it is serving a recreational or municipal parking area.

Mazzetti asked Peter Bellizzi, President of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, if he could discuss this with his board before the Town commits to put this charging station at 75 Haviland Road parking lot. They may prefer to put it at the New Paltz Road parking lot.

Paladino stated that they know there is enough power in the Town Parking Lot and 75 Haviland Road. He doesn't know if there is enough power at the New Paltz Road Parking lot.

Bellizzi stated that there is a plenty power at New Paltz Road.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Garrett Johnson, Facility Manager for the New York State Parks Taconic Region, said Parks has a project started in the Town of Lloyd, the new Ulster Visitors Center in Lloyd where the Hudson Valley Rail Trail meets the Walkway Over the Hudson. He introduced Patrick Kozakiewicz, Senior Architect and Project Manager. He said that they are at one of the most challenging points in this project which is utility connections. They will tie into Sewer on Haviland Road and they have a plan to connect to Water on Mile Hill Road. This is requiring them to come from Mile Hill Road up the embankment to the Rail Trail and to bury it under the Rail Trail to get to the NYS Park property. He asked Kozakiewicz to explain where they need assistance.

Patrick Kozakiewicz said that the work has started. The water connection is coming off Mile Hill Road, the water will come up the hillside from Mile Hill Road to connect to the Central Hudson property and head East down the Rail Trail. Central Hudson has asked that the water line be moved from the northern edge of the Trail, as originally planned, to the center of the Trail because of the proximity to some of their utility poles. He said they worked with Ray Jurkowski, Town engineer, Central Hudson and their own engineers and have come up with a new plan. Included in this plan is the easement language and map. Moving this line from the edge of the trail to the center means that there is no safe way to keep the trail open while that work takes place. They have devised a construction detour plan. Meyer Contracting Corporation, the General Contractor on this project believes that it will take 2 ½ to 3 weeks to do the excavation for the water line because they are sure they will encounter rock as there is rock on both sides of the trail. They believe the best way to detour the Rail Trail and work zone is to leave the Walkway, go through the Parks Parking lot, west on Haviland Road and back into the 75 Haviland Road parking lot. The only protection other than the wire or orange construction fence is the detour along Haviland Road will be protected by Jersey Barriers. They learned a week ago that the Town needed to pass a resolution to give them permission to close a portion of the Rail Trail.

Johnson said they would close the affected part of the Trail, take the parallel parking on Haviland Road in front of the Central Hudson station to use as the safe detour area, then come through the 75 Haviland Road parking lot and reconnect to the Rail Trail at the Caboose.

Mazzetti asked if the construction is going to affect the Fiber Optic Cable and if there were any agreements that state how far we have to be from this Fiber Optic Cable.

Kozakiewicz said they have all done their due diligence and everything is marked out.

Murphy stated there were no agreements as to the distance from the fiber optic cable.

Bellizzi responded that the Fiber Optic comes from the west, at 9W it goes over to Haviland Road and runs down the south side of Haviland Road it is not on that area of the Rail Trail.

Mazzetti asked if they were boring under or digging.

Johnson said for the water line they have to excavate 6 to 7 feet. That excavation has always had to take place that they are now shifting towards the middle of the Rail Trail. It was always going to affect the blacktop, it will be more now and that will be repaved when they are done. There was always going to be blacktop restoration.

Supervisor Hansut asked why boring is not an option.

Johnson said because they are coming up to the trail from the North then turning east, it is not a straight shot. He handed out a concept sketch of the layout.

Supervisor Hansut said this project is putting a water line and sewer line to a million dollar Visitors Center in the Town of Lloyd. This detour is coming off the Walkway, through the parking lot, on to Haviland Road into the 75 Haviland Road parking lot and back onto the Rail Trail.

Johnson said there is no way you can safely have construction equipment and people on a 12- foot-wide section of the Rail Trail. This will be a well-marked detour. Supervisor asked when they are looking to implement the detour.

Johnson said it could be in 2 or 3 weeks. They will give a 5-day notice prior to setting up the detour.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Brennie to authorize the request of Meyer Contracting Corporation and New York State Parks to implement a detour on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail beginning at the Caboose at the 75 Haviland Road parking lot, turning east onto Haviland Road, north through the New York State Parks parking lot to the entrance of the Walkway Over the Hudson for the purpose of Meyer Contracting to install and connect the water line from Mile Hill Road to the Ulster Visitors Center for a duration of approximately three weeks. All areas of the detour will be protected by construction fence or wire fence excluding Haviland Road which will be protected by Jersey Barrier for the safety and well-being of all patrons on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and Walkway Over the Hudson. The Contractor will notify the Town of Lloyd Supervisors Office 5 days' prior to implementing this detour.

Five ayes carried.

Peter Bellizzi asked if the fire hydrant on the Rail Trail could be moved to the south side of the trail.

Kozakiewicz said that hydrant was put there at the request of Ray Jurkowski.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No Comments

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to authorize at the request of Peter Bellizzi, President HVRTA, Cerebral Palsy of Ulster County to use the Hudson Valley Rail Trail 75 Haviland Road parking lot to Walkway Over the Hudson on Sunday September 10th 2017 from 7:00am to 1:00pm for the 2017 End Cerebral Palsy Walk. The organizers of the event will contact Rafael Diaz, Trail Safety and Courtesy Coordinator, before the event to coordinate necessary signage and the use of monitors on the trail before and during the event.

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Mazzetti to adjourn the meeting at 5:10PM.

Five ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk