

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2015

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

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

7:00 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

He noted that the meeting is live streamed by Cablevision and there is a problem with the camera; those at home can hear the meeting but cannot see it. It is being recorded and will be available with the visual on Friday, Monday and next Wednesday.

7:00 PM – Open Public Hearing on Local Law F 2015, a local law to amend the Code of the Town of Lloyd, Chapter 100, Zoning, Section 100-28, entitled Signs

David Barton, Building Department, explained this local law was rewritten after the town received the Ulster County Planning Board comments. The Highway Business District has now been incorporated along with digital signs. Sections for remote signage and billboards have been taken out as suggested by the County.

Guerriero asked if someone would have to be hired to monitor the digital signs.

Barton answered that his office does that and will continue to do so; there has been legal action with people who have the signs. His department has purchased calibrated light meters just for this monitoring; these will allow them to measure the NITS which is the illumination of the sign. The language of the law requires the signs to drop in intensity according to ambient light and the sign needs to dim at night. The façade cannot change in less than 20 seconds, which is an old ZBA interpretation and there is still a pending action. The signs have same setbacks as any sign, 30-feet from the road; in the GB or DB zones the Planning Board tells them where they can be but usually no closer than 15-foot to the road.

Guerriero asked if he thought that they were dangerous along the highways.

Barton felt that they are not any more distractive than any other sign. Peter Brooks did some research for the Planning Board. The 20-second rule is based on the ZBA interpretation for any sign with a moveable face; the federal government allows 8 seconds per façade change. An electronic message board controlling traffic runs between 8 to 10 seconds between façade changes. Two changes can be seen at 250-feet away at 45 MPH. The 20-second language will show only one change in that amount of time. He does not believe that the town will have that type of billboard because of the cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 for 40x30 or 60x30 signs. The signs are not allowed to flutter, shake or scroll; it is a static sign and then it changes to another static sign.

Barton said that his department is able to monitor them. Bill Ogden of the Planning Board anticipated that this is the future of signs and the Planning Board wanted to at least regulate it as expediently as they could. There is one case on Route 9W for a non-compliant sign.

Mark Reynolds, reporter, asked if the sunset law for the billboards is still valid.

Barton replied that the sunset law has not been touched in this law and is still in existence for the year 2020.

Paladino remarked on the size of the sign; bill boards are going to be eliminated but they will go with the same guidelines.

Barton agreed but thought that there will be more small signs with hours open or special of the day; he does not feel that there will be the huge digital signs in Lloyd because the size would not be allowed and bill boards are going to demise.

Guerriero asked if there was another letter from UCPB after the letter of 07.01.2015 remarking on the visual clutter along the corridor of Route 9W.

Barton said that they were eliminating the off-premise signs; the county is recommending a design standard.

Peplow has not heard any positive comments on the digital signs in the town; it is a distraction and changes the feeling of the town, making it less desirable and lowers the quality of the neighborhood. She allowed that people have a right to have the sign at their businesses but asked if it is necessary to allow this type of sign.

Peter Brooks, Planning Board, feels that this new law is a perfect example of responding to learning from experience. The Planning Board approved a couple of signs and after they were approved, they realized that they were not working well. Most of the new rules in the digital sign regulation are designed to deal with exactly those things that they saw: flashing signs; changing too often; bright, ugly colors; quality of resolution; brightness.

Brennie likes the sign at the firehouse.

Barton said the resolution sign, 19 millimeters, dot pitch, is the minimum allowed.

Bud Hossenlopp questioned how the off-premise signs on properties that have 20-year leases will be eliminated.

Barton responded as there is case law in NYS that allows the town to amortize and a 10-year amortization was allowed when this was written. All the bill boards will come down, leased or not in 2020 and the town will have to be sued to stop it. Fortunately amortization is a well-held practice in NYS.

Reynolds recalled speaking with Barton about the gas stations and convenience stores and the plethora of small signs they are putting in the ground in front of their establishments and asked if these are going to be gone.

Barton replied that he and the people in his department pick up those signs regularly and the establishments replace them.

Reynolds asked if they could be fined.

Barton countered with the question as to whom he would serve. He has to be able to tell the judge that he saw so and so do this; he cannot just say so and so allowed this. The police may have that power but he thinks that they still need a witness. He does not have the power to write fines. Anthony Giangrasso calls that 'sign day' and he drives around town, mostly to the major corners and takes the signs. Those people are called and they sometimes pick them up.

Mike Sweeney, 108 Costa Road, commented that anything that restricts business is foolhardy but it makes sense that there are regulations on signs. He thinks that the firehouse sign is too bright and is abysmal and does not like the NYS sign that tells him that there is traffic on Route 84. He said that he owns billboards in this town and enables him to pay the taxes. He could not believe that the comment 'let someone sue me, sue the town' was even uttered as a tax payer he is insulted.

Barton responded that that he wrote the law that would have allowed the billboards to stay and noted his comments.

1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons

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 said that he does not have anything to report.

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Kevin Brennie reported that the school board had an informational meeting to go over the new law that was passed for facilities for transgender students and how the district intends to conform to that law. There was a very lively discussion at the school board meeting. He appreciated that the school board encouraged people to speak on the subject; there are some who are going to be very unhappy and others will be happy. A lawyer spoke to give the legal ramifications of the law. The school board is awaiting approval from the state on the capital improvement plans.

Planning Board – Councilmember Mike Horodyski reported that there is a resolution to finalize the Shamrock Liquors project on Route 9W, which is an extension of square footage. There will be public hearings on a wedding barn at Applegreen on South Street, the Serve Pro project on Lumen Lane and a bed and breakfast on South Street. This is the first agenda in some time that there was not an application for an accessory use apartment.

Police/Fire/Town Justice – Supervisor Paul Hansut reported that the new floor has been installed in the Courtroom on the Town Hall second floor along with new flooring in the hallway, bathrooms and stairs. The back door downstairs will be replaced before the cold weather arrives.

Horodyski asked the status of the repairs to the ramp and the time frame.

Barton replied that he just received confirmation that the bid they compiled is accurate with the materials needed and they will start to order the materials; the fencing takes the longest amount of time. He feels it will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee – Councilmember Jeff Paladino said at 6 PM tonight, there was an informational meeting for the sewer extension down Lower Grand Street and next Wednesday, 6 PM there will be an informational meeting for the sewer extension for South Chapel Hill.

REPORT – Claire Costantino, President, Hudson Valley Rail Trail

Rafael Diaz reported that on September 30, Ulster County Planning Deputy Director Chris White discussed the extension of the Rail Trail from Highland Hose II/Speedway gas station down Rte. 299 across from Lowes. The meeting was very well attended and questions were answered. There is a new bulletin board on the Rail Trail next to the Haviland Road parking lot; applications for use of the Rail Trail will be available along with the rules and regulations of the Rail Trail. It will have transitory posters for Rail Trail and town events. There were 50 vendors at HudsonFest on Sunday October 11, 2015, Columbus Day weekend. He counted 754 people who visited the caboos; he feels that on that day there were 7,500 at the minimum and perhaps as many as 9,000. He has put posters about the Rail Trail in the caboos that has drawn a lot of attention; the exhibit has grown.

They are closing the caboose for the season but from late July to HudsonFest, there were 5,000 visitors.

The ALS event which is one of the largest events was on Sunday, October 18. This Friday is the MoonWalk that starts at 7 PM. October 31 at 9 AM the Rotary Interact Club is having a 5 K Pumpkin Run.

Guerriero thanked Rafael Diaz and Donna Deeprise for volunteering; they are at the caboose every time he is at the Walkway.

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

Donna Deeprise, a member of the Board of Trustees for Highland Landing Park Association, substituting for Matt Smith, who is not feeling well. He spends his days flat on his back and going to physical therapy and doctors' appointments. He is getting better.

She displayed photos she took at the Park that she wanted the Board to see. The Park hosted a program run by NYSDEC called, 'A Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary' for the second time. Students and people from different organizations from Manhattan to the northern reaches of the Hudson River do tests, experiments and observations. The data is compiled by the NYSDEC to understand what is going on in the Hudson River. Kevin Rizzo, biology teacher, Highland Middle School, brings a group of students down to the River to do various tests. One test was turbidity and Kevin's summary of that was that it has not changed through the years, it is a dirty river but he emphasized to his students that did not mean it is a polluted river. Turbidity means that the sediment gets riled up on the bottom. She explained the other experiments they performed. They fished with seine nets which was the favorite activity. They discovered that there is a healthy comeback of shad; they feel that together all of the groups found about 120 small shad and they returned them to the River. They measured the tide. She suggested to the Board that they go to the Park next year for the event.

The docks for the boat ramp will come out this month; the work continues on the compass rose. Matt McCluskey is doing the machine work for the star on the compass rose, which will be fitted together, brought to the Park to be welded prior to pouring the cement. The cement will be poured for the flagpole at the same time.

She intends to provide a display for the Town Hall of the pictures she passed around to the Board.

Matt asked her to say that the Association is in the throes of a fundraising campaign and the Park needs money.

Peplow reminded everyone that there is a donation bucket in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor thanked and commended the Highland Business Association for the Harvest Fest event this weekend. The Underground Coffee and Ale House on Vineyard Avenue is now open. It is located in the Old Neighbor's Inn/Billy's/Ye Olde Rose building. It is a great addition to the town. He just spoke with the fellows at the new brewery on Milton Avenue and they hope to open the second week in November. Halloween in the Hamlet will be celebrated this Saturday, October 24, starting at 5:30 PM.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Highland Lacrosse Club

Supervisor said that representatives attended the Workshop meeting along with Frank Alfonso, Recreation Director, to talk about the Highland Lacrosse Club using the Village Field and the municipal parking lot. They are now working with Frank Alfonso on a usage form and the agreement will be similar to the agreement with the Pop Warner organization using Tony Williams Park. HLC has asked to use the Village Field as their 'home' field. Tournaments will bring hundreds of people into the hamlet which will be a boost to the hamlet businesses.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Central Hudson – routine maintenance and replacement of lights

Supervisor and Board members received an email from Central Hudson. He read: 'Central Hudson was recently granted Public Service Commission approval to offer municipalities the option to use high efficiency LED street lights. The LED fixtures are Rate A, Central Hudson owned and maintained street lights and have an expected life of nearly twelve years, offering significant savings on maintenance and operating costs, while providing environmental benefits to municipalities and residents. Because LED streetlights use less electricity, these fixtures will save your municipality on annual street light costs.'

Central Hudson would replace these lights as needed and the town would be responsible for the costs. He added that they would talk about this in the next Workshop meeting.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mike Sweeney said that he never thought that a Town Board would say that they are going to rip down every billboard in the Town of Lloyd. He owns property with a billboard on Route 299 and is also at the meeting on behalf of Betty Murphy who owns billboards on Route 299. He says that the billboards help people pay their taxes and puts money in their pockets. He thought that billboards would be grandfathered. He asked the Board members their position on the issue.

Brennie said this was put forth by Ray Costantino during his tenure.

Paladino added that the ECC also pushed for this.

Sweeney said that he understood that the Board would like some control on signs, going forward but would like to know their position on grandfathering the existing signs.

Supervisor responded that until he spoke to Sweeney, he never put a face to those billboards and never realized that Mrs. Murphy was dependent upon the money to pay her taxes. He thought that the billboards were owned by a large corporation and not by local people.

Sweeney explained that most of the billboards are owned by large corporations on property leased from the homeowner.

Horodyski felt neither one way or the other and they were not obtrusive to him but the thinking was to make the town more esthetically pleasing and there is a stigma that large billboards take that away from the town. He thinks the billboards in question are the ones that he sees on the Mid-Hudson Bridge approach. He feels that putting a face to the billboard is meaningful. His fear with sun-setting the billboard was Clear Channel and the litigation.

Sweeney said he learned that billboards are for (1) a quick message and (2) directional. The billboard for Rocking Horse Ranch directs people to turn right onto New Paltz

Road and has been there since he came to this town. They do serve a purpose. He associates billboard with a rural area. There are people who rely on the income from the billboards. There has been a moratorium on the billboards. He said that his last conversation with Ray Costantino was about the billboards. He owns the property on the Rail Trail; they bought it from the railroad. Costantino approached him about extending the Rail Trail. He told Costantino that he would be happy to do it but he needs more billboards to help pay for it as they cannot do anything with the property. Billboards benefit individuals not just corporations. The corporations make money on them and he has to fight with them on the lease every so many years but the money goes into people's pockets to help pay the taxes.

Horodyski clarified that Sweeney owns the property and Clear Channel rents the billboard space.

Sweeney said that his arrangement but he does not know what the other arrangements are but feels that this is the case for 99% of the billboards in town. Clear Channel maintains the trees and the area around the billboard; they are listed on his insurance policy and he is listed on theirs as additionally insured. He urged the Board to reconsider. He understands that the plan is to extend the Rail Trail.

Supervisor said that Sweeney will get a call from Ulster County regarding that.

Sweeney said that there will be a fight if the billboards are pulled out; he has no problem going to court over that sort of thing. It really irks him to hear someone from the town to say, 'let them sue us' because it is his money that pays the lawyers' fees.

Bud Hossenlopp commented that in recent times he has made calls to the different billboard corporations because they rip the paper signs off the billboards and leave them on the ground and sometimes it lands in the Black Creek, which has to be cleaned up. The billboard on Route 299 was a mess; the company came out and cleaned it up but that does not happen unless they are called on it. Jerry Erichsen has a 20-year lease and he is stuck in the middle, the company has already hired two attorneys.

Supervisor thanked Hossenlopp for making the calls and getting the properties cleaned up.

Peter Brooks said that the Town of Lloyd is one of the few towns in the Mid-Hudson Valley that allows billboards. It is a deterrent to the esthetics of the town. The Planning Board is trying to make the town an attractive venue for tourism, agra-tourism and new businesses. Since the 1960s and Lady Bird Johnson, billboards have been considered to be ugly and things that are not wanted in the town. If new billboards are not wanted, it begs the question 'why do you want old ones?' He noted that he is a senior citizen and has to pay taxes but he does not have a billboard on his property. He felt that the notion that a billboard is necessary to pay taxes is silly. He believes that what is right needs to be done for the town. That is to make it an attractive place for those who want to live here, be a tourist here and to start businesses here. Billboards are not the way to do that.

Supervisor has been receiving texts throughout the meeting from residents viewing the meeting on television; he announced that the audio is working but the video is not; the meeting is being recorded and will be shown on Channel 22 on Friday, Monday and Wednesday.

Donna Deeprise, ECC board member, asked if there is a possibility to compensate those people who depend upon the income from the billboards.

Horodyski said that he did not think so, at least from the town's funds.
 Sweeney commented he was concerned that people discern what the town is going to look like; he feels that there is a host of examples in the Town of Lloyd that were bad decisions. He does not feel that billboards have stopped people from living here or tourism. The bigger issue is electronic signs.
 Horodyski said that this came about initially because of the thought that billboards were conglomerates; there is now a face to those that are not.
 Sweeney felt that most are owned by big advertising agencies; he tried to buy his and that is very difficult to do. He urged them to reconsider.
 Paladino said that they did hear arguments from business owners in town; he believes that there is a place for billboards; he understands grandfathering those that exist, especially on the Thruway portions of the Town of Lloyd.
 Rose Sinagra commented that there are some seniors in this town that cannot afford to pay their taxes and to keep them in mind.
 Hossenlopp noted that there are three big billboards at the Black Creek access point which is ironic as the people are using the access to go on the creek to see wilderness. That is definitely not esthetically pleasing.
 Supervisor replied this is the first time this was brought before the Board and the Board will discuss this. One other person came to a meeting to speak about the local law.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Horodyski to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting September 2, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2015.

Five ayes carried.

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

General	G695 to G778	\$ 71,943.31
Highway	H347 to H4007	\$211,530.06
Miscellaneous	M153 to M173	\$ 21,923.60
Prepays	P405 to P464	\$ 64,472.01
Sewer	S248 to S280	\$ 23,437.05
Water	W316 to W425	\$ 39,286.14

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

Five ayes carried.

C. MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Horodyski, to set the Public Hearing on the proposed Town of Lloyd 2016 budget for November 4, 2015, at 7PM.

Five ayes carried.

D. TABLED Motion to close the Public Hearing on Local Law F 2015, a local law to amend the Code of the Town of Lloyd, Chapter 100, Zoning, Section 100-28, entitled Signs.

Paladino suggested tabling the resolution in light of what was stated tonight.

Supervisor said that this is not about the bill boards; this is about the digital signs.

Barton explained that this does not change the billboard language; he did propose grand-fathering those that exist and Ulster County did not like that. The only thing

that affects this is that if you have two billboards and one is going to be digital, one has to be removed. He has a couple of pending digital sign applications.

E. TABLED Resolution

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law “F” of 2015, a local law to amend Chapter 100, Zoning, Section 100-28 of the Code of the Town of Lloyd, was introduced at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 16th day of September, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lloyd, having determined that this matter constitutes an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and a Short Form EAF having been prepared on behalf of the Town, and the Board having issued its declaration of non-significance in this matter; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was opened on the 21st day of October, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously proposed and circulated a local law to amend Chapter 100, Zoning, Section 100-28 of the Code of the Town of Lloyd as introduced at a meeting of the Town Board on May 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board made revisions to the previously introduced local law pursuant to the recommendation of the Ulster County Planning Board, including but not limited to the introduction of a Digital Sign section of the Code which is meant to have additional controls over the placement, type and appearance of those signs; the inclusion of the Gateway Zones in the ordinance, limiting signs in the Gateway Zone in the same manner as Design Business and General Business signs; and the removal of the proposed revisions to the Billboard section of the Code, which said revisions are included in the currently proposed local law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that Local Law “F” of 2015 be enacted as in the form attached hereto as Schedule “A” as fully as if set forth herein, being a local law to amend Chapter 100, Zoning, Section 100-28 of the Code of the Town of Lloyd.

F. MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Horodyski to accept the resignation of Fred Riley, Alternate #2, from the Planning Board, effective immediately.

Five ayes carried.

Supervisor commented that this position was now open on the Planning Board and asked anyone interested to send a letter of interest to his office.

G. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero, to accept the resignation of Kathy Schoonover, First Deputy Town Clerk, due to retirement effective October 30, 2015, with the best wishes of the Town Clerk and Town Board for her retirement and appreciation of her years of service, with regrets.

Supervisor asked how many years of service and Peplow replied it was 17.

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

Five ayes carried.

Horodyski said that he would like to table H., due to the 2016 preliminary budget at 9%; he would like to look at vacated positions see if 35 or 40 hours are needed and if 30 hours would be sufficient.

Peplow said that the wage was established by the people who are preparing the budget and they felt that it was a fair salary based on the salaries in other departments; the Town Clerk’s Office could not offer a position at less than other departments.

Horodyski said that this is an opportunity to evaluate a position; we are against layoffs and these opportunities do not come up often. There has not been analysis.

Horodyski made a motion to table Resolution H., seconded by Brennie.

Supervisor asked if the Town Clerk had a name for the position.

Peplow answered that she has a person that she would like to appoint: Laura Oddo Kelly. She added this is history repeating itself and offered to provide them with the minutes.

Horodyski remarked that without violating the executive session of last month, this was discussed.

Peplow said that she was advised by the Supervisor to put this resolution on the agenda or she would not have done so; she would not have taken the liberty of doing so without his approval as it is his agenda.

Supervisor agreed that he put this on the agenda based on that number. Horodyski is saying based on the budget and other considerations that he does not want to act on this.

Horodyski feels that every dollar counts to try to get down to the cap.

Guerriero commented that he felt that the Clerk's office is a very important position in the town; a great many people come in to the office every day. He thinks it is a terrible move. Guerriero offered to take a cut in his Councilman's pay if there was an issue of paying this salary.

Horodyski rescinded his motion, seconded by Brennie.

- H. RESOLUTION** made by Guerriero, seconded by Hansut, to set the hourly salary of second Deputy Town Clerk at \$16.48 per hour effective November 9th.

Supervisor apologized for not communicating with the Board on this resolution.

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

Four ayes carried.

Town Clerk appointments:

Laura Oddo-Kelly to position of Second Deputy Town Clerk, effective November 9, 2015.

- I. RESOLUTION** made by Horodyski, seconded by Brennie, to hire Adam Montfort as a part-time dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$14.25 pending pre-employment physical at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

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

Five ayes carried.

- J. RESOLUTION** made by Paladino, seconded by Brennie, to hire Andrew Kennedy-Berlingieri as a part-time dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$14.25 pending pre-employment physical at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

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

Five ayes carried.

- K. RESOLUTION** made by Paladino, seconded by Horodyski, to accept the resignation of Michael Roberto as a part-time dispatcher effective October 21, 2015.

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

Five ayes carried.

L. RESOLUTION made by Horodyski, seconded by Paladino, to hire Michael Roberto as a part-time police officer at an hourly rate of \$18.25, effective October 22, 2015, at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

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

Five ayes carried.

M. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Horodyski, to accept the resignation of Eric Marion as a part-time dispatcher effective October 23, 2015.

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

Five ayes carried.

N. RESOLUTION made by Horodyski, seconded by Paladino, to accept the resignation of Cory Pingiczer as part-time police officer effective October 6, 2015.

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

Five ayes carried.

O. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Horodyski, to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Cornerstone Services Proposal for the phone system equipment buyout in the amount of \$1.00 with a new monthly rate of \$1,542.61 for services.

Guerriero asked if the Board had a presentation on this and the Supervisor replied that it was discussed briefly at the Workshop meeting.

Kate Jonietz explained that it is the same phone system that the town has had; the equipment has been leased for the last three years and the lease is now up. In paying \$1.00, the town owns the equipment and reduces the services by \$310.00 per month. The town is now responsible for the equipment which has a 10 to 12 year life expectancy; in the last three years there have been no instances where the town has had to pay for repairs. Cornerstone is still the contact for Verizon; there are still connection issues out to the demarcation in the building from the demarcation into this building, the services are satisfactory and no problems.

Guerriero asked if all of the departments are satisfied with the service.

Jonietz replied that they are to the point that the Police Department is looking into transferring their services from Manchester Communications to Cornerstone.

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

Five ayes carried.

P. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino, to approve the following budget amendments to the 2015 budget:

GENERAL

Central Printing & Mailing	1670.40	+\$1,265.00
Contingency	1990.40	- \$1,265.00
Recreation Summer Fun	7310.13	+\$98.00
Recreation Berean Park	7310.12	- \$98.00

HIGHWAY

Park Lane	5112.57	+\$0.03
Bell Drive	5112.61	+\$3,298.53
General Repairs	5110.40	- \$3,298.56

Machinery Equip	5130.20	+\$60,635.02
Unexpended Balance 01-770		- \$60,635.02

(Purchase of equipment authorized Resolution S., March 18, 2015 meeting.)

WATER

Supply, Power, Pump Equip	8320.20	+\$5,960.00
Administration Prof Serv	8310.30	- \$5,960.00

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

Five ayes carried.

Supervisor asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Robert and Susan Bacchi noted that they arrived late at the meeting at 8:15 PM. They received a notice about the water/sewer going down Lower Grand Street where they are property owners this afternoon; he gets home at 7:30 PM and she shortly after. The letter informed them of a meeting at 6PM concerning what is intended for their street. The bottom of the letter said that they could call the town engineer. He feels that they missed the benefit of the neighbors discussing this.

Supervisor said that the meeting has been recorded and it will be on Channel 22 of Cablevision.

Bacchi replied that a recording is nice but it is not the same as interaction with neighbors.

Horodyski offered him a Cliff Notes version of the meeting stating that the majority of the neighbors.....

Bacchi interrupted and said that he does not need a Cliff Notes version, what he would have liked was to receive the notice in time to make arrangements to come to the meeting. He said that they rushed to Town Hall to voice their displeasure as to the way that this has been handled.

Susan Bacchi said that it was postmarked two days ago.

Supervisor offered to give Bacchi a copy of the information that was provided to the Board by the engineer and explained that this issue has come up every few years. Sen. Amodore got involved with this in the last eight months and is trying to get the town money to lay the lines down Lower Grand Street. The worst case scenario numbers were put together. It is hoped that the Senator will come up with most of the money. Once the town gets a commitment from him of \$260,000, which is the estimated cost, there will be additional public informational meetings and we will make sure that you are notified.

Bacchi asked if there was a reason that this happened this time or if this was something unusual.

Susan Bacchi asked if this cost would be based on road frontage as it was in the past.

Horodyski answered that it is frontage; the number indicated on the information packet is not a number that the town would move forward on with this project. The consensus of the neighbors that were here was that they were not interested even if it cost only \$1.

Supervisor added that 51% of the property owners have to agree in order to do the project.

Reynolds reverted to the resolution on the billboards and reiterated that Barton said that the law to be passed was the law on the digital signs because the Board had already approved the sunset of the billboards. It was suggested that this needed to be investigated more and would it start back to the beginning with a whole new law.

Paladino answered that may not be necessary.

Sweeney did not hear the answer to Reynolds' question.

Horodyski replied that the sunset provision is still in place.

Sweeney again asked his question of the Board if they were for or against the sunset of the billboards.

Guerriero said that between the digital signs and the billboards, he feels that the digital signs are dangerous on roads but the billboards are more subtle and easier to deal with.

Sweeney stressed that he did not care about the digital signs; his question was about the billboards that have been here for decades.

Supervisor said that he put a face to the billboards and he wants to look at the issue a bit more; he would like to find out how many billboards there are in town and the faces for those billboards.

Sweeney continued to say that there are always unintended consequences over what government does and this is a great example. He could not follow what was actually voted on tonight. He said that he applauds the Board when they look, reprocess and restructure to save money. He heard a comment about minimum wage and said that \$16.48 is not minimum wage and he feels that Horodyski should not have backed down.

He questioned the Highway Department paying \$60,000+ for equipment out of savings.

Horodyski said that this has not been done before when the budgets are prudently managed; there is some unexpended balance there.

Sweeney said that what that tells him is that this was not budgeted or the Highway budget was off and going out of savings for equipment is never a good thing. Something is wrong the 2015 budget that \$60,000 for equipment is being dropped.

Paladino said that this necessity came about and currently, the Highway unexpended balance is over \$400,000. That piece of equipment saved them money over a period of time.

Sweeney said that there should have been a budget line for equipment.

Horodyski said that they are working very hard that it will not be 9%.

Reynolds asked if there is now a new Deputy Town Clerk and if there is a person who has been hired.

Peplow affirmed that there is, as of November 9.

MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Horodyski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.

Five eyes carried.

Respectfully submitted

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk