

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2012

Present: Supervisor Paul Hansut
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Herbert Litts
Councilmember Jeffrey Paladino

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

Absent: Councilmember Kevin Brennie

10:00 AM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor expressed his concerns about the impending Hurricane Sandy.

Adam Litman, Sewer Administrator, received a call from H. O. Penn who has used another company to provide many generators to different people and they were in anticipation of the need of a generator. Litman asked Bill Vankleeck to call H.O. Penn back and ask if there was a reserve list for the generators. Unfortunately, H. O. Penn did not keep a file on the generator requirements and they will be calling today with information.

Supervisor said that he felt that the Town should reserve the generator even if there is a cost. Litman asked if there was a cap on the cost as he did not know what it would cost and could be \$2,000.

Town Board concurred that it was more important that there was a generator available.

Paladino asked where the generator came from that was loaned from Poughkeepsie.

Supervisor thought that Franco Zani who is employed by the Town of Poughkeepsie volunteered one and in the meantime, Ray Jurkowski got a generator from H. O. Penn.

Litman said that he did not know if the one Zani volunteered for the Water Plant had the capability of doing what needed to be done. He was generous to provide one to run parts of the Sewer Plant which gave enough capability to run some of the equipment. The Sewer Plant has a back-up generator now as long as it does not get washed away. He gave the digital camera to Ron Hall and asked him to photograph everything. He felt that it does become a situation that FEMA needs to step in they always want proof of what it was, use and age; however, he feels that the upgrade was well-documented. A generator check was done and the back door of the building will be sand-bagged. Everything was good on the last time that the test was run. There was a power outage not long ago but the equipment has to be restarted each time that happens. The dump truck is going to be relocated to the transfer station so that it does not get stuck at the Sewer Plant; all the vehicles are full of fluids and gasoline. He anticipates that Andy Paccione will make extra water on Saturday and Sunday and add extra footage to the tank in case of power outage; there is usually enough water for three days if the tank is at its maximum capacity. The North Road culvert and the 8-inch water main that is exposed is a concern and will be sand-bagged. That line has always been exposed under the bridge but he is going to take extra precautions to cover it. The State of Emergency is under the purview of the Supervisor and the Town Board and the concern in the past was if it was too late to declare the State of Emergency for the Town of Lloyd and he understands that opens the door for aid and assistance.

Supervisor said that there would be a meeting with Ulster County today at 2 PM and he would like to be certain of the timing.

Steve DiLorenzo felt that the biggest problem was the Twaalfskill Creek and asked if anything has been done to alleviate the problem of the water running down Vineyard Avenue; he had heard that the repair at Tillson Avenue is narrower and more restrictive to the water flow.

Supervisor replied that work has been done on River Road but nothing has been done at Valentino Pond on Route 44-55; the water is high already.

Litman interjected that there will be a full moon on Sunday which means a higher tide.

DiLorenzo asked if sand bags would be available and if someone needed some where they would get them.

Rich Klotz, Highway Superintendent, said that he has about 500 bags and agreed with Litman that 500 bags don't go very far but he would allow people to fill with sand.

Paladino said that Milton Hardware was ordering them today and he is hoping to have them in before Monday.

Litts offered that if there was a large breach, he has bags that hold a ton of feed so they would hold a ton and a half of sand.

Supervisor asked Klotz to have Denise Rhoades check to see if she can purchase more sand bags for the Town.

DiLorenzo would like to address some type of housing in the event that there are people out of power for a length of time; he is aware that SUNY New Paltz has a warming station. The firehouse gets calls from people looking for places to stay.

Guerrero would like to provide local assistance as the storm may be so bad that residents cannot make it to New Paltz.

Supervisor said that there are some cots available but he will check; he felt that all that would be available would be St. Augustine's School.

Peter Miller said that the school would be available but it is not a Red Cross certified site and there is no assumption of liability and supervision; he felt that if there was a need, the school could be used.

Supervisor said that the Red Cross would not certify any place in Lloyd as it is available in New Paltz.

Paladino suggested that he could reserve cases of Pioneer water and the Board concurred with that.

Miller said that in a state of emergency the firehouse/police station is set up as a command center.

Kate Jonietz will put emergency information on the Town website.

Litts suggested putting out the SEMO blurb about extra water.

DiLorenzo said to suggest Bridgeview Plaza if Central Hudson is looking for locations to give out dry ice because the experience at the firehouse was that when Central Hudson ran out of dry ice they left and people continued to come and were irate.

Supervisor would like to have one list of emergency cell phone numbers.

Litman would like people to be cautioned if there is flooding in the streets as vacuums are created when manhole covers come off a person can be sucked into the manhole.

Chris Erichsen said that all of the oil trucks will be loaded with about 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel on hand.

Supervisor asked what is the plan in the event that Vineyard Avenue becomes a river with water coming from Toc Drive, Brescia Boulevard and Reservoir Road as he feels that nothing has been done by NYS and it is worse.

Litman said that the saving grace may be that along River Road most of the stream beds have been opened up and dredged; the trees and the debris have been cleaned out. He feels that the other issue may be Milton Avenue bridge as the state did leave an opening between the bridge and the building so as the water comes up and through, that bridge may once again wash away.

Litts feels that the new portion will be okay but the old section may give out.

Rich Klotz said that most of the streams have been cleaned out, he has been cleaning ditches and the catch basins have been cleaned; trees have been trimmed but Central Hudson will only take the tree down after it falls.

Guerrero asked about warning those in the Town that there may be an emergency; Litman felt that they should be told to stay off the streets.

Supervisor updated Chief Waage on his arrival on the plans that were made at this meeting. Both he and Chief will attend the Ulster County meeting at the Law Enforcement Center in Kingston at 2 PM this afternoon.

Chief Waage asked if there is provision for people who are flooded out and need shelter; he would like the Police to be able to give these people some sort of direction.

Supervisor replied that is something he would like to talk about at the meeting today as there are no certified Red Cross shelters in the Town of Lloyd; it is not advisable to shelter people at the firehouse in the event that it becomes a command center. He feels that SUNY New Paltz will be open and he is hopeful that there will be some means of getting people from Lloyd to the college. In general seniors don't want to leave their homes and go to a strange place with strange people. He asked Litman to reserve a generator for the Town Hall, which could be used as a temporary shelter. There will be a request for volunteers in the storm announcements.

There is a generator at Fire Station II and a kitchen although there is not much space.

Paladino addressed Chief Waage and noted that supervision would be needed in the town if there was a breach in the Twaalfskill to keep people out of the water and safe.

Supervisor added that if the Town has to spend money to prepare for the storm, it will be spent and the Board agreed.

MOTION made by Litts, seconded by Guerrero, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk