

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

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

Also present: Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper
Kate Jonietz, Secretary
Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk

Absent: None

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

Supervisor asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Frank Lombardi, former Highway Superintendent and resident of the Town of Lloyd. He expressed his deepest condolences to the Lombardi family on behalf of himself and the members of the Town Board.

Highland Rotary Club presentation to the Town of Lloyd Police for dash cameras.

Anthony Marmo, President of the Highland Rotary Club, presented a check for \$30,000.00 to Police Chief Daniel Waage. He said the Rotary is elated to support the Town of Lloyd Police, the Town Board and the citizens of the community. Marmo congratulated Police Chief Waage, Sergeant Roloson and the entire police department for the excellent job they are doing. The money is earned by the hard work the Highland Rotary Club members do every year. The Rotarians raise funds to make contributions to the community and added that many of the members are present tonight. The Annual Rib Fest is the big fundraiser. He encouraged everyone to attend the Rib Fest in August not only because is it a fun event but to support the efforts of the Rotarians who contribute and will continue to contribute their time, energy, and donations for the benefit of the community.

Police Chief Daniel Waage commented that the Town of Lloyd Police and the Rotarians started their relationship through the civilian police academy and he believes it will be a long-lasting partnership.

Mark Reynolds, Southern Ulster Times, asked how many dash cameras will be installed.

Waage responded that one will be installed in each of the five police vehicles. He added that the police department has also partnered with the Highland Rotary with the youth outreach program. This program allows them to build a relationship with the children in the community whereby they see police officers as people and not just authority figures.

Senator Amedore -grant for the computers in the police vehicles.

Supervisor stated that Senator Amedore intended to attend tonight's meeting to present a grant they received for computers in the police vehicles but was unfortunately detained in Albany. He may be present at the Town Board meeting next month.

7:15 PM Supervisor opened the Public hearing on the 2017 Town of Lloyd Annual Budget.

Supervisor said the budget is in compliance with the New York State tax cap. He believes the tax cap is .06. Some highlights of the budget are no pay increases for any of the elected officials

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for the fifth year in a row. At the request of the judges there will be two additional court officers present in the justice court when court is in session (an increase of \$4,000.00). The Economic Development Committee has a new brochure of all the businesses, activities, accommodations, restaurants, map and annual events in Town. There was \$20,000.00 taken out of the contingency fund so they could stay under the tax cap. The contingency fund is for anything that comes up throughout the course of the year that needs to be paid and was not in the budget. The Board will answer questions concerning the proposed budget.

Mazzetti asked if there is enough money in the contingency fund in the event they need money for legal fees for any litigation that the Town may be faced with.

Supervisor said there is always the potential for legal action and he feels that the money available is sufficient. It is a variable when preparing the budget in trying to stay within the cap. The dispatcher's contract is settled. They hope to resolve the CSEA contract and the PBA contract which is in mediation soon.

More money was added to the Bob Shepard Landing Park budget line for handicap bathrooms, garbage removal, and lawncare. He feels that the parks should be kept pristine as they are a reflection of the community as well as a viable resource for activity and tourism.

The ambulance contract will expire at the end of the year. He was contacted by another ambulance service that would like to address the Town Board with what they have to offer.

Supervisor stated that New York State retirement increased about \$6,000.00. They have been very conservative with their revenues.

Paladino said the rates for the water and sewer district have stayed flat.

McPeck said there will probably be some excess revenue in 2017 and feels that the numbers in 2017 are conservative.

Supervisor stated that the Highway Department would like to purchase one new truck this year and the equipment and vehicles are well maintained.

The Town has taken \$125,000.00 out of the General Fund and \$20,000.00 out of the Contingency Fund but he is confident that the General Fund is in good shape. Outside the water and sewer district for 2017 will be an increase of two cents per thousand. Inside the water and sewer district it will be an increase of nine cents per thousand which is up slightly because of the decrease for the "ten percenters" (residents who are in the water/sewer district but do not have access to the services) and inside the water district will be an increase of five cents. They will be in compliance with the New York State property tax. The two big items that affect the Town of Lloyd budget are that the County took back the cost of the Safety Net which could be as high as \$180,000.00 and the Elections which could be as much as \$80,000.00.

Mark Reynolds, Southern Ulster Times, asked what the balance will be in the General Fund after they have taken out the money needed for the Town.

McPeck suggested Reynolds call her for the exact numbers.

Supervisor said when they have the resolution to adopt the budget at the meeting on November 16th they will have those numbers.

Paladino asked how many years the cap will be in effect.

Supervisor felt it would be for another five years. He added that any changes to the budget at the regular meeting would have to be amended by resolution. He cautioned that if anything is added it would put the budget over the cap. They could not even do that because they would have to set a public hearing and adopt a local law to exceed the cap.

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Mazzetti asked if Supervisor felt confident that the budget is feasible as it stands.

Supervisor responded that he did barring any major expenditures.

Mazzetti asked what an example of a major expenditure would be because he has heard about lawsuits in other towns.

Brennie said they cannot control if someone might sue them. If someone sues then the Town Board will address it.

Mazzetti said that it can be controlled by being extremely thorough when making policies.

Supervisor said he is hoping that any issues that they have right now can be resolved and the best interest of the taxpayers is kept in mind.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to close the Town parking lot located next to Sal's Restaurant, 99 Vineyard Avenue on Sunday, November 13th, 2016 from 8 AM to 6 PM, for their Annual Wild Game Dinner.

Five ayes carried.

B. TABLED RESOLUTION to hire Travis Cuvelier as recreation aide at the hourly rate of \$13.54 for 20 hours per week pending pre-employment physical at the recommendation of Frank Alfonso, Recreation Director.

C. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Mazzetti

WHEREAS, a petition by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the extension of the Highland Sewer District in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, New York, said petition being dated November 2, 2016, has been filed with the Town Clerk and duly presented to the Town Board; and,

WHEREAS, Morris Associates, having prepared and filed a Map, Plan and Report with the Town Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board must adopt an Order reciting the following: the filing of said petition, reciting the improvements proposed, the boundaries of the proposed district and the estimated expenses thereof, and specifying the date and time when the Town Board will hold a public hearing to consider the petition and hear all persons interested in the subject thereof for the extension of the Highland Sewer District in said Town to be bounded and described as set forth in Exhibit "A" annexed hereto; and,

WHEREAS, all capital improvements for the proposed Sewer District extension shall be completed and paid for by the Owner, and will be hooked up to the Highland Sewer District without cost or expense to the Sewer District taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the existing parcel, on which the Walkway Over the Hudson western approach welcome area will be located, at 75 Haviland Road in the Town of Lloyd, is not served by the Highland Sewer District and the State Office of Parks has requested that the existing Highland Sewer District be extended to include the subject parcel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes the installation of a new 4" diameter high density polyethylene force main from a proposed sewage pump station located at the visitor center.

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The force main will run along Haviland Road approximately 2,500 feet along the northern shoulder of Haviland Road and the sewer force main extension will discharge into an existing sanitary manhole located on Haviland Road; and,

WHEREAS, the pump station and force main shall be constructed by the Owner; and,

WHEREAS, the pump station ownership, operation, and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion of the force main construction the portion of the force main located within the Haviland Road right of way shall be dedicated to the Highland Sewer District; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for the District extension to be paid by the Owner will consist of the total of operation and maintenance charges (O&M) along with repayment of the existing debt service for the Highland Sewer District. As the current charge is approximately \$1.62 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and the current assessed valuation of the subject parcel is \$88,000.00, the annual debt service for the district extension will be approximately \$142.56; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated average sewer usage for the parcel based upon the information provided by Saratoga Associates, the State architect for the project, has been estimated at 3,200 gallons per day which equates to 1,168,000 gallons per year, at the current O&M charge of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons the annual estimated O&M costs for the extension will be approximately \$4,672.00; and,

WHEREAS, this extension proceeding is a Type II action and exempt from SEQRA pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617 of said regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby Resolved and Ordered that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lloyd shall be held at the Town Hall, Thomas Shay Square, 12 Church Street, Highland, New York at 7:00 P.M. on November 16, 2016 to consider the said petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same, and for such other action on the vote of the Town Board with relation to the said petition as may be required by law or proper in the circumstances.

Dated: November 2, 2016

APPENDIX A

DISTRICT EXTENSION LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All those certain parcels of land situate in the Town of Lloyd, County of Ulster, State of New York and more particularly described as follows:

As per Ulster County Tax Rolls (Revised 2016), the parcel in the Town of Lloyd listed below: 88.17-5-38.200

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

Five ayes carried.

D. MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino to close the Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget at 7:35PM.

Five ayes carried.

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E. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Mazzetti to accept the resignation of part-time policeman Aaron Fitzgerald effective November 4, 2016.

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

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Brennie to go into executive session to discuss personnel with Frank Alfonso at 7:36PM.

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Brennie, seconded by Mazzetti to come out of executive session at 7:50PM.

Five ayes carried.

F. RESOLUTION made by Paladino, seconded by Mazzetti to hire Travis Cuvelier as seasonal recreation aide at the hourly rate of \$13.54 not to exceed 20 hours per week pending pre-employment physical at the recommendation of Frank Alfonso, Recreation Director.

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

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Mazzetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk