

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

WORKSHOP MEETING

November 7, 2012

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

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

5:00PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. REPORTS

A. Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to Supervisor

B. Assessor – Elaine Rivera reported that her office is getting exemptions ready and it is time to mail the 500 to 600 renewals. The re-levies are ready to go on the accounts so that they can go on the tax bills. All the lawsuits except for Rite Aid have been settled or withdrawn. She won three of the four small claims. She spoke with Jeff Paladino today as the Highland School Board had some questions about exemptions for senior citizens and she gave them the information that was needed. She took two courses this month and she believes that she has enough training to get through this year. She is taking off the week of Thanksgiving.

C. Building & Zoning Department – David Barton filed his report and noted that the department had a busy month with Building Permits; there were three fire calls this month. He toured Mariner's Restaurant after the storm to inspect the damage; the FEMA loan rates are higher than the Town of Lloyd Revolving Loan Fund or a low interest loan to repair the current damage. His department finished the re-levy report for Water and Sewer and it has been given to Elaine Rivera. He thanked Patty Rober for working so hard on it, along with Elaine Rivera and Karen McPeck for their help. The re-levy amounted to \$256,582.43, including penalties.

Rosalie Peplow said that the Town Board as Commissioners of the Highland Water and Sewer Districts will adopt a resolution authorizing the re-levy of those charges onto the January tax bill for at the Regular Town Board meeting.

Rivera explained that for accounting purposes, the bookkeeper carries it as a Receivable, so once it is billed, Karen McPeck has it on the books that it is money that it is due the Town; it is included now as if it were Revenue. The majority of people who do not pay their water/sewer bills use the total of the County and Town Tax bill, including the re-levied water/sewer amount, as at income tax time the amount makes their tax deduction larger. The Town is guaranteed to get the water/sewer money that has been re-levied. The Board might want to look into attaching an additional service charge to the re-levy by local law.

Brennie confirmed that would insure that there would not be an advantage to pay the water/sewer as a re-levy.

Sean Murphy, Attorney, will check to see if there is a way that there can be an additional fee collected.

Barton said that he did discuss with Litman to make sure that the re-levy money is always up to date as this is \$256,000 that water/sewer won't realize until next year for the water that has already been consumed.

Rivera said that the difficult part for the Town Clerk's office, collector of the payments, is to make sure that these people don't pay the bill once the re-levy is done.

Supervisor thanked Dave Barton for his help during the hurricane.

D. Dog Control – Andrew McKee

E. Highway – Richard Klotz reported that two new trucks came in today and they will be sent out tomorrow to have plows put on them. The other truck will not be in until after January. There was a small collapse on South Chodikee Lake Road on Monday and that was repaired today. He would like to arrange for Sun Up to come next Wednesday, November 14 to start setting the box culvert on North Road.

Supervisor interjected that the Town has not received a contract from Sun Up on the box culvert.

Klotz said that Elaine Rivera worked with him on the numbers and he would like to purchase a leaf vacuum which would be about \$5,600.

Supervisor explained that in preparing for the storm it was evident that there are a lot of leaves on the sides of the roads and the Town does not have anything with which to pick them up.

Klotz said that the street sweeper is meant for dirt; the leaves break up and clog the filters; he is hoping that there is a leaf vacuum in stock. His department is ready for the snowstorm that is expected tonight.

- F. Hudson Valley Rail Trail – Ray Costantino reported that the last time he attended a meeting he talked about the welcome gate for the Rail Trail where it meets the Walkway over the Hudson; people who park in the parking lot think that it is for the Walkway. Herb Litts' family made a generous donation of piers and columns that were on the rail bed right of way and were taken down almost 50 years ago. He likes the idea of repurposing the poles which had been replaced by the wooden poles. They are going to be adapted for the gate. One is erected at Station II that has the fire alarm. The gateway arch will be built behind the stone outcropping as close as it can be to the Walkway entrance, near the NYS office. The Town of Lloyd has a 40-foot right of way from Central Hudson; he is requesting that the Supervisor write a letter to Central Hudson asking for approval that the gateway arch is added to the Rail Trail. It is a formality and the Town needs to ask for permission

Costantino referred to the grant for Rail Trail West and said that they were short money on the 20% local share; there is about \$90,000 to \$95,000 in the reserve fund; the projected cost is \$1.9-million and he feels that it can be built for less than that. He has looked for ways to find the money for the shortage of the 20% share. He would like a committee established to look for funds for the local share. There is one piece of Town of Lloyd property off the Rail Trail, next to the property of Doris Valk, New Paltz Road. He contacted Patty Brooks, Brooks & Brooks, who furnished a map of the property. He suggested selling this property and adding the money received to the reserve fund; as shared services, they could also participate in the construction of the Rail Trail; they could use the Highway Department to pave the Rail Trail and cut the cost in half. That would reduce the 20% local share.

Paladino clarified that the Rail Trail is about \$200,000 short.

Costantino said that they have redesigned the crossing so it could be constructed at less expense and he would like to keep the crossing as short as possible. At the meeting with NYSDOT in Poughkeepsie they encouraged the Rail Trail Association to make the crossing as nice as possible as the Rail Trail is so nice. He hoped that the Board could come up with some ideas.

Brennie asked if the lot off New Paltz road is a buildable lot and asked the market value and he suggested \$30,000.

Costantino replied that he thought it was; Patty Brooks, surveyor, was going to look at it but he did not know what it would be worth. The Valk barn is right on the property line and she is concerned about the tree from Town property that may fall on the barn; he suggested that the two abutting owners might want to split it.

Paladino asked if there was material out of the Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park that would be of benefit to the Rail Trail.

Litts said what the Rail Trail needs is Matt Smith because Matt Smith has gotten everything for free for the Park so far.

Costantino said that this is the simple part of the project as except for the crossing it is just grade and pave. There will be excess material that will come out of the hole where the tunnel will go through so there will be no more material needed. All of that material on the left side where the new entrance comes in at the Tony Williams Park is pretty gravelly so that could be removed and used on a project and the Park could get more parking. He said that the Town owns a 500-foot right-of-way on each side of the slope of the Rail Trail. He feels that there may be pieces of property that the Town owns, now being used by people and that the Town may be able to realize money from them to the benefit of the Rail Trail. There are public properties that people infringe on; he would like to see if the Town could get rent from them and insurance from them as they are now using it without permission. He would also like to work with the Assessor to identify these properties.

Supervisor asked if there would be anyone who would be willing to work with Costantino, who remains the project manager for this westward extension.

Paladino and Guerriero agreed to help Costantino.

Litts clarified that little slivers may be able to be sold to the adjacent properties.

Costantino added that the two cabooses are owned by the Rail Trail Association, the pavilion is insured by the Town and it is serviced by water and sewer; Claire Costantino, President of the Rail Trail Association, would like to add the cabooses to the Town insurance policy. The cabooses are valued from \$25,000 to \$50,000 each; the one donated by Ethan Jackman is dated 1917 and the one from Marlborough is dated 1926. They are not actually 'cabooses' they are 'cabin cars' and the Pennsylvania Railroad was the first to order 600 full-steel cabooses, which these are. Supervisor said that he has a call into the insurance carrier but has not had a return call as yet. He asked that Costantino let Claire Costantino know that there is \$193.42 left in the Rail Trail budget.

G. Justice – Terry Elia/Eugene Rizzo

H. Police – Supervisor read from the report: the Town of Lloyd Police Department handled a wide range of calls relating to the hurricane over and above the normal calls including assisting evacuations in and around the Hudson River area, door-to-door safety advisements to residents, wires down, flooded roadway conditions, all done with expending only six hours of overtime throughout the entire course of the state of emergency. There was about \$3,000 in expenditures in overtime for the Town departments.

I. Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso, Director, reported that Pop Warner Football finished the season this past week; baseball finished about two weeks ago. Tony Williams Park is in good shape and he is hoping to get the water turned off early next week at both TW Park and Berean Park. He recommends a porta-potty for TW Park again for the winter months; it is \$100.00 per month. It did not snow last year so people were using the Rail Trail and the Park. If it does snow and the park and Rail Trail are not used there may not be a reason to have it. Top Seed has been doing a good job, cleaning up the parks and the leaves. He feels that the parks look nice. Winter programs such as youth basketball will be starting. Flyers will go out and it will be in the newspaper. Wrestling will also begin on Tuesday nights in December and run through February. Men's basketball will start tomorrow night, November 8, at the Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday nights; Tuesday night is open gym and Thursday night is league play. He received the field groomer a couple of weeks ago and it has been used a couple of times; the gentleman who briefed them on the use remarked how nice the Park and the Rail Trail were. This is another example of a person from outside of the community who appreciates the facilities; this makes him feel good and should make everyone in the Town feel good also. The Village Field is still being used by the football league on Sundays.

Paladino asked if he would be speaking to the senior organization over the winter months.

Alfonso replied that the plan is to reach out to all senior citizens and not necessarily just the Mid-Hudson Seniors group and see what their interests may be for activity.

J. Safety Committee –

K. Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow said that her office continues selling hunting licenses; she just received an update on the tax collection program from Ulster County Information Services and she has called Northeast Computer Services to install the updated version of the program.

L. Water & Sewer – Adam Litman, Water and Sewer Administrator, reported that they prepared for the storm event and he feels that they weathered the storm well. There was some damage to the ultra-violet system and that piece of equipment was taken out of service; phone calls were made to the engineering company and the contractors who have been on site making repairs. At this time 50% of the system is up and running; he spoke with Andy Seidel, Morris Associates, about concerns. Multiple issues with the system occurred due to the flooding during the last 25 to 30 minutes of the high tide. There were no flows into the plant where the water came over the tank. The culvert which drains down at the intersection of Maple Avenue and River Road backed up and the intersection had about 2 to 3 feet. The culvert back-flowed from the Hudson to the intersection which stopped the affluent flow of the plant. More repairs will be done tomorrow.

Paladino asked if the damage and repairs could be covered by insurance.

Litman said that this should be submitted and he is waiting for information.

Supervisor said that Andy Seidel, Morris Associates, is working on this and he is going to contact Art Snyder, Ulster County Department of Emergency Management, as the number for assessment damages is close and he is going to try to put it through.

Litman said that the Sewer Plant ran on generator power for 23 hours and there a couple of minor issues that were immediately addressed by Rondout Electric. There is still an issue with the secondary sump pump. He feels that they were lucky.

Regarding the North Road culvert, two weeks ago the department relocated the manhole and sewer lines after the Highway Department did the demo on the bridge. They relocated the water line and removed rock. He contacted Franco Zani, Town of Poughkeepsie, who provided a pump and Bill Crowder to come with his excavator to remove the large rocks that he could not move with the backhoe. The department worked around the clock until 3 AM on Monday. The pipe has now been chlorinated and charged and they are flushing it; samples will be sent out tomorrow.

Paladino asked when the project should be completed and Supervisor asked when the blacktop plants closed. .

Klotz answered that he would like it to be done by Thanksgiving and that the black top plant closed around Thanksgiving.

Supervisor recalled that in response to the 4 PM tidal surge warning Adam Litman, Dave Campala and Frank Palmateer filled sandbags and were ready for the storm and their efforts saved the properties; there was about a 4-foot surge. Litman was on point throughout the preparation and the storm. He thanked Litman for the hours that he put in during the event.

Litman explained that a comminutor is a grinder. The effluent flow comes in and anything solid or paper comes through the comminutor to be chopped up. The upgrade is no longer a comminutor but a self-cleaning screen that removes all of the solids out of the flow, washes and compacts the solids which can then be put into a garbage bag and into a dumpster.

Supervisor provided copies of the letter from Morris Associates on the subject.

M. Supervisor –

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding replacing lights - Lit Green

Supervisor reiterated that the Board has discussed LED light replacements throughout the village and he asked if the Board wanted to do 44 lights or the entire 88 lights; \$64,768 would pay for all of the lights if paid outright. The \$30,000 that was budgeted for the generator and unexpended monies can be used to cover the remainder.

Andy Neil, Lit Green, replied to Paladino that there may be a discount for the 88 lights.

Supervisor asked if Neil would let the Town know the figure as the resolution will be on the Regular Town Board meeting agenda next week.

Board concurred that it was time to upgrade and they would approve the replacements of the 88 lights at the next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Highland WWTF Upgrade for comminutor replacement

Previously explained and discussed in Litman's report to the Board.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Charles Meuser, North Chodikee Lake Road, stated that he called the Town of Lloyd Police Department two Mondays ago as someone on Pine Terrace was burning leaves and he asked them if the burn ban was still in effect and was told that they were not aware of it. The burn ban has been lifted but a permit is needed to burn. They were actually burning on the new blacktop put down by the Highway Department. The dispatcher told him that there was nothing that they could do about it. He then called a Highland Hose fireman who went there and proceeded to tell these people to put out the fire. He feels that the Police Department needs to be aware of what can be done.

Supervisor remarked that goes back to personal responsibility.

Litts said that the follow up to that story is that next spring there will be a pothole and Rich Klotz will be called to fill it up.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. **RESOLUTION** made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to appoint James Janso to the position of Lieutenant with a salary of \$73,500.00, at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

The Town Board and those present extended their congratulations to Lt. Janso.

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

Five ayes carried.

B. RESOLUTION made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to appoint Anthony Kalimeras to the position of Sergeant with a salary of \$68,646.00, at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

The Town Board and those present extended their congratulations to Sgt. Kalimeras.

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

Five ayes carried.

C. RESOLUTION made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to appoint Philip Roloson to the position of Sergeant with a salary of \$68,646.00, at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

The Town Board and those present extended their congratulations to Sgt. Roloson.

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

Five ayes carried.

D. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Litts, to appoint Brian Scott to the position of full time police officer at the step-two salary of \$43,100.00 at the recommendation of Chief Daniel Waage.

The Town Board and those present extended their congratulations to Officer Scott.

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

Five ayes carried.

Supervisor noted that there have been retirements in the Police Department resulting in restructuring the department from the top down. He has seen positive results from Chief Waage and Lt. Janso; they have been out in the community and have been introducing themselves. The Town Board hopes to institute a community-type of policing in the Town so that the citizens get to know the Police and the Police know the citizens. He wished the new officers the best of luck and thanked the officers' families for giving their family member to the Town of Lloyd. He spent 20 years in law enforcement and understands as his family went through a lot in those 20 years.

Chief Waage congratulated the new officers and stated that he was proud of the job his department did during the storm. He said that there was a recent shooting in the Town and the department worked with the City of Poughkeepsie to solve the crime.

Guerriero thanked him for sending the officers to the riverfront to help evacuate residents.

Chief said that the department has started a Facebook account along with Twitter, which will have road closures and pertinent notifications. He then invited everyone to a reception at the firehouse.

E. Resolution for November 14, 2012 to approve the following amendments to the 2012 budget:

GENERAL

Town Board PS	1010.10	+\$4,270.00
Contingency	1990.40	-\$4,270.00
Central Printing/Mailing	1670.40	+\$1,530.00
Attorney	1420.40	-\$1,530.00
Police PS FT	3120.10	+\$2,134.20
STEP Grant (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program)	00-3389	-\$2,134.20
Recreation CE	7310.40	+\$8,000.00
Contingency	1990.40	-\$8,000.00
Celebrations/Events	7550.40	+\$165.00
Gifts/Donations (Halloween donations)	00-2705	-\$165.00
Unemployment	9050.80	+\$5,000.00
Contingency	1990.40	-\$5,000.00

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HIGHWAY

Garage	5132.40	+\$1,000.00
Snow Removal	5142.40	-\$1,000.00
Brush & Weeds Equip	5140.20	+\$6,000.00
Snow Removal Equip	5142.20	-\$4,000.00
General Repairs Equip (Leaf vacuum)	5110.20	-\$2,000.00

WATER

Administration PS	8310.10	+\$4,000.00
Insurance	1910.40	-\$3,193.00
Administration Prof Serv	8310.30	-\$ 807.00

SEWER

Administration PS	8110.10	+\$2,500.00
Insurance	1910.40	-\$2,500.00
Sewage Collection PS	8120.10	+\$23,387.00
Sewage Trmt PS	8130.10	-\$23,387.00
Sewage Trmt CE	8130.40	+\$3,400.00
Insurance	1910.40	-\$3,400.00

CAPITAL

Tony Williams Capital	7310.40	+\$264.15
Berean Park Capital	7320.40	-\$264.15
Bulkhead Project	7110.43	+\$19,330.00
HLBS Park	7110.40	-\$4,000.00
HL Site Improvement	7110.41	-\$8,000.00
Donations	50-2705	-\$7,330.00

(change order from Ray Jurkowski resolution 10/17/12)

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Brennie, to move into executive session with attorney to discuss litigation regarding Vineyard Commons at 6:05 PM.

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to move out of executive session at 6:30 PM.

Five ayes carried.

MOTION made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM

Five ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk