

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2015

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

Also present: Kate Jonietz, Secretary
Laura Oddo-Kelly, Deputy
Town Clerk

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

1. REPORTS

Finance – Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Kate Jonietz reported that Karen McPeck is not present at this meeting but that the budget for 2016 has been finalized and submitted and sent to all department heads on November 24, 2015 and the tax cap information has been submitted to New York State.

Assessor – Jennifer Mund

Supervisor stated that the Assessor's report says that they are preparing to do the mailing for the exemptions renewal for the 2016 rolls. There are between 500 and 600 renewals to address including Enhanced Star, senior citizen exemptions, forestry, non profits, disability, clergy, and agricultural. The renewal process starts now and continues through the completion of the tentative assessment roll. She is pleased in reviewing the values for the town for the 2016 roll. Mund is waiting for trends from New York State so she can determine where, if any, value changes need to occur. Her office is also continuing to work on new construction that needs to be put on the 2016 rolls as well as continued work on "911" coordination.

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton reported that it was a record month for this year and that these are the highest revenue numbers since the beginning of spring. He asked for guidance from the town board on the topic of collecting parking fees. Anthony Lanzarone is building a new building on upper North Road and he will move his shop to it. A parking fee is collected for any new commercial property based on the number of parking spots they have. Barton said they have collected that money and there is no capital reserve line for this money. He said he doesn't know how it happened in the past; the last big commercial property was Rite Aid. Barton is not sure what the original intent of this fee was, but said that the board needs to determine what the use for it will be and then create a capital reserve line so that money can go into it. He said it can be used for anything and he guessed that it was originally intended to maintain the public parking lots in the hamlet. There will be more monies coming in so it could even go for sidewalks; the Town has issues with the sidewalks in town.

Supervisor asked what the fee was for that and if it was per parking space.

Barton said it was \$50.00 per parking space.

Supervisor asked Barton if he asked Karen McPeck, Bookkeeper, about this.

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Barton replied that he spoke to Karen McPeck, and Kate Jonietz but the town board needs to create a budget line by resolution which they could do at the next meeting.

Brennie asked how much it was.

Barton said the fee he just collected was \$1500.00.

Brennie asked if there were other monies floating around.

Barton said there will be other monies coming. There are a couple of new projects from Lumen Lane. Selux is expanding; they are putting in a new lot on the north side. The Shamrock Liquor Store on Route 9W is expanding. There was a house fire at 5 New Paltz Road due to the misuse of smoking materials. The house had rekindled before the fire department left and they extinguished it. Mike Guerriero has the video. The fire department was packed up and ready to go when the fire rekindled and it was actually pretty bad.

Guerriero said it was almost a total loss.

Barton reported on the ramp project on the second floor of the Town Hall that one steel section has been removed from the ramp and replaced with a temporary beam. That steel section been sent out for fabrication and should be back by Friday. The fence is ordered and the decking is outside. The steel will probably be replaced when they get it back, then they will re-strip the deck, re-frame and re-deck it, and leave the existing cage out there until the fence from Adams comes in.

Paladino asked if the steel was in the original quote.

Barton said the steel is part of the original quote. He has some good photos of it; the top flange of the "T" beams is nearly completely gone and it's good that it's being done.

Barton said Vista Drive and the main thoroughfare of Mountainside Woods have been paved.

Barton said that Phase One which was the addition at the rear of the Hudson Valley Rehabilitation building has been completed and it can be occupied. Phase Two has been the renovation of all the rooms in primary building. They've done this huge addition and have not increased the number of beds. The people who were two to a room will now have single rooms with a full bath. They did the final inspection today for Phase Two which is the front building and that the back building already has a CO.

Barton reported that Speedway on Route 299 is officially open today. They've been open as they've been doing work. There have been many issues including false alarms and we've been assured they have been resolved at this point. If he has to go out there again in the middle of the night because someone has been cleaning around a smoke detector they will probably fine them. They have let them go twice now because they were under construction. The last call was because they set off the panic alarm when they pulled out the front counter.

Barton said that he and Anthony Giangrasso have been redoing the GPS and locating all the fire hydrants in town. They have been setting up the trimble and the software. He would like to train the water department staff to do that work in the future. If a new hydrant or new tap is added the GPS will mark it that way and the water department will have it.

Barton said on the tenth of December this month Anthony Giangrasso and he will be recording for John Quinn's radio show. Topics will include carbon monoxide, smoke detectors and the importance of maintenance on wood and pellet stoves. There have been two chimney fires already this year. There will be two letters going out this month. One letter is for parcel owners who have property abutting a sidewalk reminding them that they have to clear the ice and snow within 24 hours after the cessation of snowfall. This has

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been done pretty regularly in the past. Everyone at Bridgeview, Cambridge Court, in the hamlet and adjoining areas will be getting the letter. The other letter is to remind residents of Bridgeview that sheds, extensions of decks or modifications of structures are not allowed. That follows a report that a shed was improperly installed there which is now being investigated.

Mark Reynolds, reporter, asked what the cost for decking was.

Barton replied that the cost of the decking is between \$26,000.00-\$27,000.00 but that they would probably come in a little lower.

Dog Control – Andrew McKee - no report

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz – not present, no report

Justice – Eugene Rizzo/Terry Elia – nothing to report

Police – Chief Daniel Waage reported that for the month of November calls for service were 721 other than public service 306. There were 53 motor vehicle accidents and 42 total tickets issued including regular uniformed traffic and parking. There were 31 arrests and foot patrol in the hamlet and school for officers and sergeants were logged at 170 and 20 respectively. He and the Lieutenant were logged in at 10 and 3.

Waage said some of the highlights for November were that Narcan was used for a heroin overdose and they successfully revived a 31 year old Poughkeepsie woman. They had a very successful Thanksgiving food drive. The community really came through and we were able to drop off a large amount of food to the elementary school as well as to St. Augustine's food pantry.

Waage continued that the police department has the "Toys for Tots" drive going on right now. Whatever is collected in Ulster County stays in Ulster County. The police department is associated with "Toys for Tots" because it affiliates them with the Marines. People from the Town of Lloyd have access to those toys as well as the toys that are collected in Kingston.

The other night the recreation league had 17 children in attendance which is the largest number to date. It is going very well.

Waage said that the court officers reported that there were three knives and one eleven inch crow bar confiscated at the court.

He added that some of the highlights for the year were that the Town of Lloyd police personnel volunteered to do the two civilian police academies, one for adults and one for the students. The police department personnel also volunteered their time to work on the Thanksgiving food drive, the school supplies drive, women's defense course, Sara Strong Fundraiser, clean sweep, and the middle school presentation on social media and sexting. There were also five heroin overdose saves and they received a chief of police award in 2015 for community service.

Waage additionally reported that there was an upgrade in the security video system as well as an upgrade of the communications/dispatch area in 2015.

Supervisor expressed his appreciation for everything the police department does for our community.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso reported that the youth basketball program starts this Saturday between 9AM and 1:30 PM at the middle school. It is a ten week program for first and second graders, third and fourth grades, and then fifth and sixth grades. This is the twelfth or thirteenth year of this program. The second winter program is wrestling which is geared towards second through sixth graders. It starts on January 14th,

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and runs for six weeks at the middle school. These have been successful programs in the past.

The recreational parks, the Village Field, Berean Park, and Tony Williams were cleaned up. The leaves were removed by the town workers or by Baker Brothers Landscaping. The town workers did the fall cleanup for Veteran's Park, Johnson Iorio Park, and the Rail Trail.

A new back door was installed at Town Hall; a panic bar was changed out. The inner back door will be repaired Monday as we are waiting for a part. The railings on the interior stairs were painted. He wants to get the back exterior door painted soon.

Brennie asked if it was possible to paint the inside portion as well.

Alfonso said it may be possible.

Supervisor asked Alfonso to get prices on reconditioning the wood paneling in the town hall.

He felt that the wood adds so much to the town hall and he would like to see if someone could recondition or re-stain it.

Town Clerk – Rosaria Peplow –nothing to report

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman reported that during the month of October the water department began a blend of river and reservoir water which continues to date.

Litman said in the month of August, they started fire hydrant maintenance. The anti seasoning of barrel threads and caps has been started as well as the colorization as per flow rates in the northern 9W district. A few more of them were done in the mid part of this past month. He greatly appreciates Dave Barton starting a new GIS numbering of the hydrants.

Litman reported that there were two water main breaks in the month of November, one on Vineyard Avenue and the other on North Road. The water main break on Vineyard Avenue took about twenty hours to repair. The police and highway departments assisted in closing the road where the water main break occurred. The supervisor was on site for most of the night while the construction was underway. The repair was completed with a four man crew of Dave Campala, Frank Palmateer, Kevin Klotz and himself. Mark Schaff ran the water plant to maintain water to the Town throughout the night; Bill Van Kleeck assisted in answering the phones well into the evening. Throughout the following days Mark Schaff communicated with the Board of Health to ensure proper sampling and distribution of the water system and proper notification to the public in regards to the boil water order. A rough cost for the materials including pipes, sleeves, and hardware to replace that section of the main was about \$1800.00. The cost for item four sub base was about \$800.00, the repair to the roadway about \$2700.00 and the fuel for equipment that was used for the water main break cost approximately \$200.00. These costs do not include the cost of manpower wages. He thanked everyone who assisted in the road closings, repairs, and notifications because of the water main break.

Paladino asked if Litman knew what caused the water main break. He inquired to whether it was a coupler or something wrong within the pipe itself.

Litman responded that there were 137 inches of pipe that had to be replaced. There was a long split in the pipe which is unusual. Typically there are a lot of ring cracks where a pipe splits. He didn't really know exactly what caused the water main break but there was a large fire 12 hours prior which consumed a lot of water. It is a twelve inch main that lies on Vineyard Avenue that is not within a great sub base due to the hurricanes and the washout. That entire section of retaining wall is a hand laid wall that has been concreted

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and there is a lot of in flow and out flow every time there is a flood there. It could be a few things that go on in that area.

Supervisor said that the water department did a phenomenal job dealing with and repairing the water main break. He'd like to look at the infrastructure of the water and sewer district in the coming year. We now have technology to map out the location of the valves. Some of the valves need to be replaced.

Litman said some of those valves don't get open and closed for years. This particular main is close to ninety years old and a lot of them are that way. He agreed that his crew did an excellent job.

Paladino asked how far the typical valve shut off is and if there was a guideline they used when they were installed.

Litman responded that he did not know what the standards were years ago but today there are different types of standards. Today you might not have two miles of pipe.

Paladino asked if they were able to shut it off somewhere near Tillson Avenue.

Litman said that this main break wasn't just turning off the twelve inch main. It was figuring out how many mains were tied into it. There were various sections in town that were tied into it. They had to open and close six to eight valves just to get it isolated. He said that the water would come back into the ten inch valves and start feeding into that one again until they got it isolated once more. Intersections have a lot of pipes and valves in them. This particular main had actually three mains within it. There was an eight, ten and a twelve and the twelve is the one that broke. There were a lot of them tied together to this particular main.

Supervisor said that sometimes it's obvious but asked if there is any other way to know that there is a water main break? Is there anything to indicate at the water plant that the levels are off or some mechanism that would show the water leak? How long does it usually take?

Litman said they knew something was wrong because the phones started ringing from residents that they did not have water pressure etc. There is a chart system that reveals what comes in and out of the tanks so that in itself immediately shows. One of the charts records what's going into the two million gallon tank and then the other monitors the tank on New Paltz Road. About a week later the eight inch main on New Paltz Road had a ring crack that was not significant enough to appear more than slightly on the chart. The people that operate the plant record the finish height of the two million gallon tank and the other two tanks every night, so, if in the morning the two million gallon tank is down six feet they can calculate how many gallons that is. Mark Schaff said that the tank was down an extra foot on the day of the North Road water main break. They thought that it might be because they were flushing a lot of material, but by the second day they realized that there was pattern and by that time the water had already started coming to the surface. It depends on the severity of the situation. Ring cracks on a small main may take a day or two to come to the surface.

Guerriero asked if the Town lost a lot of water with the recent water main break on Vineyard Avenue.

Litman said that they lost about a half a million gallons which is a little less than a day's production. They stayed late in order to maintain enough water back into the system. Everything was shut down so it took a couple of days to catch up. The system was loaded with air so there was a lot of flushing after the system was put back. There were hydrants

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that flushed for over a week because sometimes when they are turned back on all the air has to be chased throughout the entire system. This brought the amount of water lost to about three quarters of a million gallons.

Paladino asked if they leave the hydrants cracked for a week.

Litman said that when the distribution system has air in it they try to push it through because the water tends to have too much oxygen and has a tinted hue. It is purged until it runs clean.

Supervisor inquired as to the levels of TTHMs.

Litman responded that the water department did receive samples back but they are still quite a bit below. They are twenty parts per million but that remains a running average so the advisory still has to stay up.

Supervisor asked Litman to explain the process that took place concerning the advisory. We sent the letter out to the residents but some residents felt that we were sitting on this information for a year which is not accurate.

Litman said they did quarterly samples for the TTHMs. They are done every three months and they consist of a running average of so many parts per million. This time the additional cost was paid to ensure that the last samples would come back early to see if we were in compliance. There had never been this issue prior to the one really high sample which put the running total over. From the date the sample is sent out to when the results are received could take upwards of a month. As soon as we received that sample and figured that our average was over we started the notification about the water advisory with the Board of Health, Town supervisor and Town Board.

Supervisor asked Litman why he thought the levels were elevated this time and if the lack of rain and the drought could have contributed to it.

Litman said all the water sources used have various amounts of organics in them compared to wells; wells have very little organic loads. The reservoirs have a lot less organics than the river. It does not mean that water made from river water is bad or has a lesser quality. The disinfection by-products are created when the organics are introduced to chlorine or chlorine is introduced to them. A lot more water is made from the river water when there is a drought which lends itself to a higher organic load and therefore creating more THMs. Temperature and weather play a part in the turbidity of the river.

Supervisor asked Litman if this has ever happened in the eleven years he has been here.

Litman said it has not and that they have proactively been part of this process since 2006. At that time there were six or eight sample locations to test dead end mains to see how much of the THMs existed within those parts of the distribution system. They are now in Phase II. These are the points of interest as far as the Board of Health is concerned.

Supervisor asked if a sample was taken from his house would it have shown that increased level.

Litman said that he doubted it. These sample points are on dead end mains that get very little use. Places that use a lot of water typically do not get that type of build up.

Mark Reynolds, reporter Southern Ulster Times, asked Litman what date they first noticed the higher level of contaminants were present.

Litman said he did not have that information with him but believes it was October 3rd.

Supervisor said that they did not receive the written notification until October 16th.

Supervisor – Paul Hansut reminded residents that “Light up the Hamlet” will be on December 11, 2015. He said he looked into companies that decorate towns which many other towns have done. The quote for decorating the poles and the trees was approximately \$20,000.00 which he thought was too high. The Lions Club used to decorate the town many years ago; the town will be decorated by volunteers and residents this year.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pilgrim Pipeline – Discussion regarding declaration of lead agency

Supervisor said they had received a request from the Thruway Association regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline. They requested that the Town adopt a resolution that the Thruway Association be the lead agency for the Pilgrim Pipeline project along the Thruway. In conversations with the Ulster County Supervisors Association we believe that it is in the best interest of the environment as well as the residents to have the NYSDEC be the lead agency since that is their function.

Brennie asked if the Thruway has anything to gain by having the pipeline.

Supervisor responded that he was not sure. He spoke with Jonathan Ridgeway, former candidate for the legislature, about the Pilgrim Pipeline. Ridgeway informed him that the Ulster County Legislature passed Resolution 38 which practically banned the pipeline from being run in Ulster County. He didn't see why the Town Board needed to pass the same resolution since it's going through the county. Resolution B on the agenda tonight is to authorize the supervisor to join with Ulster County Supervisors Association in sending a letter stating that they believe the NYSDEC should be the lead agency.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Reynolds asked if there was a resolution months ago against the Pilgrim Pipeline issue that the town board had voted on.

Supervisor said it is possible that we had a resolution and didn't pass it because we didn't have enough information concerning it.

Reynolds said that the Town of Plattekill came out against the Pilgrim Pipeline along with approximately twenty other towns in the valley. He asked whether the Town of Lloyd, by making the NYSDEC the lead agency, is in essence taking no position on the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Supervisor said we are just recommending that the NYSDEC be the lead agency for the environmental impact statements and reviews.

Reynolds inquired as to whether the Thruway Authority can go ahead with the pipeline even with many towns against it.

Supervisor said that Reynolds question was a valid one and that that is probably more of a legal question. He said he's not sure whether the pipeline is on the Thruway Authority's property or if it's on part of their right of way and parts of it are on town property.

Brennie asked whether the Thruway Authority had anything to gain by having the pipeline. Supervisor said he would check on that resolution but that he doubted that the Town Board ever voted yes or no on it.

Reynolds asked if the supervisor could check to see if the Thruway Authority could just go ahead with the pipeline anyway even if the town is against it as many have been.

Supervisor said he would check on it.

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5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. **RESOLUTION** made by Paladino, seconded by Guerriero.

WHEREAS, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy; and

WHEREAS, 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

WHEREAS, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

WHEREAS, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

WHEREAS, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

WHEREAS, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lloyd calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Lloyd calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYS DOT five-year transportation capital plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Lloyd calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit

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by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYS DOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

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

Four ayes carried.

B. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the Ulster County Supervisors Association letter requesting that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation be declared as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Pilgrim Pipeline.

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

Four ayes carried.

MOTION made by Paladino, seconded by Brennie to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Four ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Oddo-Kelly
Deputy Town Clerk