

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 31, 2011

Present: Supervisor Raymond Costantino
Councilmember Kevin Brennie
Councilmember Nancy Hammond
Councilmember Herbert Litts, III
Councilmember Jeffrey Paladino

Also present: Sean Murphy, Attorney
Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk
Wendy Rosinski, Secretary

Absent: None

2:30 PM – Supervisor opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. New Business

- A. Hurricane Irene: Revenue Anticipation Note to cover cost of damage from Hurricane Irene while waiting for FEMA money and Insurance Claim funds.
- B. Supervisor said that news and information on issues regarding Hurricane Irene have been posted on the Town website in the ‘What’s New’ column on the home page. He announced that the number to contact FEMA is 1.800. 621.3362 (FEMA) or www.disasterassistance.gov for claims, starting September 1. The Town of Lloyd Transfer Station opened on Tuesday and will remain open until Sunday, 8 AM to 4 PM, in anticipation of those who will need to dispose of wet items and garbage; normal permits and fees apply.

He noted that the rumor during the storm was that the reservoir dams broke; the dams did not break and there is no visual evidence that the dams were harmed. He has asked the Town engineer, Ray Jurkowski, Morris Associates, to inspect the dams and report on his findings. Supervisor is confident that there is no damage but feels that it is important to put the rumors to rest.

Supervisor reported that the Town does have flood insurance for the Sewer Plant. There has been considerable damage at the Sewer Plant: electric motors under water, washouts, debris in the tanks and the basement flooded so that the switchgear main circuit was under water. H. A. Schreck, Poughkeepsie, will repair the pumps in a one day turnaround to get the Sewer Plant working. There was a meeting this morning with all of the engineers and the contractors at the Sewer Plant to assess the damage and plan to get the Sewer Plant back on line. They have been in recovery mode since Monday and the stream has once again opened up; work has begun to backfill and compact the soil that was moved by the heavy water. There will be another meeting at the Sewer Plant on September 6, and weekly or more often thereon.

He said that electric power was out on Reservoir Road because a tree came down and broke a pole; Central Hudson said that power would be back on Monday, then on Tuesday and then today, the pole is up but power has not been returned.

Supervisor said that Andy Paccione took the initiative to find generators for the Water Plant; there was four days of water stored and the Plant was down to one day of water; H. O. Penn delivered a gen-set last night and by 11 PM the power was on and Paccione stayed all night to make water. As of an hour ago, 30-feet of water is back

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in the tank; none of the nursing homes had to be evacuated due to the lack of water, all of the sprinkler systems had water and all three storage tanks are being filled.

Supervisor reported that information to Fire Chief John Gallagher, who was grateful that the gen-set was up and running for fire protection; he also contacted Troncillito who would bring a 6000-gallon water tanker for use if emergency water was needed.

The gen-set will continue to run until the tank is 100% full and Central Hudson has the power back to Reservoir Road.

He announced that President Obama has given his Presidential Disaster Declaration and the Town is eligible for individual assistance and public assistance. Homeowners are eligible to apply for the individual assistance as some people who have uninsurable claims and do not have flood insurance, may be eligible for some help from FEMA.

Supervisor explained that the following resolution authorizes the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes when it is known how much money needs to be borrowed and where the money may come from; Frank Lombardi, Highway Superintendent, has use for \$1-million and we have not yet received a report from Ray Jurkowski, engineer but that figure may well be \$500,000. He understands that FEMA pays 80% and NYS has their own fund at 12%. He asked the Board to share the FEMA number with those who may need it and reiterated that it is on the website. He is concerned about the condition of the two houses closest to the Sewer Plant and an assessment will have to be done; he offered the residents water and use of the computer in his office.

Shari Riley, Code Enforcement Officer, said that her house on Oakes Road is okay but her neighbor had a mudslide and water ran down the bank on the north side of the abutment of the Franklin Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge; the Franny Reese Park also was damaged.

Dan McLaughlin, resident River Road, commented Kingsley Arms, the contractors for the Sewer Plant, they helped by diverting the water and opening the road; they assisted the neighbors before anything else, their main concern was for the residents. If it had not been for them, we would have been in much worse shape. The neighbors on River Road asked him to let the Town Board know that Kingsley Arms stepped up to the plate and deserved a big 'attaboy'.

Supervisor was aware of the aid that Kingsley Arms gave and thanked them at the meeting this morning and told them that the Town appreciated that they were on site. He asked if the people living on Willow Dock Road were able to get to their vehicles.

McLaughlin replied that they are using the space along the railroad tracks and they are coming back over the siding as they cannot get across the Willow Dock Bridge.

Frank Lombardi, Highway Superintendent, remarked that should be opened by Friday and that all of the Town roads are open except for River Road; Clearwater Road has been completed; he has stopped work at Crow Hill Road as he feels that part of that is in the Town of Plattekill. Work will begin to remove the guard rails on River Road by Bellevue Road. The guard rails will be taken apart and stacked; and an excavator brought in to reach out and pick up the t-walls.

Supervisor asked if the t-walls were of a standard size that could be replaced if necessary.

Lombardi answered that the t-walls could be reused if they were not cracked and the same size t-walls are available; he intends to set them with concrete this time.

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Litts suggested only filling the bottom and then backfill with stone, to which Lombardi agreed.

Brennie asked about the previous discussions on dredging the ponds.

Supervisor remembered that there were discussions with Frank Lombardi, Highway Superintendent and Bill Rohde, engineer in 2008 about dredging Pratt's Pond on New Paltz Road south of the intersection of Grand Street and Schantz' Pond on Vineyard Avenue but there was no funds to do this as the Town did not own the ponds. The thought was to make a Twaafskill Drainage District, starting by Orchard Road, Vineyard Avenue and the area all along the Creek. This would give the Town interest in the ponds and the dredging could be done. The Army Corps of Engineers might then get involved.

He said that he met with the insurance agent on Monday who told him that no one is going to deny that there has been damage; he suggested that good pictures should be taken and time and material records should be kept. Selective is the flood insurance carrier for the Town, they have been called and the adjuster will make an appointment. There are many pictures of the Sewer Plant and Lombardi has pictures of road damage.

Paul Hansut asked how much money was in the reserve fund and if money comes out for items.

Supervisor replied that he would estimate \$400,000 and that those funds are thought to be reserve only. The Water and Sewer Districts have unexpended balances and from time to time if something is needed, money is taken out of the unexpended balance.

Hansut asked how much money is in the Revolving Loan Fund and if that is something that could be used to give help to businesses such as Mariners Restaurant that were really hit hard by the storm.

Supervisor replied that this is approximately \$450,000 and feels that is something that could be discussed; however, Mariners is under water quite a bit and could be a risky investment.

Hansut felt that the owner of the property was okay financially but the Phillips family who runs the restaurant business lost product and furnishings.

Supervisor agrees that they should apply for the Revolving Loan Fund but they also should contact FEMA. Discussion then began on the status of Mariners;

Supervisor suggested that Bill Phillips should come in and get an application for the Revolving Loan Fund as a meeting of the members can be called quickly.

David Barton is going to send all of the Damage Assessment Forms that he has collected to Art Snyder, Ulster County Department of Emergency Management; however, the Town is no longer collecting the forms as we have received the Presidential Disaster Declaration and we are now in the recovery mode.

Brennie would like the Town to offer a short-term, no-interest, business loan.

Kit Cowan asked about shelter for emergencies.

Supervisor said that the Red Cross shelter is at SUNY New Paltz.

Hammond added that the Town Board does not have a say as to where the shelters are located.

Paladino noted that the former Highland Fire Chief, Dan Bassanese, and the Town Board discussed the possibilities of setting up an emergency shelter in Highland and Red Cross would not open another so close to SUNY New Paltz.

Hammond and Brennie added that there would be no funding and that there is certain criterion required.

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McLaughlin asked if the Middle School could be used.

Paladino answered that the schools in the district do not have generators.

Supervisor said that the only school that could be considered was the Elementary as they cook with gas and prepare food but there is no gen-set.

McLaughlin commented that this is a perfect example why a shelter at New Paltz does not work for Lloyd. It is difficult for people to get to New Paltz and something centrally located in Highland would be useful. A school would have cooking facilities, restrooms and showers, everything that people would need.

Barton said that it is a little more complicated than that, it is more than utilities; a cadre of volunteers is need to oversee the people sheltering in the school. The difficulty is finding dependable people who will be there in the event that they are needed.

Cowan asked if they needed some sort of qualification.

Barton did not feel that qualifications were necessary.

Supervisor believes that the Red Cross runs the shelters best and would suggest a conversation with the Red Cross when it is quieter about what they would require to have a shelter in Highland.

Paladino said that the Firehouse is well equipped for emergency services but in the even of an emergency, the facility may be needed for the use of the Firemen and the Police; at this time, it is the only place that has a generator and the facilities that would be needed.

McLaughlin understands the concept of having a command post completely separate from the shelter but he feels that due to the size of the community, the Town Board should look into sheltering the citizens of the Town.

Hammond would like to sit down and talk with the Red Cross to see what the Town needs to do to have a shelter here; in the meeting last year, one of the things that discussed was the need for cots and the storage of them.

McLaughlin would just like the discussions to begin.

Hammond thanked, personally and for the members of the Board, Andy Paccione and the men of the Water Department, Adam Litman and the men of the Sewer Department; Frank Lombardi and the men of the Highway Department; the Police Department; the Fire Department; and said that they were one of the reasons that she has been so proud to serve the Town and to work with them. She complimented them on a 'marvelous' job and allowed that they always step up to the plate and do what has to be done for the people of the Town.

Brennie said that there were a lot of good citizens who helped out neighbors and he personally benefitted when everyone came together to help; it was greatly appreciated.

Supervisor said that he got a call from Franco Zani, formerly of the Water/Sewer Department, who had some suggestions on what could be done at the Water Plant and he helped him get in touch with Supervisor Patricia Myers, Town of Poughkeepsie, who allowed Highland to borrow two gen-sets from them. He thanked Zani for his help and thanked the Town of Poughkeepsie for their aid. The gen-sets were delivered by Poughkeepsie and they are now at the Highland Water Plant and he is going to ask if they may be used at the Highland Sewer Plant. Paccione did get a gen-set from H. O. Penn, which worked at the Water Plant. He noted that Andy Paccione and Adam Litman really showed what they could do. Litman was going to stay with the ship (Sewer Plant) until the Supervisor insisted that he leave in his car; the Town dump truck was moved from the Sewer Plant to the

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Municipal Parking Lot on Sunday. The water was rising and rushing through and there was nothing that could be done.

Paladino added that the Town was really lucky no one was hurt.

Hansut said that Matt Smith helped the people down at the Sewer Plant area by bringing in generators along with something to soak up oil and was helpful to the nearby residents.

Supervisor agreed and said that he spoke to Matt Smith also and thanked him; he had mats to pick up some oil that Litman did not want to go downstream. He said that there were a lot of fuel tanks, propane tanks and about 150 soccer balls floating down to the River. Vineyard Commons did not impact the Twaafskill and their drainage system did was it was supposed to do.

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION made by Brennie, seconded by Paladino,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lloyd has suffered extensive damage to its infrastructure, including its highways and improvements of the Highland Sewer District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town's engineers and employees are endeavoring to assess the amount of the damage and determine the amount of funding that will be necessary to make the repairs; and,

WHEREAS, Ulster County has received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Irene and been deemed eligible for public assistance, allowing municipalities to rebuild roads and infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Town's intention to make application for public assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and any other appropriate agencies, entities or bodies to seek reimbursement as soon as possible for the necessary repairs to the Town's highways and infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Town will need to expend substantial sums on the necessary repairs to the Town's highways and infrastructure prior to the receipt of any such assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of issuing Revenue Anticipation Notes for the purpose of funding the necessary repairs, as set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Supervisor, in coordination with the Town's employees and engineers, is authorized to make application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or any other appropriate agency, entity or body, for public assistance for reimbursement for necessary repairs to repair and rebuild roads and infrastructure of the Town as soon as possible.

2. The Supervisor is further authorized to arrange for the preparation of the necessary resolutions and documents to authorize the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes, based upon the estimated cost of said necessary repairs and anticipated reimbursement from FEMA or other sources.

Roll call: Costantino, aye; Paladino, aye; Hammond, aye; Litts, aye; Brennie, aye.

Five ayes carried.

Supervisor thanked Wendy Rosinski and David Barton for their work keeping the Town website updated.

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He said that Ken Watson has designed a 4x8 sign which will be installed at the corner of Haviland Road and Route 9W, which says, "Historic Highland Hamlet" and directs people to take the left at the next light.

Paladino announced that the Town Board is invited to go to the American Legion at 7 PM, September 7, to discuss the sign.

Litts asked if the Board has approached the NYSDOT to put directional signs at the traffic signal.

Supervisor said that there are two signs that say, 'Highland Business District' past the Hess Gasoline Station but no one sees them and that took almost two years to get those put up.

Litts clarified that he is suggesting that the signs are put at the traffic signal heads as people are looking at the traffic signal but a sign could direct them to the Hamlet.

Supervisor received a call from Bruce Loertscher, Supervisor of the Town of Plattekill, about a subdivision in Plattekill off Crescent Avenue and there will be six lots in the Town of Lloyd. Lloyd will be collecting land and highway taxes from these properties; Elaine Rivera, Assessor, will research on how to do this.

Lombardi said that he has been dealing with this for three years as the property is a small section right at the end of the Town line.

Litts said that the Campbell property is in Lloyd, Plattekill and Marlborough; they are apportioned by square footage of the lot.

Discussion ensued as to similar issues with subdivisions.

Lombardi reported that FEMA representatives would be in Lloyd either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Supervisor added that as the Town now has the Presidential Disaster Declaration, the Army Corps of Engineers has filed a Regional General Permit, which is a huge step to get into the wetlands and streambeds. He emailed Lombardi, Rohde and Jurkowski about dredging the Twaafskill Creek and opening the delta at the Highland Landing Park; the sand beach for launching remains but it has to be opened to the north into the channel and another storm would result in the same problems. Luckily, letters of Intent were submitted to the NYS Office of Emergency Management 2012 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program a few weeks ago. Bill Rohde, engineer, prepared an application for Crow Hill Road flooding mitigation work (at South Street near Black Creek), an application for Twaalfskill Stream Bank and Shoreline Improvements (River Road near the Highland Sewer Plant) and an application for Mile Hill Road Slope Stabilization (North Slope Mile Hill Road at Ransom Rd.). He is anxious to talk to Rohde about these projects.

Paladino suggested that the information on the Lloyd Revolving Loan Fund could be put on the website if businesses are interested; Rosinski will check but believes that the information is already there.

Rosinski reminded everyone that the Block Party will be held in the Hamlet on September 10 and that the Highland Remembers ceremony will be held at Highland Hose I on September 11 at 1 PM.

MOTION made by Litts, seconded by Brennie, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Five ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosaria Schiavone Peplow
Town Clerk