

TOWN OF LLOYD TOWN BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 17, 2019

Present: Supervisor Paul Hansut
Councilmember Leonard Auchmoody
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Joseph Mazzetti
Councilmember Claire Winslow

Also present: Sean Murphy, Attorney
Wendy Rosinski, Deputy Town Clerk
Kate Jonietz, Secretary

Absent: None

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

ECC – Environmental Stewardship Award

Neil Curri, Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee, Committee Members Nancy Hammond and Leonard Hossenlopp presented Councilmember Lenny Auchmoody with the Environmental Stewardship Award.

Curri said in the last few years this award has gone to a committee member who was leaving the committee. During the committee's discussion of who should be this year's recipient, Nancy Hammond talked up the amount of time and energy Lenny Auchmoody has put into the Highland Landing Bob Shepard Park.

Nancy added that Lenny is the Project Manager for the Bob Shepard Park; he has donated time, his construction talents, equipment and materials towards the completion of the Park. He has accomplished completing the kayak launch ramp, the outdoor classroom, the educational building handicap ramp, outdoor lighting, the Riverwalk, parking, and benches just to mention a few. Lenny gives meaning to the Bob Shepard Park which we call the people's park.

Auchmoody said there are too many people who were involved in the completion of the park to mention. He stated that the park is a labor of love and thanked everyone.

1. REPORTS – Town Board Liaisons

Audit –January 1 to June 30, 2019: Councilmembers Auchmoody and Mazzetti
July 1 to December 31, 2019: Councilmembers Winslow and Guerriero

ECC/Zoning Board – Councilmember Guerriero

Guerriero reported the Zoning Board had two Public Hearings which were extended; one was D&D Auto, who wants to build a storage building which requires some area variances.

Highland Central School District – Councilmember Mazzetti

Mazzetti reported

April 15 - 19 - No School - Spring Recess

April 25 - Third Marking Period Report Cards go home

May 1- First Grade Field Trip to SUNY New Paltz Planetarium

May 1 & 2 - NYS Assessment in Mathematics (Grades 3-8)

40% of Highland students in grades 3-8 declined to participate in the ELA New York State examination, which was 7% less than last year. It is important that students participate in these tests, because it affects the rating of the school.

Engineering Day; IBM engineers visited classes on March 8th. The engineers talked about their jobs, their education, and answered questions for students in physics, chemistry, and STEM classes. Students then worked in teams to build robotic arms using materials brought in by the engineers.

The HHS Flex class visited Sawyer Savings Highland Bank to learn about job roles at the bank; how to make deposits and withdrawals and how to take out a loan. Branch Manager, Liza Lanzarone-Mackey and her staff provided real world information and applications for our students.

The school board has approved Superintendent Thomas Bonjovi's 44.5 million-dollar, 2019-20 school year budget. This budget will increase school taxes by 1.12% and is within the 2% cap. The school district residents will vote on this budget on May 21, 2019. There will be a public input session scheduled for May 7, 2019.

Planning Board – Councilmember Winslow

Winslow reported that the Planning Board is reviewing items from last month. The EZ Bottle and Can Returns, Inc., is seeking a special use permit and commercial site plan approval to open a bottle and can return center.

An applicant has a 13.59-acre vacant parcel of land and proposes a two-lot subdivision to create two single family dwellings.

An applicant is seeking to legalize a studio apartment in an existing home.

There is a new application for an accessory apartment.

The Villages in the Hudson Valley; a continuing care community, is coming back in front of the board for site plan review.

Dollar General is seeking sign approval.

Police/Fire/Town Justice – Supervisor Paul Hansut

Supervisor thanked Chief Waage for locating a new flag drop box for the front of Town Hall. The current one is rusted and falling apart. Chief located an old post office box, which will be repainted and have new stickers applied. People dispose of their old flags in the box and the American Legion picks them up for proper disposal.

The Fireman's Parade is July 27th and the Town is looking forward to it.

There have been a lot of changes in Albany for the Town Justice Court concerning bail money, which might have an impact on next year's budget.

Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee/EDC – Councilmember Auchmoody

Auchmoody reported that the EDC (Economic Development Committee) is going to present awards on May 31st at 6:30 PM at the old bank in the Hamlet for "Hidden Treasures" a Community Pride Award.

The Water/Sewer/Drainage Committee discussed the Falcon Ridge sewer proposal.

REPORT – Peter Bellizzi, President, Hudson Valley Rail Trail

Bellizzi reported that May 4th is Rail Trail Clean Up Day.

The Rail Trail tunnel at Tony Williams looks great with all the trees in bloom.

Mountain Side Woods has completed their work along the trail.

Mazzetti said he is concerned about the graffiti in the tunnel under New Paltz Road.

Bellizzi said they are waiting for the weather; they can't paint if it is too cold.

He is working with the County on the piece of Rail Trail along Rt. 299 where the entrance to Highland Woods crosses the Rail Trail as well as other crossings. They are having an issue with cyclists not stopping at the stop signs on the trail and it is becoming very dangerous.

The plaques honoring the donation of the two cabooses; one from Ray and Claire Costantino and one from Ethan Jackman are complete and they will be installing them soon.

Supervisor asked if there is a problem with potholes at the Haviland Road parking lots.

Bellizzi said he is working with Highway to fill them in.

REPORT – Leonard Auchmoody, Manager, Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park

Auchmoody reported that the six benches they purchased have all been sponsored, there are five more on order. They take about 3-4 weeks to arrive. The back porch of the Educational building has the railing, and the handicap ramp is complete.

He has dug a path from the back steps of the building to the compass rose. He has a bag of the old road bricks and is going through them and cleaning them to use as the path along with some old rail from the trolley line.

They have one more piece of sidewalk to pour; from the driveway to the dock.

The lighting on the pavilion looks great, they are looking to see if they need any more.

Mazzetti said in Poughkeepsie they had bricks and people would buy them and get their names engraved on them.

Auchmoody said these bricks are very old and too fragile. He said there are stainless steel plaques that people have purchased. He said Selux gave them a lighting diagram for the Riverwalk and he thought since the bench sponsoring went so well that possibly they could do light poles.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Anderson Center for Autism – group home

Supervisor said the Town received a letter from Anderson Center for Autism in regards to purchasing a home at 1 Windsor Hill Road. Sean Murphy reviewed it and said the Town has three choices; to approve the site, suggest another suitable site or object to the establishment of a facility of this kind because it would create too great of a concentration of facilities of this type. He spoke with Dave Barton; Building Director and he had no objections.

Mazzetti asked if they should notify the neighbors.

Supervisor said there is no requirement to do that. They have a short window to respond.

Murphy said no response is no objection.

Auchmoody asked John Fraino, resident of Windsor Hill Road how many houses are on the road?

Fraino responded there are 10 homes and his neighbors have talked about this and no one has a problem with the group home.

Supervisor and Council Members agreed to move forward and added Motion L.

B. Fats in the Cats – trail discussion

Sean Murphy said that he has had several conversations with Fats in the Cats and Scenic Hudson concerning the trail maintenance on Illinois Mountain. They both are maintaining the trails but Scenic Hudson does the chainsaw maintenance. Scenic Hudson wants to step away from the maintenance and become the advisory. Fats in the Cats is not certified to do the chainsaw maintenance. They are suggesting two separate agreements, one for Fats in the Cats that would outline the maintenance and one for Scenic Hudson that they would have input on the location of the trails especially the trails that will be close to their property. There are currently trails on the mountain and people are using those trails and there is no agreement in place. He feels they need an agreement and need to be sure all insurance is in place, etc.

Mazzetti asked about the chainsaw certification.

Murphy said there is a certification required and Fats in the Cats is planning on getting their certification.

Bellizzi said Ulster County requires certification for trail work.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jeff Puccio said he is concerned about bicycles giving way to pedestrians on the Walkway Over the Hudson. He shared an experience he had over the weekend. He asked if the cyclists are being educated on their responsibilities.

Winslow said there are signs but it is an ongoing issue.

Bellizzi added that it is not just the Hudson Valley Rail Trail all the trails are having a problem with cyclists. They are required to have bells in Lloyd and they don't.

Guerriero said pedestrians can also be an issue by walking down the middle or having there dogs on to long of a leash.

5. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Auchmoody to approve the minutes of Workshop meeting March 6, 2019 and Regular Meeting March 20, 2019.

Five ayes carried

B. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to authorize the payment of vouchers as audited by the Audit Committee.

General	G - 318 to G - 418	\$ 44,684.49
Highway	H - 159 to H - 212	\$ 62,330.90
Miscellaneous	M - 76 to M - 95	\$ 81,234.85
Prepays	P - 141 to P - 196	\$ 44,247.22
Sewer	S - 103 to S - 128	\$ 25,450.61
Water	W - 147 to W - 181	\$ 11,450.95

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye

Five ayes carried

C. MOTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to accept the resignation of part-time police officer Tyler Croizer effective April 12, 2019.

Five ayes carried

Supervisor wished him well.

D. RESOLUTION made by Auchmoody, seconded by Guerriero to accept the resignation of Rosaria Peplow, Town Clerk, due to retirement effective May 6, 2019 and in recognition of Rosaria Peplow's 34 years of dedicated service to the Town of

Lloyd the Town agrees to pay 100% of medical insurance, including vision, upon her retirement.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye

Five ayes carried

- E. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody to appoint Wendy Rosinski to the position of Town Clerk effective May 6, 2019.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye

Five ayes carried.

Supervisor said Rosaria will be missed; she has done a phenomenal job for over 30 years. Folks that come in to the Town Clerk's Office whether to pay their water bill or taxes have been greeted with a smile and any help they could possibly want. He felt that she has found an excellent replacement and wished Wendy the best of luck.

- F. RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Guerriero to accept the donation of one Toro Titan HD2000 48" Mower, Model #74465 from the Hudson River Valley Greenway for use in maintaining the HVRT section of the Empire State Trail and authorize the Supervisor to sign the acceptance letter.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye

Five ayes carried

- G. MOTION** made by Mazzetti, seconded by Winslow to approve and file the Annual MS4 Report for Year 16 (March 10, 2018 to March 9, 2019) as prepared by Anthony Giangrasso, Deputy Building Inspector, and dated April 17th, 2019.

Five ayes carried.

- H. RESOLUTION** made by Winslow, seconded by Auchmoody
WHEREAS the Town of Lloyd received a DASNY SAM grant (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) (State and Municipal Facilities Program) in the amount of \$50,000 for the Rail Trail West Phase III project, and

WHEREAS the Town of Lloyd received a Legislative Member Initiative in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Assemblyman Skartados for the extension of the Rail Trail West Phase III project, and

WHEREAS the Town of Lloyd General fund loaned the Rail Trail West Phase III project \$400,000 in June, 2018 and

WHEREAS the Town of Lloyd will receive reimbursement funds from the New York State Department of Transportation for the Rail Trail West Phase III project, pin 8780.22 in a 80/20 pay out, which must be expended before they are reimbursed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lloyd General fund will loan the Rail Trail West Phase III project an additional \$350,000.00 from its unassigned fund balance, to fund the final project costs and will be paid back when the above referenced funds have been received and the project is completed.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye

Five ayes carried

- I. RESOLUTION** made by Auchmoody, seconded by Mazzetti

WHEREAS, in connection with a Federal-Aid project funded through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), which project includes drainage improvements, milling the existing pavement, replacement of the sub-base, and resurfacing of 2.1 miles of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail in the Town of Lloyd between Commercial Avenue Parking area and Tony Williams Park, (the "project"), the Town has sought to engage the services of a Consultant Engineer to perform certain work and services including providing preliminary and final design services including but not limited to preparation of a design approval document, environmental assessments, SEQR documents and NEPA approval, and assisting the Town in obtaining design approval and to provide construction support services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with required consultant selection procedures, including applicable requirements of NYSDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration, the municipality has selected Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. with offices at 10 Airline Drive,

Albany, New York 12205 to perform such services in accordance with the Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to approve said agreement and authorize the Supervisor to enter into said agreement on behalf of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

- 1) The Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" between Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. and the Town be and the same is hereby approved; and
- 2) Paul J. Hansut, Town Supervisor, is authorized on behalf of the Town of Lloyd to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town. (See Attached)

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye
Five ayes carried

J. RESOLUTION made by Mazzetti, seconded by Guerriero to authorize the purchase of two new 2019 Freightliner Plow Trucks at a total cost of \$415,000. Financing will be provided through the use of the Highway Department's unexpended balance or financed through M&T Bank for a period of 6 years, as it is budget supported and at the recommendation of Highway Superintendent, Richard Klotz.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye
Five ayes carried

K. RESOLUTION made by Auchmoody, seconded by Mazzetti to authorize at the request of Peter Bellizzi President HVRTA, the Highland Middle School PTA hosting the "Huskies 5K Challenge" on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM to be staged at the Hudson Valley Rail Trail Depot beginning at 3:00 PM and concluding at 8:00 PM. The race will go westward to Tony Williams and return to the Depot; this section of Hudson Valley Rail Trail will be closed from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM The organizers of the event will contact Rafael Diaz, Trail Safety and Courtesy Coordinator, before the event to coordinate necessary signage and the use of monitors on the trail before and during the event.

Roll call: Mazzetti, aye; Winslow, aye; Guerriero, aye; Hansut, aye; Auchmoody, aye
Five ayes carried

L. MOTION made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero that the Town Board has no objection to the location of an Anderson Center for Autism group home at 1 Windsor Hill Road, Highland, NY as recommended by the agency.

Five ayes carried

Mark Reynolds, Reporter, asked what the status is on the removal of the illegal fence at 201 New Paltz Road.

Bellizzi responded that they have a court date on Tuesday with the Building Department.

MOTION made by Winslow, seconded by Guerriero to adjourn meeting at 7:40 PM.

Five ayes carried

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Rosinski
Deputy Town Clerk