

An agenda meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Thursday evening, January 29, 2015 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

PRESENT: Patrick Ziegler ----- Supervisor
 Timothy Szczepaniak ----- Councilman
 William Goslin ----- Councilman
 Kelly Stewart ----- Councilwoman
 John Antoski ----- Councilman
 Carol Shemo ----- Clerk
 James Walsh ----- Counsel

Supervisor Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RESOLUTION 15-017
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the payment of the bills on the January Abstract. The bills were approved for payment as follows:

General Fund	No. 1 - 59	\$31,370.14
Highway Fund	No. 1 - 47	58,176.13
Gravel Pit Fund	No. ----	0.00
Park Fund	No. ---	0.00
Library	No. 1 - 39	19,692.50
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 1 - 16	52,601.53
Blue Barnes Rd Dist. No.2 Ext# 13 (BBR)	No. 1 - 10	874.01
Brookline Rd Rte. 67 No.2 Ext#12 (BRW)	No. 1 - 11	6,485.13
Goode St Dist. No.2 Ext#14 (GSW)	No. 1 - 11	3,775.57
Paradowski Rd Water Dist. No.5 (RW)	No. 1 - 2	3.55
Route 50 Water No.2 Ext#7 (RTW)	No. 1 - 10	20,098.84
Scotcbush Water Dist. No.6 ((WW)	No. 1 - 2	5.71
Silver Ln Water Dist. No.6 Ext#1 (WX)	No. 1 - 2	4.95
Chapel Hill Water Dist. No.2 Ext # 18 (CH)	No. 1 - 10	6,118.13
Brooks Heritage Dist. No.2 Ext #21 (RL)	No. 1 - 10	2,622.06
Stonebridge Enclave No.2 Ext #19	No. 1 - 10	1,748.04
Morningdale Court No.2 Ext#24	No. 1 - 10	874.01
Mourningkill No.2 Ext#22	No. 1 - 10	874.01
Trust & Agency	No. 1 - 3	8,918.50

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Ziegler, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Antoski
 Nays 0

Supervisor Ziegler stated beginning this evening we will have a new way of conducting our Agenda Meetings. There will be no Supervisor's Report or Council Members' Reports. It will be very informal and include conversations among department heads, committee heads and Board members. We will not be taking motions unless absolutely necessary and there will be no Privilege of the Floor. There will be discussion among Board members to set the agenda for the regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Szczepaniak also emphasized how important it is to have department heads or alternates at agenda meetings. This will help with the communication with all departments and committees.

The following items were discussed:

- **Water Consolidation, Bonding of the Water Towner and Water Leak Detector**
 Supervisor Ziegler discussed the consolidation of the water districts. He asked Town Attorney Walsh if the Board needed to sit with Kathryn Serra to discuss our options, do we need to retain outside counsel and at what cost? Town Attorney Walsh will reach out to Bond Counsel Karen Martel to determine the best way to proceed. Attorney Walsh is hopeful of a six month turnaround time. Councilman Goslin recommended that water consolidation be done before the next budget to be fair to all water users paying their share of taxes.

Councilman Goslin added the refurbishing of the water towers has not paid. We will have to bond this project; he would like to reduce the cost of this bond and the pump station bond. The Board will need to check with the bookkeeper to determine the funds available concerning the connection fees and the Capital Project Account. Supervisor Ziegler will speak with the bookkeeper for the account information.

Councilman Szczepaniak mentioned the Water Department was involved with what was thought to be a water main break on Westside Drive. There was no pipe burst which caused a lot of unnecessary digging work. He strongly suggested Water Superintendent Joe Whalen purchase a water leak detection device. This device would have been very useful in this situation.

- **Purchase of Radar Signs**

Councilman Szczepaniak suggested purchasing an additional radar sign even possibly three more and obtain an app for data collection of speed. The sign that was purchased has had an effect on drivers slowing down. Supervisor Ziegler will reach out to Sheriff County Sheriff Mike Zullo about an increased patrol presence and also reach out to the Charlton Constable to see if we can utilize his services as well and at what cost.

- **Audio-visual Equipment and Security cameras**

Councilmen Szczepaniak and Antoski will be attending a demo on projector equipment for the Meeting Room and Community Room. This system's cost is approximately \$3000. He will report back to the Board and give a time table. Councilman Szczepaniak would like to have a discussion in the near future about a camera security system at Town Hall.

Councilman Goslin would like to see the cost of other projector equipment as he is not a fan of portable devices.

- **Union Contract Negotiations**

Councilman Szczepaniak stated that he has tentatively planned beginning the Teamster Union Contract Negotiations on February 27th.

- **Building Department Assistant**

The Building Department needs to hire an assistant; therefore, a job description needs to be in place. A meeting with Building Inspector Tom Johnson, Planning Board Chairman Dick Doyle and Councilman Szczepaniak will be held tomorrow to discuss the criteria for the position.

- **Policy on Violence in the Workplace**

Councilwoman Stewart is working on a Policy on Violence in the Workplace for the Town. Employees from each department are needed to discuss and analyze the areas of concern, develop a proper program and training.

- **IT**

Councilman Goslin stated the email system will be completed when the water billing cycle ends. There was an issue with the copier that has been rectified and he is looking at a backup device that has four times the amount of data.

- **EDU Standard for the Sewer Study**

- Councilman Goslin feels a decision needs to be made concerning EDUs for vacant lots in the proposed sewer district area. He suggests one EDU per lot.

- **Connolly Road Meeting**

Supervisor Ziegler stated there will be a meeting held for the Connolly Road residents on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

RESOLUTION 15-018

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MEMBERS OF THE CLEAR WATER COMMITTEE FOR 2015: CRYSTAL AND DREW HAMELINK, WES AND JOANNE DEVOE, ARNOLD AND ELLIE AZAROW, SUE BISHOP, JOE POLLARD, JIM DIPASQUALE, DICK DOYLE, JUDE BRODEUR, DAVE PIERCE.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Antoski to approve the members of the Clear Water Committee for 2015: Crystal and Drew Hamelink, Wes and Joanne DeVoe, Arnold and Ellie Azarow, Sue Bishop, Joe Pollard, Jim DiPasquale, Dick Doyle, Judy Brodeur and Dave Pierce for a term commencing January 29, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Ziegler, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Antoski
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 15-019

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A LEGAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MATTHEW CHAUVIN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR CONNOLLY ROAD.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Goslin to approve the authorization for Town Attorney James Walsh to enter into a legal service contract with Matt Chauvin at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 for Connolly Road.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Ziegler, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Antoski
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 15-020

APPROVE THE SPONSORSHIP OF A HOLE FOR THE BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE LIBRARY'S INDOOR MINIATURE GOLF EVENT ON FEBRUARY 6th AND 7th AT A COST OF \$100.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Goslin to approve the sponsorship of a hole for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Library's indoor miniature golf event on February 6th and 7th at a cost of \$100.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Ziegler, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Antoski
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Goslin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk