

An agenda meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, November 25, 2014 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 7:56 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RESOLUTION 14-189

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

General Fund	No. 487 - 535	\$126,869.33
Highway Fund	No. 456 - 508	133,869.20
Gravel Pit Fund	No. 53 - 54	1,453.07
Park Fund	No. 31 - 34	2,011.33
Library	No 386 - 428	77,650.07
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 94 - 100	10,396.02
Blue Barnes Rd Dist. No.2 Ext# 13 (BBR)	No 85 - 90	65.97
Brookline Rd Rte. 67 No.2 Ext#12 (BRW)	No. 86 - 91	655.73
Goode St Dist. No.2 Ext#14 (GSW)	No. 86 - 91	253.82
Paradowski Rd Water Dist. No. 5 (RW)	No. 36 - 38	68.16
Route 50 Water No.2 Ext#7 (RTW)	No. 86 - 91	1,953.81
Scotchbush Water Dist. No.6 ((WW)	No. 36 - 38	143.31
Silver Ln Water Dist. No 6 Ext#1 (WX)	No. 36 - 38	42.16
Chapel Hill Water Dist. No. 2 Ext # 18 (CH)	No. 86 - 91	584.69
Brooks Heritage Dist. No.2 Ext #21 (RL)	No. 87 - 92	218.90
Stonebridge Enclave No.2 Ext #19	No. 86 - 91	267.97
Morningdale Court No. 2 Ext#24	No. 86 - 91	48.97

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported that she received 6 emails opposed to the Walmart project.

REPORTS

Building Inspector Thomas Johnson, Highway/Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen, Dog Control Officer Thomas Shambo, and Town Clerk Carol Shemo submitted reports for October and they are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ziegler wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He is most thankful for all the people he works with and all the volunteers. He thanked Gina Rossi for the information on the health care for retirees from GE. He is hopeful we will be able to set up an information meeting for these people.

Councilman Goslin reported:

- Mr. Drew Hamelink is present this evening to share the results of the survey of Ballston Lake residents concerning sewers. He was pleased with the positive articles about the sewers in the newspaper and online.
- We have started the IT initiative at the Town Hall.
- We have received the report on the Audit for 2012.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Pokrzywka stated he sent an email and a copy of his resumé to the Town Board asking them to support his appointment as the Local Emergency Planning Committee Coordinator for the Town of Ballston. It is his understanding that the County, through emergency services, will be reinvigorating this committee. He said we need close coordination with the County level for effective emergency planning. With an updated plan, and proposal, this could give us an opportunity to: update the Town's Emergency Management Plan, conduct training, drill exercises with neighboring jurisdictions and mutual aid emergency services groups and attain some funding for these initiatives.

Mr. Hamelink gave an update on the results of the petition drive in support of sewers. The process began with two public information meetings at the Ballston Lake Fire House on September 17, 2014. Seventy-five people attended the morning session and sixty-nine people attended the evening session. Signs to say "yes" to the sewers were purchased by Joe Pollard with a generous donation from his son, J T Pollard. An information flyer, funded by the Ballston Lake Improvement Association, explained why we need the sewers and the cost of the project. Next, the petition drive in local businesses and the door-to-door campaign was organized by Joann Devoe and Sue Bishop. Finally, Wes Devoe did a spreadsheet to summarize the data. Mr. Hamelink thanked all the volunteers who worked on this project and stated that no Town money was used in these activities. The petition drive showed we had support throughout all the areas. They received signatures from 80% of residents and 9 out of 10 were interested in the sewers. The residents around the Lake were concerned with the phosphorus levels in the Lake while the residents of Buell Heights were concerned with the coliform contamination. Those opposed to the sewers were concerned with an increase in taxes or recently had installed a new septic system and paid \$20,000. Mr. Hamelink thanked the Council for their support.

Supervisor Ziegler thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. He said the Town would look to apply for some funding to help with the cost.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:

RESOLUTION 14-190

AMEND RESOLUTION 14-168 APPROVING THE STONEBRIDGE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO INCLUDE PROPERTY 239.11-2-55.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Antoski to amend Resolution 14-168 approving the Stonebridge Lighting Improvement District to include property 239.11-2-55.

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

DISCUSSION:

1. Chapel Hill Speed Limit Request

Councilwoman Stewart stated that the law is very specific on what the Town can and cannot do concerning speed limits. If we are requesting a speed limit reduction for a certain road, we can send our speed limit request to the County and they sent it to NYS Department of Transportation. If we are requesting a speed limit reduction for an entire development, it requires NYS State Legislation action.

Mr. Kimball, a resident of Chapel Hill, reported that a Department of Transportation Traffic Representative said certain conditions have to be met within the development. The 25 mph signs need to be posted in front of every road. For a development with roads larger than 1600 linear feet, additional signs need to be posted along the road. The residents of Chapel Hill have experienced a significant increase in vehicle traffic coming from Eastline Road and the Stonebridge Development at excessive speeds. Lancaster Court is the pass through street from the Stonebridge Development. Also, with the

development of Kelley Farm, there will be additional vehicles using Lancaster Court as a pass through street as a short cut to Lake Road. The petition that was given to the Town Board asked for stop signs and 25 mph posted speed limit.

Mr. Pettis, a resident of Chapel Hill, said there are special circumstances with high density apartments, small homes and no sidewalks. There are no stop signs on Lancaster Court. This is a matter of public safety; there is a potential for serious vehicle pedestrian accidents.

Councilman Goslin said to send the speed limit request to the County and then to NYSDOT. We need a police presence to enforce the speed limit.

Supervisor Ziegler questioned whether the stop signs and the lower speed limit will slow the traffic. He suggested to put the radar sign on Lancaster Court to see if that would help with the speeding problem. We could get the data from the radar sign and show it to the sheriff. The County is looking to increase the sheriff's staff and also looking to hire prisoner transport help so the deputies are available for other duties such as traffic control.

Councilwoman Stewart said she would work with Town Attorney Walsh on the language for the resolution for the speed limit for the next meeting on December 9th.

2. Transportation Study Grant Application

Supervisor Ziegler said that he received information that we may be able to apply for funds under this grant. Considering the issues in Ballston Spa and Abele Woods, we could study multiple areas. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

3. Engineering Fees

Town Attorney hopes to have language change soon.

4. GovPay, Town Credit Card System

Town Clerk's Office is looking to increase their efficiency and make monetary transactions more convenient for their residents. We will schedule a meeting with a representative soon and report back at a future meeting.

Supervisor Ziegler asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation concerning the Dolomite and J.A.G. Associates. There will be no action taken this evening.

RESOLUTION 14-191

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE LITIGATION INVOLVING DOLOMITE AND J.A.G ASSOCIATES.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Antoski to enter into Executive Session to discuss the litigation involving Dolomite and J.A.G. Associates.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-192

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to return to Regular Session.

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

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Antoski and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Town Clerk