

A Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, January 9, 2024, in the Meeting Room at Town Hall located at 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York and via Zoom webinar for the public to view and listen only.

PRESENT:	Eric Connolly	Supervisor
	Kelly Jasinski	Councilwoman
	Chuck Curtiss	Councilman
	Michael Carota	Councilman
	Rob Fendrick	Councilman
	Carol Gumienny	Town Clerk
	Bill Ryan, Jr.	Town Attorney

Also in attendance were Town Comptroller David Urkevich and Highway/Water Superintendent Joe Whalen.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION: McCrea Hill Road Water Storage Tank Rehab

This will be presented at the January Agenda Meeting.

REPORTS

Highway/Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen, Town Clerk Carol Gumienny, and Building Inspector Jeff Stickles submitted reports for December 2023. They are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Library Director Rebecca Darling emailed the following report to the Town Clerk:

The library has several upcoming programs including Getting Started with Canva - Senior Planet Computer Class on Monday, January 29th at 10:00 AM and Paint with Patrice, an adult painting class, on Monday, February 5th at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested can register online at bcpl.sals.edu. The Friends of the Library Mini Golf Fundraiser will be held February 23rd and 24th. Golfers of all ages are invited to participate for \$5 to play 18 holes of indoor mini golf throughout the library. The library is hiring. There is an opening for a part-time bookkeeper for 15 hours per week starting in February. More information is available at bcpl.sals.edu or by emailing the Director at rverhayden@sals.edu.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Comptroller David Urkevich stated that in December the Town received its 10th monthly sales tax distribution from the County. He has posted financial results for December 2023, however; this is not final. It will be changing in the next two months for revenue and expense reasons. The revenue results again were among the highest ever received. The Town has outpaced the 2023 budget by \$410,000. The forecast for 2023 surplus has increased and there could possibly be a \$1 million surplus. Approximately \$440,000 is needed to restore various reserves to levels prior to what was tapped into to make a balanced budget. There will be approximately \$400,000 left over. The Board needs to think about what to do with this excess amount. If it is not appropriated, it becomes unrestricted fund balance. Mortgage tax for 2023 was \$180,000 higher than budgeted. This amount is included in the \$1 million surplus as he stated prior. Adjustments will need to be made to end the fiscal year, so budget lines are not overdrawn. The water supply expense account will be adjusted tonight. There is work to do with the water operations. The corrective action plan is the beginning. Mr. Urkevich now understands how broken the system is and he needs to correct all these errors. Now is the time to find any errors. In the corrective action plan, the Town has committed to a 4th quarter deadline to complete. There will be a solid process in place. As the months go on, he will be fully involved in the Water Department. The water law needs to be revised for clarity and for operational purposes.

Ms. Jasinski asked what the timeframe is to appropriate the surplus before it becomes unrestricted fund balance. Mr. Urkevich stated that the Board should decide by March 1st.

Supervisor Connolly stated that there may be a presentation at the next meeting on some options on how to spend the surplus. He personally thanked Mr. Urkevich for representing the Town and presenting at the State of the Towns Meeting. The Towns of Charlton, Glenville, Clifton Park, and Ballston meet annually.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Connolly stated that he doesn't typically prepare anything written for his report, but he will begin by reading the following statement:

“Ballston is and will remain a Farms First Community. This evening I'd like to acknowledge and thank all the fine residents who have been official and unofficial members of the Farmland Preservation and Protection Committee. With the aid of a grant that was secured by this hard-working committee, our first ever Agriculture and Farmland Preservation Plan was created in 2013. This important document along with the 1997 County protection plan, and the many NYS laws and initiatives to promote and protect Farmland guide us to this day.

Over the last decade our Town has experienced unprecedented growth. We actually earned the title "the fastest growing Town in the state of NY". In an effort to slow down growth and rethink our entire approach to development your Town Board voted in favor of going into moratorium in 2020. After a year and a half of public outreach and planning the Town had a new updated comprehensive plan as well as a new set of codes that aligned with this plan. Built into this new set of codes is a one-of-a-kind Town purchase of development rights and green initiatives program. It is this unique program that has won both state and national awards in the area of planning. In an effort to protect and preserve our farmland and open spaces we have officially entered uncharted territory. Drafting a plan and having it praised by planning organizations is one thing, executing it successfully is an entirely different effort.

Many of you may have noticed a glaring omission from our organizational meeting document. Where is the FLPPC? It has indeed purposely been left off. Our intention is to form a new committee in 2024. Tentatively named the Ballston PDR and Open Space Protection Committee. Try coming up with a memorable acronym for that one!

Councilwoman Jasinski and I are leading the way in the preparations for the launch of this new committee. Once we are ready, we will announce a public information meeting to be held right here in our Community Room. Residents who understand and support our approach will be welcome to express their interest in being an official member of this new committee. We will be looking for residents with passion, skill, and most importantly ... free time.

It is our sincere hope that our Town residents will embrace this change and help us to execute our award-winning farmland and open space preservation plans!”

Supervisor Connolly wanted to acknowledge what the Town’s plans were and are heading in a new direction. The key is preservation, not just with farmland but with open space. Funding is coming in and he will continue to prepare for the upcoming informational meeting.

Supervisor Connolly stated that the Town is attempting to extend the Veteran’s Bike Path. He recently spoke to Supervisor Koetzle about Glenville’s plans to have a bike trail constructed from Freeman’s Bridge Road, along the Mohawk River, and connecting to Collins Park. Glenville used Creighton Manning as the engineer for the project. The Supervisor had a conversation with Creighton Manning Engineering who suggested that their firm come up with ideas on how Ballston can extend the bike path. The Town did a feasibility study that included three different scenarios on how to extend the bike path. Originally the extension was going to go under the railroad tracks, through the Curtis Industrial Park, and connect to the Zim Smith, but the owner of the industrial park backed out of the idea due to the threat of the tenants leaving. Creighton Manning Engineering have some different ideas for the extension. Once they come up with a proposal for design work, and if the Board likes the design, they will need to decide if the Town should work with them. M.J. Engineering did good work, but this firm specializes in transportation and wins grants. Our Town has not had good luck with grants lately. A New York State Safe Pathways to Schools grant was submitted by M. J. Engineering today. It is a strong application with a lot of support from numerous people. He is extremely hopeful to receive this grant and he will know this summer. These sidewalks will transform the northern end of Town.

Supervisor Connolly also stated that he has been working through a civil service list for a skilled water clerk to hire for the Water Department. It is a long process. Once the list is exhausted then he can go off the list as he does have one person who has expressed interest in the position.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the LED street light conversion has been completed except for one light that was missed at the corner of Route 146A and Route 50. This will be converted soon. She stated that the Town is now eligible for a \$10,000 project grant. She thought that perhaps the grant could be used to convert the lights to LED in the old section of the Highway garage. This will cost more than \$10,000 but maybe some of the surplus money can be used if the Board is in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-03

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS 24-04 TO 24-30.

Supervisor Appointments:

Deputy Supervisor: Joe Whalen

Comptroller: David Urkevich

Deputy Comptroller: Erin Hadcock

Town Board Committee Appointments for 2024:

Buildings and Grounds: Curtiss

Personnel: Supervisor, Jasinski, Whalen

Court Audit: Fendrick

Audit: Town Board

Parks: Fendrick

Jenkins Park: Fendrick

Water: Supervisor, Whalen, Hadcock, Town Attorney, Urkevich, Bradt

Collective Bargaining: Supervisor and Whalen

Planning/Zoning: Town Board

Emergency Services: Carota

Ballston Lake Water Quality Protection & Management: Carota

Debris Committee: John VanVorst, Annetta Dunham, Supervisor

Green Community Committee: Jasinski

RESOLUTION #4 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that all meetings of the Town Board shall be held in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

RESOLUTION #5 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the meetings of the Town Board shall be held in the Town Offices located at 323 Charlton Road, Town of Ballston, Saratoga County. The regular meeting shall be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The Agenda Meeting will be held the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. with an Agenda Meeting prior at 6:00 p.m. and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. with an Agenda Meeting prior at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #6 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the Town Comptroller, David Urkevich, is authorized to be the Accounting Officer and shall assume the accounting duties of the Supervisor. The Supervisor will remain treasurer of the Town and pay out Town moneys upon warrant of the Town Comptroller.

RESOLUTION #7 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the Ballston Spa National Bank shall be the official depository for Town funds and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds may be withdrawn, and checks may be signed by Supervisor Eric Connolly, Deputy Supervisor Joseph Whalen or Town Clerk Carol Gumienny, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Law and the procedures established by the Town Board and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that dual signatures from Supervisor Eric Connolly, Deputy Supervisor Joseph Whalen and/or Town Clerk Carol Gumienny will be required on all checks greater than \$5,000 and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that electronic transfers may be made in accordance with Town Law and the procedures established by the Town Board and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn on the Town Clerk's account may be signed by the Town Clerk, Carol Gumienny, or the Deputy Town Clerk I, Jodi Hollowood, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Law and the procedures established by the Town Board and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn on the Tax Collector's account may be signed by the Tax Collector, Karen Russell and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn on the Town Justice accounts may be signed by the Justice assigned to that account or the Town Supervisor and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor and the Deputy Town Supervisor be additional signatories on all accounts allowed by Town Law and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that investments of cash shall be placed with the investment cooperative known as NYCLASS according to the executed contract, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such investments may only be authorized by the Supervisor, Eric Connolly and the Town Comptroller, David Urkevich,

and that such investment transactions will be in accordance with procedures established by the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #8 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that salaries for elected officials for 2024 are approved and established in the 2024 budget and that all other salaries and hourly rates for the 2024 budget and any subsequent resolutions be approved with longevity awards to be applied during the year as earned as follows:

Assessor Peter Hotaling	\$47,962.22
Valuation Assistant Michael Pandolfo	\$51,681.00
Board of Health Officer Gayle Buckley	\$3,506.66
Court Clerk I Shannon Brooks	\$12,674.42
Court Clerk I Kathleen O'Donnell	\$12,674.42
Court Clerk II Diane Morrissey	\$16.72/HR
Town Justice Brandi Burns	\$19,114.78
Town Justice Michael Morrissey	\$19,114.78
Dog Control Officer David Brown	\$13,797.78
Dog Control Officer Tom Shambo	\$6,741.00
Highway Clerk Leslie Zorn	\$23.61/HR
Highway Custodian Eleanor Ellis	\$28.65/HR
Highway Superintendent Joseph Whalen	\$80,447.09
Town Historian Richard Reynolds	\$3,549.07
Park Supervisor Joseph Whalen	\$11,235.00
Administrative Assistant Victoria O'Malley	\$22.92/HR
Assistant Building Inspector Wayne Howe	\$35,000.00
Assistant Building Inspector Matthew Vaverchak	\$73,926.30
Building Inspector Jeffrey Stickles	\$80,892.00
Building Senior Clerk Erica Collins	\$50,557.50
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary Kerri Mains	\$16,632.00
Comptroller David Urkevich	\$105,047.25
Deputy Comptroller Erin Hadcock	\$75,836.25
Deputy Supervisor Joseph Whalen	\$8,594.78
Town Supervisor Eric Connolly	\$25,887.47
Deputy Tax Collector Patricia Mazza	\$22.50/HR
Tax Collector Karen Russell	\$11,235.00
Town Board Member Michael Carota	\$11,505.54
Town Board Member Charles Curtiss	\$11,505.54
Town Board Member Robert Fendrick	\$11,505.54
Town Board Member Kelly Jasinski	\$11,505.54
Deputy Town Clerk I Jodi Hollowood	\$49,995.75
Deputy Town Clerk II Kerri Mains	\$29,568.00
Town Clerk Carol Gumienny	\$67,410.00
Deputy Water Superintendent Henry Shatley	\$8,594.25
Water Clerk Debora Bradt	\$24.72/HR
Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen	\$40,446.00

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payroll schedule be biweekly for all hourly, elected officials and salaried employees.

RESOLUTION #9 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the Planning and Zoning Board Chairpersons receive \$65 per meeting and the Planning and Zoning Board Members and Alternates receive \$50 per meeting attended and to be paid upon the proper submission of a completed Town voucher.

RESOLUTION #10 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the Water Superintendent, Joseph Whalen, is authorized to make purchases for necessary water main break repairs without prior Town Board approval in accordance with Town Code Section 30-6 and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Superintendent will notify the Water Commissioners (Town Board) of said expenditures within 24 hours and, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Water Superintendent will notify the Water Commissioners (Town Board) of any overtime within 24 hours.

RESOLUTION #11 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that petty cash accounts of \$300.00 be authorized for use by the Town Clerk and \$150 for the Tax Collector. The petty cash account for the Building Department be authorized in the amount of \$100.

RESOLUTION #12 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the official newspaper as required by Town Law shall be The Daily Gazette.

RESOLUTION #13 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that Town officers/employees shall be compensated at the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the applicable collective bargaining agreement for the use of their personal automobiles in the performance of their official duties; specifying mileage will be measured based on the shortest distance as calculated by Google Maps.

RESOLUTION #14 - BE IT RESOLVED that all Planning and Zoning Board members and alternates shall be authorized to attend the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference and shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses at the approved rate upon submission of a proper voucher.

RESOLUTION #15 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Building Department Fee Schedule will be used for the 2024 calendar year through the January Organizational Meeting in 2025 and may be subject to change within this timeframe by Board resolution.

RESOLUTION #16- BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that all overnight trips shall require prior approval by the Town Board and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other conference attendance shall require prior authorization of the Supervisor and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reasonable expense reimbursements (any purchases for alcohol shall not be reimbursed) for conferences shall be approved by the Supervisor. Any conference enrollee who cannot attend without cause will reimburse the Town for any costs incurred by the Town. Any late fee is the sole responsibility of the conference enrollee.

RESOLUTION #17 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that any tentative agendas be posted on the Town Website and the Town Bulletin Board five (5) days prior to the meeting and in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, documents be posted 24 hours in advance where practicable.

RESOLUTION #18- BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the following individuals are appointed to the following positions for a term of one year beginning January 9, 2024, said term ending at the Organizational Meeting of the Town of Ballston held in January 2025.

Town Attorney: Attorney William Ryan, Jr.

Attorneys for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals: Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP

Building Inspector: Jeff Stickle

Assistant Building Inspector: Matt Vaverchak

Building Department Clerk: Erica Collins

Assistant Building Inspector: Wayne Howe

Administrative Assistant: Vicki O'Malley

Fire Inspector: Matt Vaverchak

Stormwater Management Coordinator: Jeff Stickle

Animal Control/Dog Control Officer: Dave Brown

Animal Control/Dog Control Officer: Tom Shambo

Deputy Town Clerk I: Jodi Hollowood

Deputy Town Clerk II: Kerri Mains

Town Historian: Richard Reynolds

Court Clerks: Kathleen O'Donnell, Shannon Brooks, and Diane Morrissey

Deputy Highway Superintendent: John Hollowood

Highway Clerk: Leslie Zorn

Water Superintendent: Joseph Whalen

Deputy Water Superintendent: Henry Shatley

Water Clerk: Debora Bradt

Assessor Valuation Assistant: Michael Pandolfo
 Representative to the Ballston Area Rec Commission: Supervisor
 Chairman, Planning Board: John VanVorst
 Vice-Chair, Planning Board: David Blair
 Planning and Zoning Board Clerk: Erica Collins
 Planning and Zoning Board Secretary: Kerri Mains
 Health Officer: Dr. Gayle Buckley
 Zoning Enforcement Officers: Jeff Stickles/Matt Vaverchak
 Ethics Board Chairperson: James Towne, Esq.
 Ballston Lake Water Quality Protection & Management Committee Members: David Pierce, Blue Neils, Dustin Lewis, Scott Reese, Robert Duncan, Dean Long, Joe Whalen, Dr. Gayle Buckley;
 Chairperson: David Pierce.
 Hillside Cemetery Committee Member: Rick Reynolds
 Emergency Management Committee: Rob Davis, Herb Jackson, Mike Fowler; Chairperson: Rob Davis
 Green Community Committee: Jon Mesh, Silver Gudbrandsen, Nick Sinnenberg, Matt Sinnenberg;
 Chairperson: Silver Gudbrandsen
 Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: Annetta Dunham
 Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair: Patrick Whitton

RESOLUTION #19 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston the following committee member positions are available:

(2) members for Parks & Rec Committee (2) Alternate members for Parks & Rec Committee, (2) Planning Board Alternates (2) Zoning Board Alternates, (1) Ethics Board Committee member.

RESOLUTION #20 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the dates observed for official holidays for the Town are:

HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED
New Year's Day (2024)	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 19, 2024
Friday before Memorial Day	Friday, May 24, 2024, close at Noon
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
Juneteenth National Independence Day	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Day after Independence Day	Friday, July 5, 2024
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Day before Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 27, 2024, close at Noon
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31, 2024, , close at Noon
New Year's Day (2025)	Wednesday, January 1, 2025

RESOLUTION #21 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston, for Town Holidays observed on Fridays, employees following a standard 4-day work week shall receive a floating holiday to be used within the same calendar year.

RESOLUTION #22 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that all official meeting minutes must be written and mailed or electronically distributed to appropriate parties within 14 days of applicable meeting. Town Board minutes must, at a minimum, be sent to: all Town Board members, Town Attorney, Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector, Water Superintendent, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Assessor, Tax Collector, Town Justices, Town Librarian, Dog Control Officer, Town Historian, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, Planning Board Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson, , Engineer to the Town, Attorney to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, and others as required by the Town Board in special circumstances and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Zoning Board of Appeals

(ZBA) minutes must be sent to all ZBA members, all Town Board Members, Town Clerk, Chairperson and Secretary of the Planning Board, Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Assessor, Valuation Assistant, Engineer to the Town, Attorney to the ZBA, Town Attorney, Water Superintendent, applicants before the ZBA, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Planning Board minutes must be sent to all Planning Board members, Town Board members, Town Clerk, Chairperson and Secretary to the ZBA, Highway Superintendent, Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Assessor, Valuation Assistant, Engineer to the Town, Attorney to the Planning Board, Town Attorney, Water Superintendent, applicants before the Planning Board, and Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other committee minutes must be sent to the Town Clerk within 14 days.

RESOLUTION #23 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the Town Attorney (representing the Town Board) and the Attorney to the ZBA and Planning Board, appointed or contracted for services by the Town Board, will not represent clients before any of the standing boards of the Town or undertake criminal defense before the Courts of the Town of Ballston.

RESOLUTION #24 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the fee schedule be amended to include a fee for checks returned by any bank for insufficient funds is to be \$20.00.

RESOLUTION #25 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the facility rental policies be used for the 2024 calendar year through the 2025 January Organizational Meeting and may be subject to change within this timeframe by Board resolution.

RESOLUTION #26 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor are designated as compliance officers for sexual harassment and workplace violence, to receive and act on any complaints that may be filed under the direction of the Town Attorney and in accordance with the Town of Ballston Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence policies.

RESOLUTION #27 - WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Ballston requires engineering services from a professional engineering corporation appropriately licensed and registered in New York State; and, WHEREAS the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Water Superintendent may also require professional engineering services; and, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston designates the firm of M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, subject to approval of contract by the Town Attorney, is hereby appointed as Engineer to the Town and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Engineer to the Town agrees not to represent any clients within the Town of Ballston before any duly established Town Board (i.e. Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals).

RESOLUTION #28 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Water Department Fee Schedule will be used for the 2024 calendar year through the January 2025 Organizational Meeting.

RESOLUTION #29 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Town's Health Savings Account funding of \$1000 per employee enrolled in a Town High Deductible Health Plan and increase the Town's matching contribution to \$1,575 for employees under 55 years old and \$2,075 for employees 55 years old and over.

RESOLUTION #30 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Town's Medical Insurance Buy-out amount of \$200 per month in 2024 for those eligible pursuant to Section 707 of the Employee Handbook.

Discussion: Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the 2023 chairperson, Emilia Medick, for the Farmland Preservation and Protection Committee (FLPPC) held regular meetings, drafted agendas, and supplied minutes of meetings more than anyone has done in years. She communicated and got signs posted in Town, asked for direction from the Town Board, and put a list together of active farms in our community. She ran the committee with poise and dignity. Councilwoman Jasinski believes that removing the committee will require a resolution, currently it is not manned. She understands what the Supervisor stated about Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and open space community moving forward but she has been talking to Ag & Markets on PDR and a few other items that are farmland specific. You don't get new members unless you are on the committee. Some of the outreach and connection for the members of the farm community are for

direction on what to do with their farm. This could be PDR or talking to other members of the ag community. There are not enough funds currently for PDR. Ag & Markets noted that the Farmland Protection document needs updating. A committee needs to do this. She learned that municipalities could run farmer's markets and we have the place to do this. The committee (FLPPC) continues to be an advocate for farmland and observe Ag & Market Law in Ag District 2. She doesn't see why the committee and members shouldn't be reinstated as well as the current chair for another year. If it should change direction, they are good voices to be helping with this change.

Supervisor Connolly stated that he has different opinions on this subject matter. He believes that the committee needs to be reshaped after the residents are educated on the program. He has a different opinion on whether there are funds available. There is \$100,000 in open space County money. There is currently \$400,000 available at the County level to preserve land. After speaking to Rob Davies at Saratoga Plan, his position is for a property owner to take advantage of this grant this year; the deadline is the end of March. He and Councilwoman Jasinski do agree on a lot of issues. They have been working on an informational meeting, and at this point it would be beneficial if we talked to folks who have the time and passion for land preservation. He doesn't see any reason why this reiteration of this committee with a focus on PDR preservation and a focus on open preservation can't handle some of these smaller items. It has been years since anything significant has been accomplished. This is part of the reason to get a refresh and take a step back to define what the expectations of the committee are and what their tasks will be. Supervisor Connolly stated that as a part-time Supervisor he does not have the time that this will take. A lot of help will be needed. Close partnerships will be formed with Saratoga Plan. The Supervisor is excited about relaunching a committee that gets things done and will preserve our farmland for decades. He is not a farmer; it is hard work; his vision is to have so much land permanently preserved that people begin to figure out how to be very profitable off their land and reach a point where people come to our Town from all over because there are so many unique farm shops selling their products to the public. He believes that this can be accomplished in his time. He and Councilwoman Jasinski have different opinions on whether to make this change and it's OK. He respects Councilwoman Jasinski deeply and her passion and her efforts, but he firmly disagrees. Councilwoman Jasinski stated that she doesn't believe they disagree, she is saying you should not end something before there is something in place. He has a different opinion on that. Councilman Curtiss stated what will become more common is that there will be more retail businesses in the rural district as the Supervisor spoke of. This is occurring now. These dollars will be pulled from the big box stores. This change will continue. Ms. Jasinski stated it would be good for someone to be able to communicate with a farmland community. A brochure was done by the committee showing the farm businesses in Town. The agriculture district law that restricts water extensions was upheld, thanks to the farmers and people on the committee. They (FLPPC) have not done "nothing" as previously stated. Redoing the farmland protection document that needs to be updated is not a small task.

A motion was made by Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.
	Nays	1	Councilwoman Jasinski

RESOLUTION 24-31

APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL JUNK YARD LICENSES FOR 2024 FOR WILLIAM DAVEY (ROUND LAKE ROAD) AND MANGINO BUICK GMC (ROUTE 50).

A motion was made by Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Fendrick

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.
	Nays	0	

RESOLUTION 24-32

APPROVE BUILDING INSPECTOR JEFF STICKLES AND ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR MATT VAVERCHAK TO ATTEND REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING AT THE NORTHERN ADIRONDACK EDUCATION CONFERENCE, IN LAKE PLACID, MARCH 3, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 7, 2024. THE COST PER PERSON IS \$440.00 FOR THE CONFERENCE, \$30.00 FOR DUES, AND \$560.00 FOR THE HOTEL. OTHER

REASONABLE EXPENSES SUCH AS MILEAGE AND MEALS WILL BE REIMBURSED UPON APPROVAL BY THE TOWN COMPTROLLER.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-33

APPROVE SUPERVISOR ERIC CONNOLLY TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2024. THE COST IS \$150.00 FOR THE CONFERENCE AND \$1,174.06 (MINUS THE SALES TAX) FOR THE HOTEL. OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, MILEAGE AND MEALS WILL BE REIMBURSED UPON APPROVAL BY THE TOWN COMPTROLLER.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-34

APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF STEVE HOPSICKER AS MEMBER OF THE PARKS & REC COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Carota.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-35

APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF MARY ALICE NYHAN AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS & REC COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-36

APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AMY JONES AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Carota.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-37

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNNETTE ZISKIN AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS & REC COMMITTEE FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026. MS. ZISKIN WILL FINISH THE REMAINING TERM OF FORMER PARKS & REC COMMITTEE MEMBER STEVE HOPSICKER.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-38

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL BECHTEL AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS & REC COMMITTEE FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. MR. BECHTEL WILL FINISH THE REMAINING TERM OF FORMER PARKS & REC COMMITTEE MEMBER MARY ALICE NYHAN.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-39

APPROVE TO ACCEPT \$100 DONATION FOR ANCHOR DIAMOND PARK IN HONOR OF TOWN RESIDENTS RUTH AND DAVID COTTER FROM A PRIVATE DONOR WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS. THE FUNDS SHALL BE USED FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL TO PRESERVE TREES.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-40

APPROVE HIRING PAUL GIACALONE AS A SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF BALLSTON COURT AT A RATE OF \$50 PER HOUR UP TO 8 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.

Discussion: Supervisor Connolly stated that if a private firm is hired that going rate is \$75 and you don't get a guard who carries a firearm.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-41

APPROVE THE 3-YEAR SNOW AND ICE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AND THE TOWN OF MALTA FOR EASTLINE ROAD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

A motion was made by Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-42

APPROVE REAPPOINTING PETER DILORENZO AND MICHAEL ZURITIS AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-43

APPROVE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AND BILL CREIGHTON, ON BEHALF OF CAPITAL CITY BASEBALL, TO USE AND MAINTAIN THE BASEBALL FIELD IN JENKINS PARK BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski, Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-44

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON TO ACCEPT A \$10,000 DONATION FROM STEWART'S SHOPS AND THE DAKE FAMILY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POCKET PARK AT 814 SARATOGA ROAD.

RESOLVED, the Town Board on behalf of the town of Ballston accepts a \$10,000 donation for the construction of a pocket park at 814 Saratoga Road from Stewart's Shops and the Dake Family.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.
Discussion: Supervisor stated that the Town did not win the NY Forward Grant, which was \$4.5 million of investments, we are still looking at working with Glenville to have sewer run down Route 50. What do we do with the \$10,000, does the Town match it and give it a facelift? We leave our options open by not investing a large sum of money. The Parks and Rec Committee will have a discussion and the Supervisor can get ideas from a landscaper. Councilman Curtiss thanked Stewarts and the Dake Family for this donation. He would like to clean up the corner and is willing to have the Town match the donation. The Supervisor would like to have a plan by the end of March. Councilman Carota asked counsel by accepting this money, is the Town bound by special terms to improve the lot in a certain way? Attorney Ryan stated that unless there are conditions attached, the answer is no. Councilman Carota would like to see the minimum done to the lot to make it look better and be easy to maintain. Councilman Fendrick stated that for \$20,000 we will get topsoil, hydroseed, a sign and a couple of benches. His committee will come up with options.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-45

APPROVE THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AGREES TO THE TERMS OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AND THE TOWN OF BALLSTON HIGHWAY AND WATER DEPARTMENT AFFILIATED WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 294 TO INCREASE THE HOURLY COMPENSATION RATES AT A FLAT RATE OF \$1.50 PER HOUR, PER MAN BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 ALONG WITH A 3% RAISE OVER THE 2023 PAY RATE FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the town of Ballston agrees to the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached hereto, between the Town of Ballston and the Town of Ballston Highway and Water Department affiliated with Teamsters Local 294 to increase the hourly compensation rates at a flat rate of \$1.50 per hour, per man beginning 1/1/2024 along with a 3% raise over the 2023 pay rate for the year 2024 and further authorizes the Supervisor to execute the same.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.
Discussion: The Supervisor stated that when the Town agreed to a new 3-year agreement with the highway employees, the Town increased their pay comparable to other Towns. Unfortunately, all the municipalities increased their pay rates. Anyone can go to any municipality and make the same or more money. Mr. Whalen stated that this increase was agreed upon in the fall; however, he didn't realize that a resolution was needed.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 24-46

APPROVE A REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN BALLSTON LAKE EMS FUND'S 2024 FINAL BUDGET BY INCREASING "BUDGETED FUND BALANCE DRAW" REVENUE ACCOUNT BY \$7,543.96 AND INCREASING THE "TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$7,543.96 TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE SARATOGA COUNTY TREASURER FOR AMOUNTS REIMBURSED FOR A COURT ORDERED REFUND RELATED TO PARCEL ID 216.-3-9. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE BALLSTON LAKE EMS DISTRICT FUND'S UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE AND FURTHER APPROVE A RELATED REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND'S 2024 FINAL BUDGET BY INCREASING THE "TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$3,547.75 AND DECREASING THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY THE SAME AMOUNT TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE SARATOGA COUNTY TREASURER FOR MISCELLANEOUS AMOUNTS REIMBURSED TO TAXPAYERS FOR REASONS SUCH AS ERRORS, REFUNDS, COURT ORDERS. THE SOURCE OF THE \$3,547.75 SHALL BE A FUND'S 2024 FINAL BUDGET; THERE WILL BE NO IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Carota.
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Nays 0 Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

RESOLUTION 24-47

DESIGNATE THE TOWN BOARD ACTING AS LEAD AGENCY FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 138 OF THE TOWN CODE – “KATZ PUDD MIXED USE”.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AS LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 138 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS “KATZ PUDD MIXED USE”

WHEREAS, the Town of Ballston is considering Local Law No. 1 of 2024 which amends Chapter 138 of the Code of the Town of Ballston, providing for the creation of a Planned Unit Development District to be known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use.”

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS:

RESOLVED, the Town Board shall act as lead agency for this Unlisted Action under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to sign any and all documents associated with the environmental review regarding the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2024 for the Town of Ballston, New York pursuant to Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

A motion was made by Councilman Curtiss and seconded by Councilman Carota.
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Nays 0 Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

RESOLUTION 24-48

CLASSIFY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 138 OF THE TOWN CODE – “KATZ PUDD MIXED USE” AS AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AS THIS LOCAL LAW WILL NOT CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS “KATZ PUDD MIXED USE”

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use”, requires compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Town of Ballston has previously established

that the Town Board act as lead agency for the review of an environmental impact, if any, of the proposed Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Ballston as lead agency has determined that the establishment of the Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use” is an Unlisted Action and that establishment of the proposed Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use” will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and that the Supervisor of the Town of Ballston be authorized to execute the Short Environmental Assessment Form with respect to the determination that the establishment is an Unlisted Action and that the establishment of the Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use” and Local Law No. 1 of 2024 will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;
2. Based on its examination of the EAF, the criteria set forth in Sections 617.6 and 617.7 of the regulations, and such further investigation as the Town Board has deemed appropriate, no potential significant adverse environmental impacts are known;
3. Consent to proceed with the establishment of the Planned Unit Development known as “Katz PUDD Mixed Use” will not cause a significant impact on the environment, and the Town Board will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement;
4. A negative declaration is to be signed by the supervisor;
5. The Town Clerk of the Town of Ballston is hereby directed to cause to be filed and circulated the negative declaration in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a copy of the negative declaration shall be maintained in the Office of the Town Clerk in a file that will be readily accessible to the public, and the clerk shall mail copies, return receipt requested, to:

Office of the Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

and Environmental Notice Bulletin
NYSDEC – Attn: Jack Nasca
625 Broadway, 4th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-1750

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2024, which amends the law as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board adopts and authorizes the filing of a negative declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk and the Attorney for the Town to make such minor modifications to the local law documents as they deem necessary and thereafter are directed to execute and file the said documents as required by law and to take all of the necessary action for the promulgation thereof.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.

A Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Councilman Carota	Aye
Councilman Curtiss	Aye
Councilman Fendrick	Aye
Councilwoman Jasinski	Aye
Supervisor Connolly	Aye

ADOPTED 5-0

January 9, 2024
Ballston, New York

RESOLUTION 24-50

APPROVE THE TOWN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ROAD IN PHASE 5 KELLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION: SADDLEBROOK BOULEVARD. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF ROADWAY FOR SADDLEBROOK BOULEVARD IS APPROXIMATELY 1,400 FEET. THE TOWN ACCEPTS ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING THE ROADWAY. THIS ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

WHEREAS, a certain parcel of land designated as "Saddlebrook Boulevard", more fully described on Schedule A annexed hereto has been offered for dedication to the Town of Ballston for highway purposes by Barbera Homes/Kelley Farms, LLC, the owner of said land as shown on a plat for the Kelley Farms Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended acceptance of said parcel for dedication for highway purposes having indicated that the road has been completed in accordance with the Town of Ballston specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Town designated engineer has reviewed the request for acceptance of the dedication and approves of this action; and

WHEREAS, Barbera Homes/Kelley Farms, LLC, has provided a title report and title insurance for the road to be issued in favor of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, Barbera Homes/Kelley Farms, LLC, shall

sign and deliver an indemnification agreement fully indemnifying and holding harmless the Town of Ballston for conditions and occurrences regarding the roadway and infrastructure to be dedicated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with New York State requirements, the total length of the road is approximately 1,400 linear feet with a road width of 24 feet. This road shall be open to the public 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. After all conditions are met, the Town accepts full responsibility for these roadways.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski.
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Nays 0 Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

January 9, 2024
Ballston, New York

RESOLUTION 24-51

APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT FUND'S 2023 FINAL BUDGET TO INCREASE THE "WATER PURCHASES FROM OTHERS" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$21,000 AND THE "BUDGETED FUND BALANCE DRAW" REVENUE ACCOUNT BY \$21,000 TO ADJUST FOR HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED WATER PURCHASES IN 2023. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE THE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT FUND'S UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Councilman Fendrick, Councilman Carota, Councilwoman Jasinski,
Nays 0 Councilman Curtiss, and Supervisor Connolly.

Privilege of the floor on any topic (limit 3 minutes)

Scott Draina, of Outlet Road, thanked Councilwoman Jasinski for her comments supporting the Farmland Protection & Preservation Committee (FPPC). Mr. Draina stated that he'd like to make some comments regarding Supervisor Connolly's opening remarks about the FPPC and the creation of a new committee. It sounded like the two committees can't exist together, which makes absolutely no sense as they are two completely different committees. Farmland does not necessarily mean open space. Many people own open space that's not farmed, and they're used for completely different purposes. It is very clear, after hearing the comments, that it's really just meant to get rid of the committee, which he doesn't understand. It's operated with no budget for years. It has been a resource for the Town and the Town Board, and a sounding board and a resource for the community. Regarding Stewart's donation accepting the \$10,000, Mr. Draina stated that it is stated in the letter that the money is to be used for a pocket park. He can't understand how the money can be used for anything else.

Emilia Medick, of Blue Barns Road, stated that it is concerning to her not to have a Farmland Protection Committee. It is a good resource for farmers, and new farmers that are coming into the area. She first attended because she received violations for putting her sign out as a new farm, and no one told me. She continues to get violations, and she wonders where they come from without a phone call or discussion as to why? She has put in several phone calls to Ag & Markets and the Town needs a resource to go to learn about Ag & Markets Law Section 305a because as they told her, the Town is in possible violation of this. In the comprehensive plan, it lists several things for the Farmland Committee to do which is serving as educational marketing and programs or promoting, initiating community agricultural events and awareness programs, assisting the Town Board, and grant seeking and writing for act programs, soliciting our existing programs that match farmers in available land, creating websites and farming lists which we have done this year, and creating an easy to understand brochure on the realities of living in agricultural areas. There

are several things here. There are 10 listed in the comprehensive plan, and it doesn't seem as though the Town Board wants to do any of these, especially when, as chairperson, she reached out and asked if that's continued to be what the idea is of the Farmland Committee, and she received no response. Ms. Medick feels that the committee has kind of been led less by the Town Board since July. This is really unfortunate that you're not giving a resource for the new farmers in the Town, or potential farmers that could come on board to lease property from farmers that are already here, because not everybody is going to want to do a PDR and you do need more tools in the toolbox rather than just one thing that you're counting on that's not even funded yet.

Linda Voehringer stated that she lives on Goode Street and owns about 100 acres of farmland which some of it is wooded. She thanked Supervisor Connolly for reaching out to her earlier in the year about preserving some open space farmland. She didn't get back to him, but she is meeting with Saratoga Plan. She got a kick out of the whole farm sign conversation that Mr. Curtiss was concerned about. She lives on a county road and drives a 34-foot brown bear wagon that she must swing all the way over, and whoever put up the sign, they put it in the shoulder. She thanked Ms. Jasinski for her earlier comments and agreed with Mr. Draina's comments. The committee does not meet all the time because farming is seasonal, and it costs the Town nothing for them to meet. She is very disappointed and has been involved with the committee for several years. She had come to Town Hall to dispose of her American flag before Christmas and Town Hall was closed when she arrived at 4:09. She stated that the website on her phone stated that it was open until 4:30. She was disappointed that she could not dispose her flag.

The Supervisor stated that there is no need to enter Executive Session as stated on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Curtiss to adjourn the meeting. All Board members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Gumienny
Town Clerk

Fee Schedule w/Curb Box 1.9.2024

Size	Description	Cost
3/4	Meter, Regulator & Inspection	\$ 1,000.00
1	Meter, Regulator & Inspection	\$ 1,200.00
1 1/2	Meter, Regulator & Inspection	\$ 2,000.00
2	Meter, Regulator & Inspection	\$ 2,700.00
3/4	Meter & Inspection	\$ 700.00
1	Meter & Inspection	\$ 800.00
1 1/2	Meter & Inspection	\$ 1,200.00
2	Meter & Inspection	\$ 1,500.00
3/4	Pressure Reducer	\$ 300.00
1	Pressure Reducer	\$ 400.00
1 1/2	Pressure Reducer	\$ 800.00
2	Pressure Reducer	\$ 1,200.00

NEW CONNETIONS in All Districts is \$2,000.00 plus meter.