

A Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, February 14, 2023 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
	Jodi Hollowood	Deputy Town Clerk
	William Ryan, Jr.	Attorney
	David Urkevich	Town Comptroller
	Carol Gumienny via Zoom	Town Clerk

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

## REPORTS

Highway/Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen, Dog Control Officer Thomas Shambo, Town Clerk Carol Gumienny, Building Inspector Jeff Stickles and Library Director Rebecca Darling submitted reports for January 2023. They are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Library Director Rebecca Darling gave the following report:

Small Towns, Big Reads is a Community Reading Program designed to bring together the residents of Ballston and Charlton through a shared reading selection, *The People We Keep* by Allison Larkin. In conjunction with the reading selection are engaging discussion groups, related activities designed to complement the themes and content in the book, culminating with a Zoom author discussion. Join us for a kickoff celebration for the Small Towns, Big Read program on Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 pm. There will be refreshments, prizes, copies of the book in various formats available for checkout, and a preview of the upcoming events. Sign up online or by calling 518-399-8174. This series of events is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Representatives from the Library and the Town are meeting with Senator Tedisco, Assemblywoman Walsh, staff from the Southern Adirondack Library System and the New York State Library to discuss the Library charter and legislation update on February 16th.

The Friends of the Library are holding Library Mini Golf on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 1 pm. Golfers of all ages and abilities are invited to attend.

\$5 for 18 holes of mini golf or \$3 for nine holes.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Comptroller David Urkevich stated that the books for 2022 are not completely closed out and he is still waiting for a final month of sales tax revenue. He had accurately predicted a \$1 million surplus for Funds A, B and Highway. We have appropriated some of this money and more will be appropriated tonight. 2023 expenses are pacing normally, and we are off to a great start. Mortgage tax revenue is slightly lower. Tomorrow, the Town will be closing on the Carpenter's Acres sewer project debt. It is a unique 30-year bond with an interest rate of 4.94%. Now is the time to issue debt should the Town need to as interest rates are on the rise. Next week at the Association of Towns Meeting, Supervisor Connolly will be presented the Risk Management Award for 2023 by NYMIR. (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal). This is NYMIR's thanks to our favorable response to their loss control recommendations earlier this year and diligent efforts to optimize risk transfer in our procurement processes.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Connolly stated that the water tower on Route 50 in Burnt Hills has a monopole next to it for cellular service providers. He had received an offer to buy the cell contracts on the monopole. The current offer is \$1.45 million and a second one of \$1.6 million. Should we decide to sell, the engineering fees, legal fees, and any work that the Highway Department must do would disappear. Engineering and legal fees occur when a carrier wants to be placed or renewed on the monopole. The proceeds of the sale would go to the Consolidated Water District. This money would allow some water projects to be completed such as painting the interior and exterior of the McCrea Hill water tower, purchase a mixer inside the water tower which helps with the longevity of the paint, and update the technology for both water towers (McCrea Hill Road and Route 50). These projects equate to a little over \$1 million. No debt would need to be issued for these projects. Our attorney, Mr. Ryan is looking at this and will give the Board guidance. Councilman Carota asked how does the funding look for the

Consolidated Water District losing this revenue stream should the Town decide to sell? Mr. Urkevich stated that debt would need to be issued sooner or later for other projects down the road. Supervisor Connolly stated that the Burnt Hills Forward Group will be at the mini golf outing at the library supplying public engagement materials, including a survey to see what residents would like the downtown area of Burnt Hills to look like in the future. The grant will not be applied for until September. There will also be a large public engagement at the high school with the group and BFJ Engineering tentatively in March. Discussions will take place by breaking out into groups to gather data. A couple of weeks later there will be a student engagement piece led by some student council advisors. The students will lead the small group discussions. The Burnt Hills business sewer district effort had a kickoff meeting with CHA Engineering and discussed what lots are included and what aren't, sticking only with the businesses, no residential. Kingsley Road business sewer district would consist of Burnt Hills Hardware, the hair salon and the businesses on the corner. All engineering needs to be done to see what capacity we can handle. Once parcels are decided, the engineering firm will determine if the pump house on Main Street can handle the capacity. The Burnt Hills School District needs commercial business to sustain their current programs. A pump station at a low point will also be looked into.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the Clean Energies Committee had their first meeting of 2023. There is a meeting this Thursday at 11 a.m. at Town Hall in the Meeting Room. She invited all residents. Silver Gudbrandsen will be setting the meeting agenda. Ben Baskin finished the February Clean Energies Committee newsletter on all things EV. He did a fantastic job, and it can be found on the Town website and Facebook page. The Committee hopes to have a few hard copies for Town Hall, the library and a few other locations. If anyone in Town has purchased a new fully electric vehicle, please reach out to her. The Town can receive credit if five residents purchased an EV since January 2022.

Ms. Jasinski stated that the Ballston Lake EMS has moved forward to include a second crew from 9 am to 9 pm. This is working well, and they have been able to meet the County's expectations for the past month. As they started the second crew, mid-January numbers should continue to meet the County's metrics.

She is waiting for news on the household hazardous waste pickup. There will be a cost to the Town should it be decided to move forward; however, the amount is not known at this time. Stacey Agostino, of Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh's office, will reach out to Clifton Park for more details on how their program operates.

Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the Ballston Lake Sewer District chairman, Drew Hamelink, continues to update information for the residents on the website, most recently grinder pumps and freezing temperatures.

Councilman Fendrick stated that he has an update on the fishing pier and stated that it will be installed the second week in May and take a week to do. He would like this update on the website. He met with three local fence companies for estimates for a possible dog park in Jenkins Park. The Parks & Rec Committee will review these at their meeting and make a recommendation to the Board in the future. The priority is Jenkins Park. There is some playground equipment that needs updating. Supervisor Connolly stated that as a kayaker you want to get as close as possible to the water. We should think about doing one of two things at the fishing pier entrance: get huge stones and put them there so no one can pull over which will prevent an accident or would Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) allow the Town to fill some of this area to create a one car parking spot. He asked the Committee to look at these options. It may be too late to do but is worth investigating. The latter idea is still problematic as there is no turning around to park in the parking lot.

Supervisor Connolly stated that on the dog park topic, how do we allow people to gain access to the park? His idea is to use a key fob to gain access to the park. Councilman Fendrick stated that a key fob has not been discussed yet; currently the committee is working on the entrance, the fence, and the structure. The current entrance to the area is a 4-foot-wide open area, which will be split into two 4-foot-wide gates that go into two separate boxes. You will enter another gate and the entire area is split into two. Dogs under 45 lbs. will be on one side, over 45 lbs. on the other. The second entrance can be a key fob. Dogs will need to have proper paperwork. Their next meeting is tomorrow night, and they encourage public participation. They still need a volunteer to fill an alternate position.

Councilman Carota stated that he had nothing new to add to the library report. He may be delayed attending the call regarding the library that will occur on Thursday.

Councilman Curtiss stated that there was one bid for maintenance for Town Hall. \$88,000 will be

used from ARPA funds for new windows, doors, and soffits for the old section of Town Hall. Councilman Curtiss was approached by a Town resident, Herb Jackson, who graciously offered to plant a tree at Town Hall in memory of Deb Kaelin and he asked counsel if a resolution would be necessary. Mr. Ryan stated that no resolution would be needed as it is a donation that includes the installation.

Councilwoman Jasinski wrote and read the following:

“Deb Kaelin supported each member of this Town Board unquestioningly. When I was first appointed, she spent several hours bringing me up to speed on what the Town Board was working on, in the middle of COVID. Phone calls and zooms. It was amazing how business got done. She was the glue that kept us all together, moving forward without the big “P” word, doing the best we could for this Town. Always professional, always supportive and with an abundance of caution, she never lost her cool and handled everything with a touch of grace.

Deb, as the legal part of our town board team, guided us as we accomplished many tasks. Here are a few examples where her counsel had a huge impact.

Our comprehensive plan has been updated and adopted. During this time, her legal counsel was necessary in navigating the variances considered during the time of the moratorium.

Chapter 138 of our Zoning has been updated and adopted.

Solar zoning has been adopted, and a solar law guiding possible future community solar adopted.

Our water districts have been consolidated and have a plan moving forward.

We have adopted a fund balance policy to keep our finances fiscally sound, organized and in perspective.

The Sewer Law has been updated, and the Operation and Maintenance agreement with Saratoga County Sewer District has been finalized.

Our procurement policy has been updated, in step with the current state recommendations allowing us to move forward with procurement in a more reasonable financial manner.

Our committee chairs now have a document to guide them on procurement policy and also Town law as it pertains to all things for volunteers.

814 Saratoga Road, the old Magnum Station, has ceased to be an eyesore, all under tricky legal guidance.

Numerous contracts, easements, and such have been negotiated and signed through her thoughtful and thorough review, and all this is just a part of what Deb had our backs on in this Town, with her legal guidance and caring watch.

Care.

Deb Kaelin’s office was where she was, wherever that happened to be, and the balance that she was able to maintain with her family and her extended family, us, the Town of Ballston, was professional and kind. As a resident of this community, she truly cared about all aspects of this Town. She came out of retirement, from her position as an Assistant District Attorney of Saratoga County, to serve this community. Her empathy for those around her and genuine concern for the situations at hand in Ballston made her an exceptional and valuable member of this team.

I truly hope that our remembrance of Deb will guide us forward with our search for a municipal attorney that has compassion for and experience with our Town of Ballston.

Debra Kaelin, thank you for your compassionate and steadfast counsel to the Town of Ballston.”

Supervisor Connolly thanked Councilwoman Jasinski for the kind words. She was a special lady. She accommodated all our schedules. He stated that for 3 1/2 years he spoke to Deb in the morning on his way to his full-time job or on the way home. When he walked into the Meeting Room this evening and saw her empty chair, he felt the loss. She will be missed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

***Privilege of the floor ONLY on items for consideration and action this evening.***

*No one wished to speak.*

**NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION THIS EVENING**

**RESOLUTION 23-37**

**APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023.**

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

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-38**

**APPROVE BUILDING INSPECTOR JEFF STICKLES AND ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTORS MATT VAVERCHAK AND WAYNE HOWE TO ATTEND TRAINING AT THE NORTHERN ADIRONDACK EDUCATION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 27, 2023, THROUGH MARCH 2, 2023, AT A COST PER PERSON OF \$380.00 FOR THE CONFERENCE, \$25.00 FOR DUES, AND \$500.00 FOR 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 Curtiss.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-39**

**APPROVE SUPERVISOR ERIC CONNOLLY AND COUNCILWOMAN KELLY JASINSKI TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2023. THE COST PER PERSON WILL BE \$150.00 FOR THE CONFERENCE AND \$897.00 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 Carota and seconded by Councilman Curtiss.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Councilman Curtiss, Councilman Carota, and Councilman  
Fendrick

Nays 0

Abstain 2 Councilwoman Jasinski and Supervisor Connolly

**RESOLUTION 23-40**

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIFIC CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COST FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FINLEY ROAD BRIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE FUNDED FROM SURPLUS FUNDS WITHIN THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND. THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021, the Town of Ballston Town Board adopted a resolution approving a Fund Balance and Reserve Fund Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston has been advised by its consulting engineers, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., that Finley Road Bridge requires a full structure replacement since the foundations of the bridge have been determined to be unstable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston has further determined that it will be necessary to fund the proposed capital improvements as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the maximum cost to replace the existing structure shall not exceed the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,750,000.00); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this need and the fact that the Town of Ballston General Fund has a surplus balance to defray a portion of this capital improvement, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston desires to establish a specific capital reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this capital improvement is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS:

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the establishment of a specific capital reserve fund for the replacement of Finley Road Bridge; and it is further

RESOLVED, the amount of money required to fund this specific capital reserve fund to replace the Finley Road Bridge equals Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$95,000.00) which sum shall be funded from surplus funds within the Town's General Fund; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of up to Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$95,000.00) from the specific capital reserve fund to defray the cost associated with replacing the Finley Road Bridge only upon the order of the Town of Ballston Town Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, the moneys for the establishment of this capital reserve fund shall be expended therefrom for the purpose for which they were levied; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of the Town Law and in accordance therewith the Town Clerk shall publish and post a copy of this Resolution as required by Article 7 of the Town Law.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Connolly stated that this money is part of a influx of money from the County that the Town did not expect of approximately \$300,000. Comptroller Urkevich stated that this is the cost share for the Town if we succeed in getting the grant. The scoring algorithm has changed, and we are losing some traction on the possibility of getting the grant. A letter is being drafted to state our case. This is the single most important item that M.J. Engineering is working on for the Town. This is the elephant in the room financially; this will change the way we operate financially if we are successful. It is a \$2 million bridge. The Supervisor stated that we could reapply. Mr. Urkevich stated that we could. What is hurting us now, specifically, is the "step model" which counts the number of vehicles that go over the bridge. This bridge is not highly travelled; however, it is not too late to state our case, this is an important opportunity.

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

Nays 0

#### RESOLUTION 23-41

**APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE HIGHWAY FUND'S 2023 FINAL BUDGET TO INCREASE THE "BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE DRAW" REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE "CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$114,000 TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK AT THE INTERSECTION OF KINGSLEY ROAD AND LAKE HILL ROAD. APPROVE A RELATED TRANSFER UP TO \$114,000 FROM A FUND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO HIGHWAY FUND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO ADJUST FOR COSTS RELATED TO THIS PROJECT.**

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

Discussion: Supervisor Connolly stated that this is a intermunicipal project; the County will be doing the work. The Town will supply the funds, which came from the County surplus as mentioned prior. There is not a timetable for this project. The Town Comptroller stated that this is the first step, the next step will be to approve an intermunicipal agreement with the Town and the County to do the work and the Town will pay for it. Supervisor stated that there will be a push button with flashers to cross, curb cuts and a crosswalk.

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

Nays 0

#### RESOLUTION 23-42

**DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEFERRAL OF THE SEWER CONNECTION TO THE BALLSTON LAKE SEWER DISTRICT FOR 16 HICKORY GROVE LANE TAX MAP ID#249.10-2-14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 87-15 OF THE**

**TOWN OF BALLSTON SEWER USE LAW. THIS DETERMINATION SHALL BE FILED IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, AND THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.**

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

Discussion: Councilwoman Jasinski explained that the resident applied for deferral due to an engineering hardship. Their concerns were that they have a hedge row of bushes that would need to be removed because there is not a large path on the side of their house down to where they would need to hookup to sewer. Their septic is located in their backyard on a downward slope to the lake. Ms. Jasinski spoke to Building Inspector Jeff Stickle to get a clear picture of why he denied this application. She said that Mr. Stickle said that the resident can use a smaller machine for the excavating on that side of the house and if they did not want to do that then they could always go on the other side of the house. He also pointed out that this is exactly the type of septic system that is the reason that this sewer project was built because of the location of the septic near the impaired body of water.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-43**

**APPROVE THE SPECIFICATIONS AND NOTICE TO BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF (4) NEW TRUCKS (THREE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT) WITH A BID OPENING DATE OF THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023, AT 3 P.M.**

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

Discussion: This is part of the vehicle replacement plan. Two for highway, one for the parks department, one for the building department. Councilman Curtiss asked if a car can be used for the building department. Councilman Fendrick stated that coming from a construction background most sites are muddy and a car is not favorable for these construction sites.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-44**

**APPROVE THAT WILLIAM F. RYAN, JR., ESQ., OF TABNER, RYAN & KENIRY, LLP BE SUBSTITUTED AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR DEBRA KAELIN, ESQ., IN THE MATTER VENUED IN SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SARATOGA DESIGNATED AS:  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE TAX ASSESSMENT OF BALLSTON TWO LLC, 149 BALLSTON AVENUE, VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, TOWN OF BALLSTON, COUNTY OF SARATOGA NEW YORK (TAX MAP #216.-3-9). THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO CHANGE ATTORNEY.**

RESOLVED, the Town of Ballston Town Board approves that William F. Ryan, Jr., Esq., of Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP be substituted as attorney of record for Debra Kaelin, Esq., in the matter venued in Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Saratoga designated as:

In the matter of the Application for a Review Under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law of the Tax Assessment of Ballston Two LLC, 149 Ballston Avenue, Village of Ballston Spa, Town of Ballston, County of Saratoga New York (Tax Map #216.-3-9),

Petitioner, Index No. EF2021-2068  
RJI No. 45-1-2021-0780  
Hon. Richard A. Kupferman

-against-

The Assessor of the Town of Ballston, County of Saratoga, New York, and the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Ballston,

Respondents.

and it is further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to execute the Consent to Change Attorney, a copy of which is attached hereto.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jasinski and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.  
Discussion: Attorney Bill Ryan stated that this is the old County nursing home who is challenging their assessment. There is no Town tax but there is a Consolidated Water District tax ad valorem rates and it is conceivable that the residents of the water district could be affected by this should a refund need to be issued. There is a conference next week that he will attend and report back to the Board.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-45**

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEMBER GERRY GAUTHIER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

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

Discussion: Councilwoman Jasinski thanked her for her input; she had valuable insight.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 23-46**

**APPROVE THE TERMS OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AND TABNER, RYAN AND KENIRY, LLP; AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE.**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston hereby approves the terms of a Professional Service Agreement between the Town of Ballston and Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Professional Service Agreement.

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

Discussion: Attorney Ryan thanked the Board for the vote of confidence; he realizes that he has large shoes to fill, and he wanted the Board to know that he will exceed the Board's expectations. He spoke with Deb (Kaelin) on a regular weekly basis, sometimes more frequently, on various Town issues. He shared with Ms. Jasinski the observations that she stated earlier. He is getting his arms around the daily issues that affect the lives of this community and they will be handled correctly and well because, like Deb, he realizes everything matters.

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

Nays 0

***Privilege of the floor on any topic (limit 3 minutes) Please state your name and address.***

*Mike Siiss*, Director of the Ballston Lake EMS, stated that three weeks ago tonight, they received a call in the Town of Ballston for a 56-year-old resident in cardiac arrest; fortunately, they added a second crew resulting in an immediate response from the station which was about three and half minutes away. A 16-year-old junior member, with the agency for a year, who lived down the street, went directly to the scene and immediately started CPR. The patient was defibrillated twice, and then breathing on his own. He went to the hospital and was discharged five days later. Mr. Siiss would like to recognize these responders from the EMS and fire department and have the 56-year-old person present to be a part of this recognition. The American Heart Association has "Heart Hero Awards" and the County can present something too. Mr. Siiss would like the Town to be a part of this. The Supervisor stated that he would love to host this at an agenda

meeting.

The Supervisor stated that the Town does not have to pass a resolution for first responders to receive a 10% break on their taxes. This does not involve special districts and there is no Town tax. The County is moving in this direction, which is a good thing.

A motion was made by Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Fendrick to enter into Executive Session at \*7:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with no expected action. All Board members were in favor.

\*A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Carota to return to regular session. All Board members were in favor.

\*A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilman Carota to adjourn the meeting. All Board members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at \*7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gumienny  
Town Clerk

\*Motions and times confirmed by Deputy Town Clerk Jodi Hollowood who attended the meeting in person.