

A Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, July 11, 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
	Michael Carota	Councilman
	Kelly Jasinski	Councilwoman
	Chuck Curtiss	Councilman
	Rob Fendrick	Councilman
	Carol Gumienny	Town Clerk
	William Ryan, Jr.	Attorney

Also in attendance was Town Comptroller David Urkevich.

Supervisor Connolly 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 Tom Shambo, Town Clerk Carol Gumienny, and Building Inspector Jeff Stickles submitted reports for June 2023. They are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Comptroller David Urkevich stated that the sales tax money received for the 4th quarter was excellent; the fourth highest ever. Expenses are at a normal pace. In the future, there will be resolutions for fund balance appropriations for operating funds. Jenkins Park District will need more resources for expenses for the rest of the year due to multiple circumstances. The full amount may not be needed but allows the authorization if we do. The Town has a tax base growth factor of 4.31%, the highest in the County. The special districts' revenue, including water, will grow due to the growth in our Town. The fund balance in the water fund is \$1 million and the potential of the cell tower sale will provide for major water capital improvement costs in the future. Ballston Lake sewer assistance grants are being processed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Connolly stated that he has contacted businesses in the Burnt Hills hamlet about the Burnt Hills Forward grant. He was well received by the business owners that he spoke with so far. He will be receiving letters of support from business owners for the grant. Their next Burnt Hills Forward meeting is July 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Connolly also gave an update on the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE). He met with Mayor Rossi and a representative from CHPE regarding easements that are needed on Kaleen Drive. After pushback from the Supervisor and the Mayor, CHPE decided that they would not impact homeowners here and would reroute the project line. The Supervisor is scheduled to meet again with representatives in a couple of weeks in the area north of Outlet Road, where CHPE would be working and where the Town would like to extend the bike path. CHPE agreed to leave the crusher run (stone) there and they may also pay the Town to pave north of Outlet Road to where we have the design (bike path extension) going under the railroad to the Curtiss Industrial Park. This would be a public benefit dollar amount. M.J. Engineering will prepare an estimate of what it would cost for the paving. On July 26th there will be a meeting at Town Hall with project representatives (CHPE) and Town of Ballston residents who are affected by this project.

Supervisor Connolly stated that there are two homes in our town deemed a public hazard. The Town is taking action to demolish and put a lien on the property for this work. The residents were contacted repeatedly, and it is moving along.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the Carpenter Acres Sewer Committee is no longer meeting as the project is essentially completed. They are waiting for TKC (contractor) to settle their final paperwork with C.T. Male.

The Ballston Lake Sewer project is winding down. Typically, what this Board hears about are the invoices, and any issues or change orders that have come to their attention. She believes that there will be items that continue to come up as residents navigate the process of hooking up. There will be questions that our Supervisor or she will need to answer. Saratoga County Sewer

District (SCSD) and Adirondack Mountain Engineering have been supportive all along, and she anticipates that to continue. The Ballston Lake Sewer project was made financially possible by bidding the project out in five (5) sections. Having five (5) separate contractors, and the project having been completed on time and under cost, is a success story. Many resident concerns were handled by our Supervisor, Ed Hernandez (Adirondack Mountain Engineering) and the Sewer Committee. Efforts were made by the Sewer Committee to facilitate residents' ability to hook up as evidenced by the manual that Drew Hamelink (Sewer Committee chairperson) put together with input from the SCSD, and the website that kept residents up to speed on the Ballston Lake Sewer. BLIA (Ballston Lake Improvement Association) included sewer updates and fielded questions at their meetings. So many positive interactions happened that never get the credit they deserve. She would like to say this has been an amazing project that will provide great benefit to our residents, Ballston Lake itself, and our Town. It is a project that everyone should be proud of. She would like to thank Ed (Adirondack Engineering), Eric Connolly, Supervisor, Tim Szczepaniak (former Town supervisor), Bill Goslin (former Town council member) Kim Kotkoskie (CREEC, PLLC) and the entire Sewer Committee: Drew Hamelink, chairperson, Wes DeVoe, committee member, Jim DiPasquale, committee member, and Dick Doyle, committee member, for their time, efforts, and beliefs in getting this project done.

She also thanked Drew Hamelink for offering to spruce up the pump station with annuals and perennials. He was out there yesterday and is working to get the Veterans Park taken care of too. Councilwoman Jasinski has been working with Highway Superintendent Joe Whalen on speed limit recommendations for the hamlet and rural County roads. She has also been checking into the 4-foot shoulder for the bike map. She would like to put this topic on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

The Personnel Committee has been working on Paid Parental Leave for the Board to consider.

Our Clean Energy Community has received an additional 200 points for completion of the EV Community Campaign. Special thanks to the five (5) residents that reached out to help by letting her know their vehicle information and date of purchase. Thank you for helping our Town! We anticipate more awarded points when National Grid converts the streetlights to LEDs.

The Green Community Committee will be meeting next on July 26th at 7 p.m. at 150 Middleline Road. Feel free to contact her if you are thinking of attending. There will be a walk to identify invasive species that grow in the hedge rows, followed by a sit-down meeting discussing budget and future directions for the committee.

She has continued to research how to offer Town residents hazardous waste drop off. Following leads she received from the County Recycling Center, she became aware of a group called Sustainable Saratoga that is having an event this October at the SPAC parking lot. There is a charge of \$5 per car. This is not for hazardous waste, but for several kinds of recycling materials including musical instruments and bikes. You do not have to be a resident to participate.

Councilman Fendrick stated that the Parks & Rec Committee meeting will be held on July 19th at Jenkins Park. The Anchor Diamond Park workday that was scheduled for July 8th is now scheduled for July 15th at 9 a.m. There will be stone dust to lay and geo cells to install. He asked that residents wear boots and bring gloves.

Councilman Fendrick submitted a grant application for \$10,000 to the County to be used to create a parking lot at the Ballston Creek Preserve Nature Trail. Saratoga PLAN has been involved in the process as they own the land and maintain the trail.

The dog park in Jenkins Park is officially open. People need to register at the Town Clerk's office for a tag. He has received a lot of positive feedback from residents.

A resolution is on the agenda this evening (23-148) to have a Map, Plan and Report be created to expand the park district. This would allow the Committee to come up with a plan for all parks. The Committee, which consists of 7 volunteers, works hard to keep things running with minimum resources. Our parks need attention upgrading or replacing equipment and it is tough to work with a minimal budget. They would at least like to explore this opportunity of expanding the park district. Many worth points were brought up while working on the dog park and many people brought up that the current park district isn't really a great fit for what we currently have. The district may have been well thought out 50 or 60 years ago when it was put in place, but it doesn't conform to the current needs of parks collectively. It could be more unified. With proper funding and a unified district, he is hoping for things to be potentially different.

Councilman Carota stated that the library is waiting a signature from the governor to officially make the library its own special district. Reports continue to be sent by the library and everything looks good.

Councilman Curtiss stated that he is in favor of continuing to have a sheriff patrol our Town, ideally, he prefers to have two patrol cars. The Saratoga County Fair will officially open next week, he encouraged everyone to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

The Supervisor stated that the three (3) supervisors from the Towns of Ballston, Malta and Halfmoon agreed on a fee structure for each small cell technology that would be on top of telephone poles. This technology will add bandwidth in areas of high density. Verizon and the three towns will have an agreement. The Town does not own any telephone poles; Verizon will have a separate agreement with National Grid to use the poles for their equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

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

Kathy Wilcox of Nolan Road stated that she has concerns with Resolution 23-148 to have MJ Engineering do a Map, Plan and Report for a town-wide park district tax. This a stepping stone for a Town park tax. She is not in favor of this. \$5000 is a lot of money to spend on a Map, Plan and Report. She believes that this (park district tax) would have to be voted on by the residents.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION THIS EVENING

RESOLUTION 23-138

APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2023.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-139

APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN’S 2023 LIABILITY INSURANCE PACKAGE THROUGH NYMIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,398.31. THESE POLICIES ARE PACKAGED AND INCLUDE PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE, MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND EXCESS LIABILITY (UMBRELLA) COVERAGES. POLICY DATES ARE 7/11/2023 - 7/11/2024.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-140

APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN’S 2023 CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY THROUGH BEAZLEY INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$4,310.00. POLICY DATES ARE 6/26/2023 - 6/26/2024.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-141

APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF CRIME POLICY (BOND) THROUGH TRAVELERS INSURANCE IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$4,434.00. POLICY DATES ARE 7/11/23 – 7/11/24.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-142

ENDORSE THE POLLUTION POLICY TO ADD THE NEW SEWER PUMPING STATION FOR A PREMIUM OF \$1,500.00. POLICY DATES ARE 7/11/22 – 7/11/25.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-143

APPROVE A REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS 2023 FINAL BUDGETS TO ADJUST FOR OVERALL HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED INSURANCE EXPENDITURES. INCREASE A FUND'S "UNALLOCATED INSURANCE" EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECREASE THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$4,300 EACH. INCREASE B FUND'S "UNALLOCATED INSURANCE" EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECREASE THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$4,000 EACH. INCREASE HIGHWAY FUND'S "UNALLOCATED INSURANCE" EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECREASE THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$8,500 EACH. INCREASE CONSOLIDATED WATER FUND'S "UNALLOCATED INSURANCE" EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECREASE THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$1,250 EACH. INCREASE MORNINGDALE COURT WATER FUND'S "UNALLOCATED INSURANCE" EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECREASE THE "CONTINGENCY" EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$56 EACH. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE EACH FUND'S 2023 FINAL BUDGET, THERE WILL BE NO IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-144

ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION OF CAROLYN SPEENBURGH FROM BALLSTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 23-145

DESIGNATE THE TOWN OF BALLSTON AS LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 AMENDING CHAPTER 132 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 132 TO APPLY TO THE WATER DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ballston is considering Local Law No. 1 of 2023 which amends Chapter 132 of the Code of the Town of Ballston in its entirety and replaces it with a new Chapter 132 to apply to the water districts within the Town of Ballston.

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 2023 for

the Town of Ballston, New York pursuant to Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

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

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

Dated: July 11, 2023
Ballston, New York

RESOLUTION 23-146

APPROVE CLASSIFYING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 AS AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) AND ISSUE A NEGATIVE DECLARATION. THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

WHEREAS, the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 Amending Chapter 132 complies with the provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Town of Ballston prior to the adoption of this resolution established that the Town Board act as lead agency with respect to the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Ballston as lead agency has determined that the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 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 confirming this determination;
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. The notice to proceed with the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 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 email copies, 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

6. All subsequent notices concerning the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 shall state that a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA has been issued.

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

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

DATED: Town of Ballston, New York
July 11, 2023

RESOLUTION 23-147

ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 AMENDING CHAPTER 132 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 132 TO APPLY TO THE WATER DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BALLSTON.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ballston (“Board”) is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023, which, if adopted amends Chapter 132 of the Code of the Town of Ballston in its entirety and replaces it with a new Chapter 132 to apply to the water districts within the Town of Ballston; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No.1 of 2023 is in the best interest of the Town, and it is necessary to provide for the health, safety and welfare of Town residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 is a necessary and proper exercise of authority by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the authority for the enactment of this local law is found in Section 10(1)(i) of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing on the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 was properly noticed in the newspaper and posted, and was duly conducted on July 11, 2023, at the Ballston Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the public comments made at the public hearing;
and

WHEREAS, the Board serving as lead agency for this Unlisted action under SEQRA,
reviewed a short environmental assessment form and determined that the action does not present
any adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local
Law No. 1 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Town has prepared the necessary documents for filing
this local law with the Secretary of State including the text of the law itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts Local Law
No. 1 of 2023, which amends the law as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board adopts and authorizes the filing of a
negative declaration according to the State Environmental Quality Review Act; 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 Councilman Carota and seconded by Councilman Fendrick.
Discussion: Councilwoman Jasinski noted that there is no mention in the law of not allowing
water extensions in an agriculture district and feels that this needs to be done eventually.
Councilman Curtiss agreed. The Supervisor stated that this could be a topic of discussion at his
weekly legal meeting. Attorney Ryan stated that the basis of the amendment of the water chapter
has to do with billing issues, non-payments, liens, and curb stop language. He will look into the no
extension lines in an agriculture district before the legal meeting on Friday.

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

Dated: July 11, 2023

RESOLUTION 23-148

**APPROVE A PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2022, FROM M.J. ENGINEERING
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MAP, PLAN AND
REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORMATION OF A TOWN-WIDE PARKS
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE TOWN LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.
CONSIDER A RELATED REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A
FUND'S 2023 FINAL BUDGET, DECREASING "CONTINGENCY BUDGETING"
EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$5,000 AND INCREASING "TOWN BOARD – OUTSIDE**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES” EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$5,000. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE A FUND’S 2023 FINAL BUDGET; THERE WILL BE NO IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE. IF ESTABLISHED, THE NEW DISTRICT SHALL REIMBURSE A FUND FOR THIS EXPENDITURE.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski. Discussion: Councilwoman Jasinski stated that she did receive a quote from another engineering firm that was higher; this cost is fair. Attorney Ryan stated that this Map, Plan and Report is for creating a Town wide (including the Village) park district. The Jenkins Park special park district would be consolidated into the town wide district as a separate action. Councilman Carota stated that he has made it clear in the past and especially this year that he is not in favor of voting on creating a town wide park district. His priority is the Finley Road bridge which needs to be replaced. We won’t know until the spring if we received a grant for this \$3 million replacement project. If we don’t get a grant for this, it could result in a highway tax to defray the cost. This is a huge amount of money. He is not in favor of moving forward with creating a park district any time soon, there are too many unknown factors with the bridge, regardless of if the Map, Plan, and Report is done. Councilwoman Jasinski stated that Councilman Carota made a good point of the bridge expense looming over our heads. She knows a few years leading up to the Highway garage addition the Town was very frugal and did a good job of putting money aside for the project. She would be interested to see how much money we can put away for when the bridge decision comes through. It is not unreasonable to come up with a lot of it on our own if we are frugal. Supervisor Connolly stated that he is in favor of looking at this, taking it one step at a time, and be conservative. If we can’t do this for 2024, due to these concerns, the Board can consider bringing this forward next summer when we do the budget for 2025.

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

RESOLUTION 23-149

APPROVE A SHORT-TERM INTERFUND LOAN FROM A FUND TO JENKIN’S PARK FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000 TO AUTHORIZE FINANCING FOR REMAINING 2023 OPERATING EXPENSES. APPROVE A RELATED A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR JENKIN’S PARK FUND’S 2023 FINAL BUDGET TO INCREASE THE “INTERFUND LOAN FROM A FUND” REVENUE ACCOUNT BY \$8,000 AND THE “GROUNDS MAINTENANCE” EXPENSE ACCOUNT BY \$8,000 TO ADJUST FOR HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS WILL BE AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM A FUND TO JENKIN’S PARK FUND TO BE FULLY REPAID PLUS INTEREST IN EARLY 2024 UPON RECEIPT OF THE TAX LEVY.

A motion was made by Councilman Curtiss and seconded by Supervisor Connolly. Discussion: Supervisor Connolly stated that this is a precautionary maneuver. This is recommended by our Comptroller. The entire \$8,000 may not be used, but it is there if it is needed. Councilwoman Jasinski asked if there is another way to do this? Comptroller David Urkevich stated that the money could be borrowed from a bank or issue debt; however, this is administratively the way to go. Fund Balance cannot be used for special districts. The tax levy will increase next year. Councilwoman Jasinski stated that what the Board did was took the Jenkins Park District reserves and made a dog park and now their tax levy will need to be increased for next year because their expenses obviously are more than what was budgeted for this year. She is glad to see a Map, Plan and Report but we are going to be asking the Jenkins Park residents to pay back money that they had before the dog park was authorized instead of waiting and taking care of the park district first. She is beside herself with this. It’s \$8,000 that may not all be used, but it is exactly what she said before, that you don’t know what is going to come down. Supervisor Connolly asked what the tax levy is for Jenkins Park. Comptroller Urkevich stated is around \$30,000-\$40,000 which equates to approximately \$40 per household depending on the assessed value. Mr. Urkevich stated that the cost of the park expenses has increased, including the ground maintenance. Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the park district had \$21,000 in reserve funds that could have been used for these extra expenses. Councilman Fendrick stated that when COVID occurred the tax levy was drastically reduced which took away from the special district fund. Comptroller Urkevich stated he underestimated the costs of the park before there was even a dog park. There are a variety of increased expenses such as pond maintenance, port a john, and ground maintenance. There will be an increase in the park district tax in 2024. Councilwoman Jasinski stated that the tax levy was not lowered due to COVID.

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

Privilege of the floor on any topic

Lynette Ziskin, of Katherine Drive, thanked the Board for the dog park, it is a great addition, and it is getting a lot of use with no issues. She addressed the concerns of the Jenkins Park budget stating that her tax levy was drastically reduced three years ago. When there was a Jenkins Park Advisory Board their budget was \$35,000 a year; in 2020 their budget was reduced to \$19,000. They had no money to do any projects. The tax levy needs to increase to where it was so the park can be managed the way it should be managed.

A motion was made by Councilman Fendrick and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 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 Councilwoman Jasinski to return to regular session. All Board members were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Curtiss and seconded by Councilwoman Jasinski to adjourn the meeting. All Board members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gumienny
Town Clerk