

TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2014
7:00 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith*, Councilman Valentine

Also present: Scott Bonacic

ORANGE COUNTY LAND TRUST

A presentation was made by Chris Kenyon of the Orange County Land Trust on behalf of the Durma Farm. Mr. Bill Durma was present. Mr. Kenyon explained that the Durma family wants to make an application to New York State for the purchase of development rights to protect a portion of their land with a conservation easement. They asked the Town for a letter of municipal support.

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT 2013

Supervisor Jamieson noted the annual audit has been completed for the Justice Court. A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept the Audit of the Town of Chester, Town Justice Court for year ended December 31, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.

WALTON LAKE TANK

Supervisor Jamieson read a letter received from the Town Engineer concerning a leak found in one of the tanks at Walton Lake. A new tank will be needed. A plan has to be submitted to Orange County Health Department. Construction would commence within 6 months of approval.

LIBRARY AIR CONDITIONER

C.R. Wolfe provided a quote to replace the air conditioner at the library that is leaking freon and cannot be repaired. A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the estimate to replace the air conditioner in the amount of \$5,142.00 plus labor. Motion carried 4-0.

SHERMAN PROPERTY

Supervisor Jamieson reported that the Open Space Institute of New York had contacted him to express interest in the purchase of the Sherman property.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Walter Popailo provided the Town Board with a status update of the parks and presented recommendations for some improvements. The Commons would have the stands replaced with 2 sets of 150 seats, new garbage cans, new port-a-john and pavilion work. Carpenter field would benefit with the installation of basketball courts, new fencing around the tennis court, and the spruce-up of the bocci court. Both parks would get some bathroom renovations. Pulvirent Field needs some dead trees

removed and could benefit with a jungle gym or basketball court and replace a porta-a-john. Oak Drive is considered to be in the best condition, just needing some lawn maintenance work. He added that a permit holder might be installed to show proper use of the parks and added police patrols to keep the properties use monitored. Estimated expense at \$35,000.00

Walter announced that summer camp starts Monday, June 30, 2014. Fireworks are scheduled for July 12th at the Walton Firehouse at dusk, the basketball league will be starting. There will be movie nights this summer and possibly a bus trip to Mohegun Sun scheduled.

REFUNDING BOND

Supervisor Jamieson stated that the Public Notice for the Bonding Resolution was forwarded to the Times Herald Record for publication. Once the notice appears, the Town must wait 20 days for public comments before the refunding.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept the resignation of library page, Lindsay Krawczyk, effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

SUGAR LOAF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Supervisor Jamieson noted the receipt of correspondence received from the Sugar Loaf United Methodist Church as a follow up to their letter of March 7, 2014 requesting inclusion in the Sugar Loaf Hills Water District. Attorney Bonacic commented that they have documented the inferiority of their well and the process for inclusion as an out-of-district user requires an agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to allow the Sugar Loaf United Methodist Church into the Sugar Loaf Hills Water District as an outside-user subject to meeting all requirements of the agreement. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Valentine to send the agreement on behalf of the Town.

COURT DOORS

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the Court has received a grant in the amount of \$7,245 to purchase a double door to replace the one at the exit of the courtroom. The estimate received from the vendor whom they purchased the entrance door is in the amount of \$7,900. A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the expenditure of \$700.00 to cover the additional cost not provided by the grant for the purchase of the courtroom door. Motion carried 4-0.

*Councilwoman Smith arrived at 7:35 p.m.

MID-HUDSON CIVIC CENTER

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged receipt of a request by the Mid-Hudson Civic Center to waive the 30 day notice requirement with regard to a liquor license made for the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to waive the 30 day notice requirement by the New York State Liquor Authority. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Barbara Morrow asked if there was money budgeted for the Parks & Recreation expenditure request. Supervisor Jamieson said there was money in the parkland fees account. She asked in regard to the Sherman property if the Town would take over the water district. Councilman Valentine suggested that the Town could not state whether that was possible since they are not the owner of the property.

Ms. Lydia Cuadros asked why the Town picked Knapp's View for the location of the new Town Hall, and whether the Town would consider other locations. Supervisor Jamieson said it is the first choice but other locations would be considered. As it was purchased as open space, a referendum would have to be placed on the ballot in November to allow the senior center and the rec center to be built on Knapp's View.

Ms. Edie Johnson asked if the anti-bullying event at the Castle on July 10, 2014 will require special permits. Supervisor Jamieson said that would be a Village issue but he would speak with Chief Doellinger.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked if Walter would identify which trees would be removed at the Commons Park. She asked if the work at 1361 Kings Highway would be looked at by the architectural review board. Don Serotta said the Planning Board is the acting review board and she could see the plans prior to the upcoming public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to hire Daniel Perez as Library Page. Motion carried 5-0.

HIGHWAY LAW SECTION 284

A motion was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to enter into an agreement with the Town Superintendent pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law. Motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Supervisor Jamieson commented that the Town would be forming a committee to consider other locations in the Town suitable for the new senior center and recreation center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zappala
Deputy Town Clerk