

**Town of Washington
Town Board Meeting
December 13, 2018**

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at the Town of Washington Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook, NY. Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia, Al De Bonis and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola and Bookkeeper Lois Petrone.

Present were Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston, Judith Balfe and Howard Schuman.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board opened the Public Hearing regarding the Fire Contracts with East Clinton Fire District and the Village of Millbrook.

County Legislator Houston said the County has enacted legislation, which will begin in January, 2020 to ban the use of Single Use Plastic Bags. Mrs. Houston said she is hearing from her constituents from the Town of Washington and recently they have been complaints about the lack of availability of home health care aids, as well as speed limits on North Mabbettsville Rd.

County Legislator Houston advised that the Dutchess County Budget for 2019 has passed and most property owners will see a rate of \$3.45 per thousand.

Ton Clerk Alex advised the Board that the Town has to make a decision as to which Workers Compensation Plan, they wish to contract with for 2019. The Dutchess County Self Insured Plan will renew at \$59,782.00 or Marshall and Sterling was able to provide a rate through PERMA of \$51,182.00. Unfortunately, the County Plan is unable to provide the Town with a reserve amount that would be owed to the County and will be unable to do so until the spring. The 2019 budget has been set with the amount of \$59,782.00. The concern with switching to PERMA at this time is if the reserve is greater than \$8,600.00, the funding is not available in the budget. The reserve is based upon the particular workers compensation cases that have occurred over the term of our contract with the Dutchess County Plan.

RESOLUTION

**TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SELF-INSURED
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN AND THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Turletes and moved for adoption by Councilman Audia:

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the Town of Washington (the "Town") has contracted with the Dutchess County Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Plan for Workers Compensation Insurance ("the Plan"); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Town was notified by the Plan that there would be a significant increase in costs; and

WHEREAS, the fee for 2019 has been defined as \$59,782.00; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will not be able to provide a reserve amount until 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed other plans and explored costs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will not be able to provide a reserve amount until 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed its due diligence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized Supervisor Ciferri to sign the Plan Agreement for 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hat the Town hereby requests that the Plan provide the Town with the findings of the County Actuary for reserve amounts as soon as they are available in 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town will comply with the Participation Agreement.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

Highway Superintendent Spagnola advised the Board that due to the conditions of certain County roads, as well as requests made by residents, he is requesting that the Board pass a resolution to change the speed limits on the County roads within the Town from 55 MPH to a lower speed limit. Rather than having future requests complaint driven, he has requested that all of the roads be reviewed. Suggested speed signs are in place on curves or areas with obstacles however the speed limit of 55MPH are not posted. It's been brought to our attention by residents living on these particular roads that the speeds are unsafe. There is no cost to the town, so we should make the request.

County Legislator Houston said when the Town provides the request to Bob Balkind, he will get the information to the state.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOWER MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington (the "Town") has been received complaints from residents regarding the 55 MPH speed limits on Dutchess County roads within the Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Town has had requests from residents for a reduction in speeds on County roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a written request from a property owner to reduce the speed limit on Altamont Road from NYS Route 343 to Overlook Road due to excessive speeds, and:

WHEREAS, the Town has received several verbal requests from residents living on North Mabbettsville Road for a reduction in speed on North Mabbettsville Road from NYS Route 44 to the Shunpike, due to excessive speeds and the lack of a safe walking shoulder, and

WHEREAS, the Town requests a reduction in speed on various sections of the Shunpike from NYS Route 44 to NYS Route 82, due to excessive speeds, especially after the completion blacktop work; and

WHEREAS, the Town has seen an increase in traffic and excessive speeds on all County Roads, including Oak Summit Road, Chestnut Ridge Road, Little Rest Road, Overlook Road, North Mabbettsville Road and County House Road.

WHEREAS, the Town is required to make a request to Dutchess County for a change in speed limit, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Town of Washington does hereby request that Dutchess County seeks a review of Oak Summit Road, Chestnut Ridge Road, Little Rest Road, Overlook Road, North Mabbettsville Road and County House Road for a reduction in speed limits by New York State Department of Transportation.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilman Turletes: AYE

Councilman Audia: AYE

Councilman De Bonis: AYE

Councilman Murphy: AYE

Highway Superintendent Spagnola advised the Board that Bookkeeper Petrone will have several interfund transfers for expenses related to salt, sand and machinery. He added that he is having tree work done to clean the roads of overhead branches and limbs, especially in the area of Oak Summit Road where the storm came through and have produced a number of dead trees and broken branches.

Supervisor Ciferri asked about the condition of the dirt roads and they are holding up well.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola requested permission to purchase a blower to blow for the roads and the price is \$4,570.00. It attaches to the back of a tractor and can mow and blow at the same time. The contract is on a state bid, therefore additional bids are not necessary.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board authorized Highway Superintendent Spagnola to purchase a John Deere blower in the amount of \$4,570.00, with a purchase order to encumber the funds from the 2018 budget.

The vote was as follows:

- Supervisor Ciferri AYE
- Councilman Turletes: AYE
- Councilman Audia: AYE
- Councilman De Bonis: AYE
- Councilman Murphy: AYE

Highway Superintendent Spagnola notified the Board that the purchase price for the 2019 tractor that was authorized to be purchased in the 2019 budget year, is slightly higher than budgeted. The difference is \$501.00. The Board agreed to make a budget adjustment when the Town is notified that the truck is ready for delivery. The reason for the discrepancy is the contract expired during the town budget period and there was a slight price increase with the new contract price.

Bookkeeper Petrone provided the Board with a list of budget adjustments, most of which are interfund transfers within a department:

Upon review by the Town Board, a motion was offered by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes to authorize Bookkeeper Petrone to make the following budget adjustments:

Resolution for			
Budget Adjustments			
Dec. 2018			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.1110.0400	Justices CE	\$195.13	
A.1110.0402	Seminars & Conferences	-\$195.13	
To cover the Justices CE budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.13555.0100	Assessors PS	\$525.00	
A.1355.0410.	Assessors Attorney's fees	-\$525.00	
To cover the Assessors Payroll budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	

A.1420.0400	Attorney CE	\$668.30	
A.1355.0410	Assessors Attorney's Fees	-\$668.30	
To cover the cost of the Safety Inspection PR line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.1990.0400	Contingency	\$2,000.00	
A.5132.0400	Garage CE	-\$2,000.00	
To correct a previous budget adjustment to Attorney CE budge line			
A previous budget adj taken from contingency was for Highway Superintendents Mileage reimbursement			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.7110.0400	Park & Pool CE	\$4,000.00	
A.7110.0200	Pool Improvements	-\$4,000.00	
To cover the Park & Pool CE budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.7310.0800	Recreation SS	\$32.81	
A.7310.0412	Summer Sports	-\$32.81	
to cover Recreation SS Budget line item			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.8160.0100	Refuse & Garbage PS	\$1,500.00	
A.8160.0110	Assistant Landfill PS	\$1,500.00	
To adjust for the assistant's PR paid from the 8160.0100 line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
B.3620.0100	Bldg Inspector PS	\$1,100.00	
B.3620.0401	Building Data Processing	-\$1,100.00	
To cover the cost of the Bldg Inspector PS budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
B.8020.0400	Planning Board CE	\$1,950.00	
B.8010.0400	ZBA CE	-\$750.00	
B.8010.0410	ZBA Attorney's Fees	-\$900.00	
B.3620.0410	Zoning Data Processing	-\$300.00	
To cover Planning Board CE budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
DB.5130.0400	Machinery CE	\$2,481.09	
DB.5110.0400	General Repairs CE	-\$2,481.09	

To cover Machinery CE budget line			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.7310.0403	Basketball	\$1,700.00	
A.7310.0407	Lacrosse	-\$1,700.00	
To cover Basketball referee fees			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
DB.5142.0400	Snow CE	\$6,622.19	
DB.5110.0400	General Repairs CE	-\$6,622.19	
To cover the cost of Ice Control Sand purchased from Red Wing			

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

Bookkeeper Petrone advised that she would like to request that Mrs. D’Achille meet with her for a year-end review and to assist with the AUD. The Board approved the request. In other business, Mrs. Petrone notified the Board that after speaking with Town Clerk Alex, they determined it would be in the Town’s interest to use QuickBooks for landfill billing. The software is more adaptive to our needs. Town Clerk Alex noted that there will be an annual cost savings of several thousand dollars because the Town will not be contracting with KVS for this program in the future. The KVS module is not interactive with the revenue and expense modules, so there is no reason to continue this expense.

Town Clerk Alex advised that monthly reports have been received from the Town Clerk, Building Department, Zoning Administrator, Court Clerk and Recreation Department.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board scheduled the Reorganization Meeting for the night of the regular Town Board meeting, January 10, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

Town Clerk Alex notified the Board that in her conversations with Steve Forschler, Chairman of the East Clinton Fire District, East Clinton would like to see a bigger increase in the amount of the fire contract in 2020. They have suggested receiving payment for the fire tax collected within the borders of their service area or as much as \$20,000.00. It was suggested to Supervisor Ciferri that the properties served by East Clinton might want to be established as constituents of the East Clinton Fire District, which would provide them with the opportunity to vote for fire commissioners and other important matters.

Councilman Turletes reported that December is a busy time of year for the recreation department. Winter indoor soccer is concluding, K – 5 had a good turnout, and they would run the program again. The Middle school open gym, went well 6 – 8 grades, 8 – 10 kids each week. The Dodgeball session was successful. A new program, Paint Night, A Ladies Night Out had 20 people. Adult Volleyball begins on Thursday nights and runs through the winter. Basketball season starts January 2nd, boys 1-6 grades, good numbers, girls' numbers are low, so they are discussing having the girls mixed in on the boys' teams. Gingerbread House Night is tomorrow night and 144 houses have been purchased.

Santa night, for the first time was a different night then the Parade of Lights. The hayrides on Santa night were successful. Thank you to Thorndale Farms for providing the hayrides. 100 local children and the families attended Santa night. The lines were small and manageable.

Regarding Solar Legislation, Councilman De Bonis has requested, due to his busy schedule, that Councilman Murphy chair the upcoming Solar Committee meetings. The solar installation project at Cary Institute is in a paused. An application for a building permit was never submitted to the town. Although a good number of trees have been removed, the Town expects that if the project does not move forward, that Cary will plant new trees.

The Town Board has a potential candidate for the Planning Board. An interview will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

There being no comments made on the Fire Contracts, a motion was made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia to close the Public Hearings on the Fire Contract with the Village of Millbrook and the East Clinton Fire District.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes:

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER FIRE CONTRACTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK AND EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SQUAD SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington does not have its own fire department or rescue squad provider; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington has historically contracted with the Village of Millbrook and the East Clinton Fire District for fire protection and rescue squad services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has held a Public Hearing to hear any and all comments regarding the contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing has officially been closed; and

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will adopt the 2019 Fire Contract with the Village of Millbrook, for fire protection and rescue squad services in consideration of the fee of \$473,140.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Ciferri is authorized to sign the contract on the behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will adopt the Fire Contract with the East Clinton Fire District, for fire protection and rescue squad services in consideration of the fee of \$2,750.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Ciferri is authorized to sign the contract on the behalf of the Town.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

Supervisor Ciferri opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Schuman, a town resident with property near Green Briar Adult Home, said he wished to address the Board regarding Green Briar. He said many of the residents are recipients of SSI benefits. There are residents of all ages, not senior citizens. Green Briar is under the license of an adult home. In his opinion, the facility does not belong in the neighborhood and the residence is not within the correct (Zoning) district. This adversely affects the character of the neighborhood, because some of the residents are from institutions, and as a town resident, that is a concern. Supervisor Ciferri said that a meeting is scheduled with Mrs. Berenyi, the owner of the facility. The main thrust of the meeting is to discuss the ages of the residents and the concerns of the neighbors. The Town Board wishes to ensure that the facility operates within the proper guidelines.

Mr. Schuman added If they maintain operation as a home for the aged, it is ok with the state, but not with our zoning. These are not just my concern, it is the concern of other neighbors as well. Supervisor Ciferri said the Town will make her aware of the concerns.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the following claims were accepted as presented:

A Fund	\$22,939.10
B Fund	\$1,518.64
DB Fund	\$50,214.46

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the meeting was closed at 9:15 PM. All ayes were recorded.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes: AYE
Councilman Audia: AYE
Councilman De Bonis: AYE
Councilman Murphy: AYE

Mary Alex, Town Clerk