

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD
JUNE 9, 2016**

The Town of Washington Town Board held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at the Town of Washington Town Hall. Supervisor Gary Ciferri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Robert Audia, Al De Bonis and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Bookkeeper Dana Sukow and Town Attorney Jeff Battistoni.

Judith Balfe and Howard Schuman were present.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bookkeeper Sukow provided the Town Board with Revenue and Expense Reports for the month. She noted the Town received a check from Dutchess County for Mortgage Tax Revenue in the amount of \$105,253.49.

The Town received notice from the Bank of Millbrook that there is a CD in the amount of \$119,340.07 maturing in July. The Board concurred with her recommendation to roll it over for an additional 6 months.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola advised the Board that the new Excavator was delivered today and the old one was taken away as a trade in, for which we received \$13,000.00.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the Board authorized a Shared Services Grant be submitted in partnership with the Village of Millbrook for two pieces of equipment that are used by both municipalities: a blacktop roller and a tractor/mower. The grant is through Dutchess County.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia, the Board authorized the Town to submit an application to Dutchess County for a Mud Roller valued at \$150,000.00.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

Highway Superintendent Spagnola advised that the department is planning work projects on Christian Hill Rd., Hoxie Rd. and Ludlow Rd. We are awaiting DEC approval on a project on Verbank Road. The department will be working with the village highway department on Nine Partners Road and Booth Ct.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola said it will be necessary for him to hire a replacement for Mr. Wheeler. It may occur soon as he needs a laborer.

Town Clerk Alex noted that the Tax Collection period has been completed and she is in the process of closing out the books with Dutchess County. There were 94 Unpaid Parcels and \$847,881.53 is being turned over to the Commissioner of Finance for collection.

The Board has been presented with minutes from the May 12th Town Board meeting.

A Dog Enumeration is set to begin this month with letters being sent to all property owners. The response date is set for July 6th and any property owners not responding to the letter will receive a house call from the Dog Enumerator. If an unlicensed dog is found at a property, a notice will be provided to license the dog within two weeks. Any dogs not licensed after the two week period, will be ticketed by the Dog Control officer and a summons to court will be issued. There will be an additional \$25.00 fee for any dogs not licensed in the waiver period ending on July 6th.

Town Clerk Alex, along with Councilman Murphy attended a Grant workshop for NYS Consolidated Funding, held in Middletown. It is their recommendation for the Town to submit an application for Phase I of the Culvert Replacement Projects, knowing that funding is competitive.

The Town experienced an unfortunate event this month when the Town Clerk's email was compromised. A hacker sent a phishing email to everyone in the Town Clerk's address book. All protocols were followed. The State Police were contacted and Fred Shequine, the Town's IT consultant. Google immediately sent the town a notification of the problem advising that people not open the email and to mark it as spam. The town feels confident that our records remain secure and apologize to the many people that were inconvenienced.

Councilman Audia reported that he has had a couple of discussions with Ed Loedy regarding the handicap accessibility project at the Town Hall. Mr. Loedy will have plans next month for the Board to review.

Raising the air conditioners at the Town Hall still needs to be done.

Councilman DeBonis discussed applications before the Planning Board. A subdivision application has been received from John Stryker wishing to subdivide two parcels into an 11 acre parcel and a 17 acre parcel. The Public hearing is scheduled for July. A site Plan Application has been submitted for a Veterinary Clinic on Route 44 across from the entrance to Tower Hill Road. The Public hearing is scheduled for August.

Councilman Murphy discussed how the Culvert Replacement Projects will probably have a greater chance of being funded in the 2017 projects, as there are specific goals and criteria for each grant and the number of people served might not fall into the accepted guidelines. Councilman Murphy has been in touch with Mr. Cronk and the status of the projects.

Councilman De Bonis asked to go on record as fully supporting the job Dana has done as bookkeeper. The Board said they would review how things are going, and he is very pleased with the excellent job she is doing. Supervisor Ciferri agreed, as did the other Board members.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the claims were accepted as presented.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	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 De Bonis, the meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

Mary Alex, Town Clerk