

Town of Washington
Town Board
August 11, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday August 11, 2016, at the Town of Washington Town Hall. The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Gary Ciferri with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Al De Bonis, Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper Dana Sukow, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Recreation Director Chelsea Edson, Assistant Recreation Director Kelly Cassinelli and Attorney for the Town Jeffrey Battistoni.

Also present were: Howard Schuman, Judith Balfe, Eve Propp and Tim Collopy.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ciferri stated that on the advice of our attorney, we will not be discussing or making comments regarding Laura Hurley, so please don't ask.

The Town had been contacted requesting and Councilman Murphy volunteered to serve on the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

Bookkeeper Dana Sukow provided the Town Board with the monthly report which included a Revenue and Expense Comparison report. She has been working with Emily from D'Arcangelo to reconcile all bank accounts to ensure when we begin the budget process information is correct and up to date. Ms. Sukow will prepare budget transfers to be approved for the September meeting.

2017 Budget requests are being sent to each department and are due to the Bookkeeper by September 15th. Ms. Sukow will meet to discuss budgets needs or questions with any department or Board member.

The Town has received \$43,000.00 in mortgage tax revenue.

The Board was advised that Vazco previously picked up oil from the landfill at no charge to the Town. Vazco will not continue the complimentary service and the Town will have to budget approximately \$195.00 per pickup. The Town's revenue and expenses related to bulk items at the Transfer Station are being reviewed and there may be recommended fee changes in September.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola said he has ordered and received the required minimum of salt that was contracted for. We needed to take 70 % of the amount before August 31. 502 tons are shipping in this week and it will be costly at \$90 per ton. Next year the fee will be \$75 per ton ordered with a Dutchess County consortium.

Mr. Spagnola submitted reimbursement forms through CHIPS to New York State for the excavator and culvert projects. The reimbursement should be received in September.

Several road projects have been jointly completed by the Town and Village Highway departments. They are: Nine Partners Lane, Booth Ct. and Christian Hill Road.

Mr. Spagnola said that the following road maintenance schedule will be completed, weather permitting:

1. 9/9 Chip Seal Elm Dr. (Assist Village on village projects) school contacted. Can keep one lane open.
2. 9/12 Mill Front St. and upper Maple Ave.
3. 9/12 Pave Hoxie Rd. Would like to keep it open unless traffic is a problem
4. 9/13 Pave Ludlow drains replaced and shimmed next week
5. 9/14 Pave Front St possibly Maple Ave.
6. 9/15 Pave Upper Maple Avenue

The men are cleaning road canopies on Ludlow and Hoxie roads, so the trucks have the clearance to pave the roads.

Supervisor Ciferri introduced Recreation Director Chelsea Edson to those that haven't met her yet. Ms. Edson said that the summer camp program has come to a successful close. The new pump is working well. The chlorine numbers are good and the clarity is very good. The Dutchess County Department of Health is satisfied with all operations. A new program, Movie Night, at the park was very successful for a first attempt with about 80 patrons. People were picnicking, swimming was extended and it was a pleasant evening. Supervisor Ciferri said he wanted to commend you and the positive experience he and his family enjoyed at a recent family reunion at the park. The staff were extremely helpful and friendly and went above making for a very pleasant atmosphere.

Ms. Edson advised that Recreation Commission member Jim Outwater has resigned. The Commission is seeking a new member.

Ms. Edson said that Matt Walter made a generous donation to the Town to cover the cost to have the gym floor refinished. His donation allowed us to have the work done at the same time the Millbrook Central School District had work done. Ms. Edson appreciated his kind gesture.

Town Clerk Mary Alex said that the minutes of July 14 Town Board meeting have been distributed to the Board and are on the website. The dog enumeration is being wrapped up and has been a success in updating records. The Dog Control Officer is being notified of those property owners that will need to be revisited. Sporting licenses are available for those wishing to big game hunt.

Councilman Turletes gave the Recreation Report. Approve July minutes, summer camp for camp directors to give feedback. Heard from sources. The camp subcommittee will be meeting to review the survey responses. So far, 17 families liked the extended programs.

- Movie night, \$5 per car. Made about \$100.
- Summer closeout party. Sunday, September 4 – Pool will be open 'til 7, start fire pit and possibly another movie. He applauded Chelsea for making the effort to try different activities.
- A small stand will be operated by the Rec Department during the fall soccer program, providing bottled drinks and healthy snacks. Fall registration currently has about 155 participants.
- The Village is passing the responsibility of the upkeep of the gymnasium floor onto the Rec department. The Commission is rethinking some events they might have in there. There will no longer be unmanned basketball playing in the gym. Water bottles only in the gym. No snacks, Gatorade, etc.
- As a way to thank and encourage parent coaches, there will be a fee waiver for the coach's child.
- The Recreation Department will be present on Community Day – September 10
- A long range planning committee has been started within the Recreation Commission.
- Ms. Edson has established an e-blast system to distribute information to participating families.

Councilman Murphy said he and Councilman Audia met with Assemblywoman Sue Serino at her Hyde Park office to update her on our culvert repair projects including the costs and improvements. Governor Cuomo has allocated funding for bridges and roads and ones with culvert problems. Councilman Murphy said the Town wants to be on a list of projects in order to be competitive for funding. Assemblywoman Serino directed Councilman Murphy to a staff member to work with. The Town will need letters of support from county, and other state representatives.

The Town is still awaiting information from New York State regarding the water flow study of the creek by Camby Road. Once received it will be sent to Chazzans. Councilman Murphy was advised the bridge repair by the Overbank Fire House has been delayed due to the Verizon strike.

Town Clerk Alex presented the Stanford Road Plans prepared by Chazzans for submittal to the NYS DEC. Once all Board members have had an opportunity to review them, the Board asked that Chazzan be advised to submit them to the DEC.

Mr. Schuman said the CAC would like to provide input on the two culvert projects. He requested a pdf of the plans for Stanford Road.

Mr. Collopy said thank you for updating the calendar on the website. He asked if the AFR spoken about earlier is a current one or from the past. It is current.

Ms. Propp asked will property taxes go up? At this time, we don't know. As we go through the budget process we will look at highway expenses including salt, unfunded mandates, infrastructure repairs, insurance costs and more. We will better understand our numbers at the end of September.

Mr. Schuman said that he and other people that are parking and walking on Canoe Hill Rd are being harassed and told they are not allowed to park on the side of the road. He's been told its private property and he may not park there. The Board advised this is a law enforcement situation.

At 8:30 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to a particular employee. All ayes were recorded. At 9:15 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes the regular meeting resumed. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman De Bonis the monthly claims were accepted as presented. All ayes were recorded.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the meeting was closed at 10:25 PM. All ayes were recorded.

Mary Alex, Town Clerk