

**Town of Washington
Town Board
March 9, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, March 09, 2017, at the Town of Washington Town Board. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Ciferri at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Michael Murphy and Al De Bonis, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Bookkeeper Dana Sukow and Attorney Jeff Battistoni.

Also present were Judith Balfe, Howard Schuman, Cara Whalen, Barbara and Mel Ohrbach, Tim Collopy, Eve Propp, Deborah Wright, Pat and John Ike, Angela Senkbeil, Roger Kirby, Rich Mathers and Rod Brown.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

George Cronk, Engineer with the Chazen Companies (TCC), appeared before the Town Board to discuss the bid process for the Culvert Replacement project on Stanford Road. TCC has prepared a draft Bid Document for the Stanford Road project. It details the schedule of the bid process, with the bids being released on BidNet on March 21, 2017 and bids due to the Town on Thursday, April 24, 2017.

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Town Board scheduled a special meeting to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 PM to receive the recommendations from The Chazen Companies on the responsible bidders and to award the bid.

All ayes were recorded.

Mr. Cronk noted the following dates:

- May 25: Contractor receives notification to proceed with work.
- June 26 – July 31: Road Closure (Town Clerk will notify residents, emergency services, post office, school district and newspapers)
- August 25: Project to be substantially complete. Walk through of project & punch list prepared
- September 22: Final completion

Mr. Cronk advised the Board that they order the concrete pipe and culvert in advance, rather than having the contractor order it. This will ensure the timing of the materials are available for the project, and the town will not be paying a markup on the materials.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the Board resolved to order the concrete culverts and pipes required for the Stanford Road Culvert Project from ConTech Corp. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board authorized George Cronk, The Chazen Companies to finalize the bid documents and prepare them to be sent to Bidnet for publishing. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

Mr. Cronk provided information on the Oak Summit Road culvert replacement project. The Town had abandoned the idea of diverting Stormwater runoff along the southern side of Camby Road and asked TCC to analyze the scenario for alternative options. He proposed the four alternatives for the Board to consider:

Alternative A – Three Arch Culverts Option 1

Alternative A proposes the installation of 3 concrete arch pipe culverts adjacent to a new culvert at Oak Summit Road of similar size to the existing culvert. The culverts will span from the east side of Oak Summit Road to the west side of the driveway to 115 Camby Road and will require building two (2) headwalls. The existing Oak Summit Road culvert's abutment walls, decking, and railing will be replaced. The new arch culverts will be placed a sufficient distance away from the existing culvert so the resulting structures will not be considered a bridge. Estimate of Probable Cost: \$680,000.00.

Alternative B – Three Arch Culverts Option 2

Alternate B proposes the installation of 3 concrete arch pipe culverts adjacent to a new culvert at Oak Summit Road and 3 concrete arch pipe culverts adjacent to the existing culvert at the driveway for 115 Camby Road. This alternate will require building four (4) headwalls. The existing Oak Summit Road culvert's abutment walls, decking, and railing will be replaced. The new arch culverts will be placed a sufficient distance away from the existing culvert so the resulting structures will not be considered a bridge. Estimate of Probable Cost: \$670,000.00.

Alternative C – Additional Box Culvert

Alternate C proposes the installation of a 3' x 12' box culvert adjacent to a new culvert at oak Summit Road and a 3' x 12' box culvert adjacent to a new culvert at Oak Summit Road and a 3' x 12' box culvert adjacent to the existing culvert at the driveway for 115 Camby Road. This alternative will require building four (4) headwalls. The existing Oak Summit Road culvert's abutment walls, decking, and railing will be replaced. The new box culverts will be placed a sufficient distance away from the existing culvert so the resulting structures will not be considered a bridge. Estimate of Probable Cost: \$640,000.00.

Alternative D – New Replacement 3 Sided Box Culvert

Alternative D proposes the removal of the existing culverts and the installation of two 4' x 15' box culverts and two 4' x 15' box culverts at 115 Camby Road. This alternative will require building four (4) headwalls. The new box culverts will be considered bridges. Estimate of Probable Cost: \$620,000.00

The fourth option will be a DEC regulatory challenge because the DEC prefers not to have obstacles in the stream. Another negative with option 4 is the neighbor will not have access to their property during the construction of the bridge at the entrance to their property.

The options presented all address the impacts of the water moving through the stream under the bridge to be replaced. They do not address the flooding on the Marshall's property, as the flooding conditions they have experienced is from runoff of the hills behind the barns and the secondary condition across the street.

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Murphy, Mr. Cronk, The Chazen Companies, was authorized to present the options to the DEC and speak with them about the use of Option 4. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

Highway Superintendent Spagnola notified the Town Board that John Hay will be retiring on May 24th. There are resumes on file from previous applicants.

Mr. Spagnola advised the Town Board that in the highway bills, there is an increase in sand purchases. The department is continuing to decrease the amount of salt used in the mix spread on paved roads dependent upon the storm, the timing and the school district plans. Salt is not used on dirt roads.

The Dutchess County Department of Soil and Water offers a hydro-seeding program for roadsides. Mr. Spagnola would like to work with them to see which roads qualify for the program and if those roads are appropriate for seeding. The hydro-seeding sprays the grass

seed on the shoulders of the roads. The grass binds the soil which helps prevent erosion and helps with the overflow of water in the drain system.

Mr. Spagnola advised that he is beginning to have test borings dug on Killearn Road. The borings will provide him with information as to what is underneath the surface of the road. He has concerns with the area he calls "Free's Hill" because there are utilities in the roadway. Residents will see markings and flags along the road. Green flags represent the start of the dig and red flags indicate the end of the dig. Yellow flags identify areas of drainage needs or culvert replacements. The department is trying to identify and add some drainage where possible.

Attorney Battistoni discussed with Mr. Spagnola Town Zoning Section 344 pertaining to scenic roads. The Highway Superintendent can provide for routine road maintenance, it is in his authority to do that. Any proposals to improve the road will require submissions to the Planning Board, CAC and Highway Department. Nothing has been done thus far.

Mrs. Ohrbach asked that Cara Whalen, an attorney from Mackey, Butts and Wise read aloud a letter that was delivered to the Town Hall earlier today. (Attached) Mr. Kirby read a letter he sent on February 17th (Attached) and an emailed letter from Genna Nixon. (Attached) Ms. Whalen read a letter from the Dutchess Land Conservancy. (Attached)

Mr. Ike said there is a low spot that is problematic, however the total road is not in need of repair. If the town provides a serious base coat to the worst spot, there are remedies that can be done.

Councilman Murphy said that the town is simply in a fact gathering stage. At an earlier meeting, we had complaints about the road. A second meeting was held for us to continue the discussion and to receive materials regarding the improvements of dirt roads. The Highway Superintendent is researching where the utilities are located. The Planning Board is not involved at this time. If needed, protocols will be followed. The Fire Chief has provided his input. It is likely the town will engage a road engineer to investigate other options.

Ms. Propp noted that there are properties with cleared pastures and the water flows to those areas.

A discussion ensued with the Town Board explaining that the Board will continue to explore options for improvements and the least favorable seem to be the removal of Killearn Rd as a scenic road and blacktopping.

Mrs. Ike noted she has never not been able to get to her house. She sees the oil trucks and the school buses go through. The highway guys do a great job, making it almost too perfect.

Mrs. Senkbeil said she would like to see the road paved. Two years ago, UPS would not deliver a package because the road was too hazardous. It was her son's insulin, and she had to

go to Poughkeepsie to pick it up. There is a section of the road that gets very bad. She has had to go to the car dealership to have the mud taken out of the wheel well. She loves living on a dirt road, but the road needs to be addressed.

Mrs. Ohrbach thanked Mr. Spagnola and the highway department for the work they do. She asked that they concentrate on the areas of the road that need attention.

Bookkeeper Sukow presented the Board with revenue and expense reports. She advised that the 2016 court reconciliations are complete and per state mandates an outside audit is now due for the court accounts. This will be completed by D'Archangelo. The Office of the State Comptroller has finished its review of 2015 and she may now work on the 2016 Annual Financial Report.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board approved amending the 2016 budget to show a revenue line for the following items:

- Concessions \$906.55
- Guertin Scholarship \$1,000.00
- CHIPS \$36,949.63

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Guertin Family advising them that the scholarship money in honor of Ted and Betty Guertin will be drawn down in the near future. The family may wish to add funds or choose to discontinue the scholarship.

Ms. Sukow said the Town received a check for \$19,000.00 for the cable franchise fees. Ms. Sukow has billed the Village of Millbrook for \$22,301.25 for salt and \$1,540.93 for the town's labor force removing snow from Franklin Avenue.

Town Clerk Alex thanked the Board for being able to attend the Association of Town's Meeting with Ms. Sukow, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Briggs. Everyone left with greater knowledge and information that will be helpful in completing their jobs and serving the public. She recommended that Town Bard members take advantage of the training in future years.

The regular Tax Collection period has been completed and residents that pay through the end of May are in a penalty period. Final payment will be made to the Town Supervisor and regular payments will begin to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance.

Councilman Turletes provided a report on the Recreation Department. Due to a low interest in the morning summer tennis program, the program will be on hiatus for a year. Village Trustee Herzog informed him that the village board may put money in for upkeep of the

tennis courts. The Monday night open basketball has been successful, as is the Sunday open family basketball night. The program will continue until the summer. The department continues to seek a Camp Director for 2017.

New Recreation programs are:

- Adult Volleyball
- Corn Hole
- Spring Break Mad Science Camp

Upcoming Events and Programs:

- Spring Lacrosse
- April 14 Twilight Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Park
- April 15 Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Tribute Gardens

Councilman De Bonis provided a Planning Board report. The Planning Board received and approved a revised map for the Kagan Subdivision. The Tuxis project is moving forward. Local homeowners are supportive of the project. April 4th is the Public hearing. Tim Marshall has applied for a lot line change between two of his properties and this change will make a better use of his properties. On Chestnut Ridge Road, Lowell Morse sought an addition on to an existing building, which would fall within a wetlands buffer zone. The impact on the wetlands is de minimus and he received the go ahead.

At 9:20 PM, on a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss an attorney client matter. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

At 9:45 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the regular meeting resumed. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Absent
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board Authorized Supervisor Ciferri to execute a temporary easement and a permanent easement document in substantially the same format with Samuel and Thomas Metzger, Stanford Road. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Absent
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman De Bonis, the Board Authorized Supervisor Ciferri to execute a temporary easement and a permanent easement document in substantially the same format with Cathy Morrell, Stanford Road. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Absent
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

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

Gen Fund A	\$188,758.34
General Fund B	\$1064.68
General Fund DB	\$13628.62
Fund SF (Fire Prot)	\$425,580.00
Fund T	\$630.00

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Absent
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the meeting was closed at 10:45 PM. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Absent
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

Mary Alex, Town Clerk