

Town of Washington
Town Board
MINUTES
February 8, 2018
7 PM

Present: Supervisor Gary Ciferri, Robert Audia, Steve Turletes, Al De Bonis, Deputy Town Clerk Mindy Moore, Bookkeeper Dana Sukow, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Town Attorney Jeffrey Battistoni

Supervisor Ciferri lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tara Kelly was appointed to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term (thru 12/31/23)
Attorney Jeffrey Battistoni administered the Oath of Office to Tara Kelly

Town Attorney Jeff Battistoni offered council regarding enforcement action on an existing Cease and Desist order for Jamie Turndorf, 1305 Chestnut Ridge Road. The Town Board will need to authorize the Zoning Administrator to prosecute in the Justice Court to secure compliance with the order. (See attached resolution)

Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola

1300 tons of salt were used on the roads in January. The Town mixes with sand, the Village does not mix. The Village has used 1800 out of their budgeted 2500 for the year. Hopefully it will last through March, the concern will be the next season in November/December.

- Request to Purchase a Roller & Trailer - Volvo SD 115B 2018 \$122,785.00/ GLOBE 20 TAG Trailer Model GTTU202-37-24 \$20,169.00 / Freight, PDI, Paper Manual, 3 year, 2000 mile warranty \$5617.00

Roller is the last piece of equipment we will need. It helps with maintenance on these dirt roads. The town ran out of time and money last year while renting one. The roller will be a Volvo to keep all the same type of equipment in the Highway Department. We will be buying with CHIPS money. The loader comes with a 2,000-hour warranty. It will get hauled to the site where needed, not driven. The purchase will require a budget modification using money from the highway checking account to put into CHIPS line, then get reimbursed from CHIPS. It does not have to be bid, goes through NJPA proposal through the State, which gives you the lowest price. Moved by Councilman Turletes to schedule a public hearing for budget modification at the next meeting, seconded by Bob Audia, Vote: All Aye.

Bookkeeper to Supervisor Dana Sukow

Last month the books were not ready, they have all been reconciled through December 31, 2017. Currently working with Nikki on Planning Escrow.

There was a \$7000 donation from Millbrook Prep School, the last one was made in 2015 for \$3200.

Taxes from County for 4th Quarter - \$45,351.31 (Avg. approx. \$43,000/quarter)

Town Clerk's tax collection at \$1,221,347.56 as of the last week in December 2017. Amount was cut in half and applied to A fund and Highway fund.

There is a Trust account gone dormant, Gary will need to sign in to have account not close.

Resolution to accept the Bookkeeper's records as presented for 2017
Moved by Bob Audia, Seconded by Al DeBonis, Vote: All Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Mindy Moore

January Tax Collection: \$983,951.55

Town Board Audit of Town Clerk's records will be completed in March

Recreation Liaison Stephen Turlletes

The Recreation Commission meeting was cancelled last night due to weather.

Many programs going on at the Recreation Department. Teen night open gym goes through 3/17. There is an adult golf clinic Sundays from 12-1 for 4 weeks. Indoor volleyball takes place Thursday night 7-8:30. Indoor lacrosse clinic at Dutchess Day School has about 15 children. Adult indoor soccer Tuesdays at Dutchess Day runs Jan-March and has 15-20 people. Children's basketball program currently serves about 15 children. Family open gym starts 3/19 from 6-8 PM. Currently registering for lacrosse which starts in April. Practice about once a week with Saturday games scheduled.

Planning and Zoning Liaison Al De Bonis

Planning Board approved the Wings Over Water application for Stage 1 renovation of original building. They are working on getting approvals for the rest of the projects. Resident H. Schuman commented that this is an R5 residential zone, ZBA proceeded as if it's a use variance. It is a large project and the code says paperwork is necessary. He suggested the Town Attorney look over the project. The concern is that if zoned residential the property will sit vacant. The Town Board agrees we should be welcoming improvements and not chase them away.

Planning Board rejected Guardian Angels Daycare proposal. The daycare is looking to accommodate more children than the current zoning allows. They are making adjustments.

Hammond Building in Mabbettsville has run into trouble with Amazon and has had to start operating out of her house. A private psychiatric practice for children and elderly is proposing to rent that space. There are currently 45 clients. Proposal will go to public hearing next month. There are no changes to the building proposed.

Peter Stoltare has a home DHL franchise business at his home (renting) on Verbank Road. There isn't any business done on the property, no traffic. DHL requiring Town approval for him to take the franchise class. The Solar Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather, it will be rescheduled shortly on an upcoming Thursday evening.

Public Comments

Resident posed a question regarding people from Greenbriar taking the loop bus. They currently have to walk from the facility to 82 multiple times a week to catch the bus. Can the loop bus pick them up? How can we go about changing route. Supervisor Ciferri suggested having Greenbriar contact the County and have the County contact the loop bus regarding the route.

Howard Schuman mentioned the CAC is not listed on the new Town of Washington website.

Review Claims

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman De Bonis the Board approved the following claims as presented:

General Fund A	\$27,857.88
General Fund B	\$19,924.46

Highway Fund DB \$265,861.81

TOTAL \$313,644.15

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye

Councilman Turletes: Aye

Councilman Audia: Aye

Councilman De Bonis: Aye

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye

Councilman Turletes: Aye

Councilman Audia: Aye

Councilman De Bonis: Aye

Mindy Moore, Deputy Town Clerk