

An agenda meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, April 27, 2017 at the Town Hall on 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

PRESENT:	Timothy Szczepaniak	Supervisor
	William Goslin	Councilman
	John Antoski	Councilman
	Kelly Stewart	Councilwoman
	James Walsh	Counsel
	Carol Gumienny	Clerk
ABSENT:	Charles Curtiss	Councilman

Supervisor Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Supervisor introduced Town resident, Gary Bynon, a Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School physical education teacher and coach of the BH-BL girls' volleyball and boys' basketball teams. He will give a short presentation this evening about a potential sports complex in our Town.

Mr. Bynon was approached in 2009 about a potential sportsplex to hold various school indoor sporting events. Today, the demand and need is even greater. Due to an overwhelming positive response from Town business people and residents, and with the assistance of financial backers, he is actively looking for land on Route 50 to build this project. There is a need for this in our Town. This building can also be used as an emergency building for schools as well as other uses when sporting events are not being held. It will be great for the community, local businesses and families. He will keep the Board informed of his progress. The Board gave its full support on this project.

Councilwoman Stewart introduced our next speaker, Mike Allocco, a member of the Parks and Rec Committee. He will present the results of the Parks and Rec survey from last fall.

There were 465 responses. The purpose of the survey was to gain a better understanding of opinions and desires of Town residents. 299 people rated stream corridors as being the highest need to preserve on underdeveloped land. Hiking/walking space was rated the most important quality in a park; camping was the lowest. When asked if the Town has enough parks, 43.66% stated "yes". 34% rated inter-connectivity of the town parks as very important. 44.3% stated it was very important to have handicapped accessible parks. 73.5% stated it was very important for the Town to be bike and pedestrian friendly. Written concerns were: extending the bike path and trails; safer roads (wider shoulders), more connectivity for bicycles; connecting sidewalks, a dog park, too much congestion on Ballston Lake, preserve farmland and retain the Town's rural character. This survey will help with the master park plan that the Parks & Rec Committee will be preparing. A Town resident asked if the survey asked if residents are willing to pay a park tax? There are costs to everything. People who live in the Jenkins Park district pay a special tax for Jenkins Park. The question was not asked in the survey.

LIBRARY REPORT

Library Director, Karen DeAngelo, reported:

- The book sale is next week, Wednesday through Saturday. The raffle will be held on Saturday.
- Working on a program called "Repair Cafe." These are individuals who volunteer their skills to assist others who need repairs on items.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Joe Whalen reported:

- Working with the Saratoga County Emergency Services and FEMA to receive funding for the blizzard on March 14th -15th.
- The water tank has been drained and the work on the tank will start on Monday.
- The SAM grant (for the fuel tank replacement) process is moving along; it is typically a year-long process.
- The new one ton truck has been ordered from a dealership in Town who beat the NYS contract price. The truck will be here in six to eight weeks.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Debora Bradt stated there has been ongoing issues at 377 Goode Street for two years. There are unregistered vehicles on the property, long grass in the summer, and trash in the yard that attracts rodents. She would like to plaque the home of the violations. The Board agreed. The Town Attorney will work with Ms. Bradt on this matter.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Clerk Debora Bradt stated last month \$166 was spent on mailing second notices to residents who have not paid their water bills. \$56,000 was outstanding, currently it is \$36,000. She is asking the Board to consider disconnecting services to businesses if the bill is not paid by May 15th. Supervisor Szczepaniak recommends sending out another letter drafted by himself and the Water Superintendent. Councilman Goslin wanted to know if there are a lot of repeat offenders. Councilwoman Stewart stated the people have until the 15th of May to pay. Councilman Goslin suggests adopting a procedure on collecting water bills. Highway Superintendent stated there is a process already in place. If you don't pay your water bills, the amount is placed as a levy on your property tax bill; the problem is this non-payment amount gets larger creating a cash flow issue. We are expending money we have not yet collected. This also creates an issue doing the budget for the following year.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Kathryn Serra, of C.T. Male, will be assisting with stormwater management until a new person is hired. Currently, she is focusing on the most important items to keep the costs down for the Town. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated the Board will be going into Executive Session to discuss a possible candidate for the stormwater management position.

COUNSEL REPORT

Town Counsel James Walsh gave an update on some legal matters. Poremba vs. the Town and NY Development lawsuit is settled as well as the Truscto and Gaetani cases. He mailed a letter to the business owner on the corner of Route 50 and Lakehill Road to clean up the property (old gas station). As of today, he has not received a response. He will discuss the Dolomite and Lamar cases in Executive Session.

FARMLAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Co-chair Scott Draina stated the Committee had a short discussion last week about drivers sharing the road with farm tractors and how to create more awareness to the public. Councilman Antoski stated there are solar powered sensor signs that can be used. He has more information on this and will pass it along.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Member Dennis Pokrzywka attended an outreach meeting with Rob Davis at the County. The County is busy with the 911 system. On April 29th, there will be a statewide effort to help recruit volunteer firefighters. There is a program for children under the age of 18 called the "Explorer Program". Children go to the firehouse and drills to learn what it is like to become a volunteer firefighter. He encourages the Town Board to continue their support building relationships at the County and State levels. As a member of the Jenkins Park Advisory Board, Mr. Pokrzywka reminded everyone of the clean-up for the park scheduled for this Saturday at 9 a.m.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Councilwoman Stewart stated cleanup day for Anchor Diamond Park is Saturday, May 13th. The microgrant committee met for the first time this evening to go over the process. The RFP bids are due May 4th for a program administrator for the microenterprise grant

Councilman Goslin discussed an email from Nan regarding our current zoning for a senior citizen housing district. Currently, the Board can establish this type of housing anywhere in Town; however, there are some restrictions. He recommends giving this information to the Spinney Group to see if this would fit with their proposed project. The Board needs to review the items given by Nan and discuss them at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

Water Extension for the New Firehouse

There is a resolution for a public hearing on for this evening.

Upgrade in Internet Service

Councilman Goslin reported it will cost \$70 more a month to have an increase of 10x the speed for the internet. We will add a resolution to our May Board Meeting.

Bank Statement Overview

Councilman Goslin would like to see figures for sales tax and mortgage tax and how it will relate to the next budget. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated there should be a bank statement review by the Board. Our budget officer will give an overview to the Board to help them understand the bank statement and records. It was stated that financial workshops may not be necessary now; the Board needs to review what their financial priorities are.

Jenkins Park Clean Up Day is this Saturday at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Town-wide bulk pick up will be the week of May 29th. You must have your items on the curb by this date. County Waste will only come once through your neighborhood. Information will be posted on the Town website on May 1st. County Waste customers will receive a mailing stating what is accepted for pickup.

RESOLUTION 17-91

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Goslin to approve the payment of the bills on the April Abstract. The bills were approved for payment as follows:

General Fund	No. 143 - 193	82,226.72
Highway Fund	No. 172 - 227	31,402.07
Gravel Pit Fund	No.	0.00
Park Fund	No.	0.00
Library	No. 110 - 147	19,520.36
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 29 - 56	65,283.73
Paradowski Road Water #5	No. 9 - 11	19.17
Scotchbush Water Dist. No. 6 (WW)	No. 9 - 11	38.35
Silver Ln Water Dist. No. 6 Ext#1 (WX)	No. 9 - 11	19.17
Morningdale Court No.2 Ext#24	No. 17 - 20	619.82
Trust and Agency	No. 22 - 27	6,391.39
Ambulance Districts	No. 3 - 4	37,257.20

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart
Nays 0

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR TONIGHT:

RESOLUTION 17-92

APPROVE THE 2017 STANDARD WORK DAY.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilman Antoski.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-93

SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EXTENSION OF BURNT HILLS WATER DISTRICT WATER TO INCLUDE SBL # FOR THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING ON CHARLTON ROAD FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30TH AT 6:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-94

APPROVE THE REPAVING OF JENKINS PARK PARKING AREA AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Antoski and seconded by Councilman Goslin.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.

Nays 0

This was approved prior to this evening by the Jenkins Park Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION 17-95

AUTHORIZE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO POST VIOLATION NOTICES AT 377 GOODE STREET WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.

Nays 0

Councilman Goslin asked for an update from Ed Hernandez, of Adirondack Engineering, on the Ballston Lakes sewer project. Mr. Hernandez stated the aerial survey is complete, the Canadian Railroad has been contacted, the ground survey work is complete and they have started working on the plans, the pipe details and specs. Everything is moving forward and on schedule.

RESOLUTION 17-96

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LITIGATION REVIEW BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND A PERSONNEL ISSUE.

A motion was made by Supervisor Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-97

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart.

Nays 0

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:10 and returned to regular session at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken on the items discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Antoski to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Gumienny
Town Clerk