

A Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, August 29, 2017 at the Town Hall located at 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

PRESENT:	Tim Szczepaniak	Supervisor
	Bill Goslin	Councilman
	Kelly Stewart	Councilwoman
	John Antoski	Councilman
	Carol Gumienny	Clerk
	Debra Kaelin	Counsel
ABSENT:	Chuck Curtiss	Councilman

Supervisor Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Szczepaniak stated Councilman Curtiss will not be attending the meeting due to farm duties and our Budget Officer had an emergency and may not be attending this evening.

### **RESOLUTION 17-169**

#### **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

General Fund	No. 342 - 392	58,922.86
Highway Fund	No. 405 - 455	228,414.21
Gravel Pit	No. 21 - 24	1,607.78
Park Fund	No. 17 - 22	2,324.36
Library	No. 263 - 307	20,531.38
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 124 - 145	74,096.99
Paradowski Road Water #5	No. 22 - 26	150.13
Scotcbush Water Dist. No. 6 (WW)	No. 22 - 26	300.27
Silver Ln Water Dist. No 6 Ext. #1 (WX)	No. 21 - 25	150.13
Morningdale Court No. 2 Ext. #24	No. 32 - 38	167.17
Trust and Agency	No. 51 - 60	13,187.06
BH-BL Lighting District #1 SL	No. 2	16.25
Ambulance Districts SM	No. 6	65.50
Stonebridge Lighting District	No. 2	16.25

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reminded residents of the Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clifton Park Transfer Station on Ray Road. The cost is \$60. Registration is required and must be received in the Clerk's Office by September 1, 2017.

### **HIGHWAY / WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Highway / Water Superintendent Joe Whalen reported that water readings have been collected from residents and water bills will be mailed September 1<sup>st</sup>. Customers who have not supplied a reading will be assessed a \$100 charge. Superintendent Whalen has been working on the highway budget with the budget officer. He will give an update on the fuel tanks under "Old Business" later in the meeting. The monthly highway report is on file with the Town Clerk.

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Rebecca Darling, interim library director, reported:

- The search for a new director is in progress. The Trustees completed phone interviews and will be moving on to in person interviews in September.
- Deborah Roberts-Delamater is retiring after 14 years with the library. She was a valuable asset and will be missed. We are working with Saratoga County Civil Service to fill her position.
- Working with the budget officer on the 2018 budget request. The Library Trustees will act on it at tomorrow night's meeting.
- The Library offered 101 programs and had 842 community members sign up for Summer Reading.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Telecommunication System Update**

Spectrum will present a proposal after answering some questions. Councilman Goslin is waiting for proposals from Greys Communications and Subsidiary & Technologies, a broker that deals with many vendors. Supervisor Szczepaniak asked if Primelink is still a contender, it was replied yes; therefore, Councilman Antoski will reach out to them.

### **Ballston Lake Sewer Project – Update**

Councilman Goslin thanked Kim Kotkoskie for her report and stated she is using her personal phone and email to address the concerns of residents in the sewer district. He needs a resolution this evening for an application fee of \$750 to dig under the rail road tracks to lay sewer pipe.

### **Ballston Lake Ordinance Regulations - Update**

Supervisor Szczepaniak will discuss with Town of Clifton Park Supervisor Barrett on the status.

### **Glenville Water Ad Valorem Review Status – Update**

A letter was mailed to the Glenville Supervisor with the report from our attorney. We are ready to take the next steps.

### **Zoning changes – Update**

The Board continues to move forward.

### **Malta Planning Position – Update**

Currently, this is not necessary. We need assistance for fire inspections.

### **Slow Moving Sign System – Update**

Councilman Antoski stated at the last meeting there was a presentation on flashing signs. The benefit of the sign system is it will only flash when needed. The hill on Middleline Road is an issue. This sign system is expensive and he questions if the effectiveness will wear off like the flashing speed sign that is currently there. Should we take the money that would be spent on a sign and utilize the sheriff's department to have a presence there. The area continues to be an issue and we need to have some answers of what can be done.

### **Fuel Tank Grant - Discussion**

Highway Superintendent Joseph Whalen had been working with Kim Kotkoskie since the inception of this fuel tank replacement project when she worked for the Town. He would like to continue to utilize her engineering services for \$20,000 and asks for Town Board approval and to have authorization to set up the appropriate account to be able to receive payment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget Calendar**

After a discussion, it was agreed the following dates would be for Budget Workshops: September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for Highway and Library; September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for Water and October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. The Board will conduct a Special Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to adopt the budget. We will set a public hearing for the 2018 budget next month.

Supervisor Szczepaniak announced the Saratoga County Sherriff's Dept. will conduct a drop off for expired and unused prescriptions on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Morris Ford on Route 50.

*Privilege of the floor on items for consideration and action this evening (limit 5 minutes)*

No one wished to speak.

### **NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION THIS EVENING**

#### **RESOLUTION 17-171**

**APPROVE NAMING THE TOWN BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE  
EXTENSION OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT**

**#1 TO INCLUDE 202 ROUND LAKE ROAD (TAX MAP ID# 249.-3-57) AND CLASSIFY AS A TYPE II SEQRA DECLARATION.**

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  
Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-172**

**APPROVE NAMING THE TOWN BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT #1 TO INCLUDE 212 ROUND LAKE ROAD. (TAX MAP ID# 249.-3-56) AND CLASSIFY AS A TYPE II SEQRA DECLARATION.**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-173**

**APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT #1 TO INCLUDE 202 ROUND LAKE ROAD (TAX MAP ID# 249.-3-57).**

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

ROLL CALL:

, Councilman Goslin Aye  
Councilman Antoski Aye  
Councilwoman Stewart Aye  
Supervisor Szczepaniak Aye  
Councilman Curtiss Absent

ADOPTED 4-0

**RESOLUTION 17-174**

**APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE TOWN OF BALLSTON CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT #1 TO INCLUDE 212 ROUND LAKE ROAD (TAX MAP ID# 249.-3-56).**

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

ROLL CALL:

, Councilman Goslin Aye  
Councilman Antoski Aye  
Councilwoman Stewart Aye  
Supervisor Szczepaniak Aye  
Councilman Curtiss Absent

ADOPTED 4-0

**RESOLUTION 17-175**

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN INSURANCE FOR \$59,492.70.**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Antoski and Councilwoman Stewart  
Nays 1 Councilman Goslin  
Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

Councilman Goslin asked if this was the same insurance company who chose to no longer represent us in a recent litigation. It was replied yes by the Supervisor. Councilman Goslin asked why we would continue with them. The Supervisor replied it is a two-year contract. Supervisor Szczepaniak wanted to let the Board know that the original bill reflected an increase of approximately \$4000 more. It was stated last year from the insurance agent that there would be no increase for this year; therefore, the amount of the increase was deducted from the bill.

**RESOLUTION 17-176**

**APPROVE THE ASSESSOR TO ATTEND THE NYS ASSESSOR'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 1ST – OCTOBER 4TH AT A COST OF \$600.**

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

Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-177**

**APPROVE CONDUCTING THE TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH. THE REMAINING 2017 SCHEDULE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24th, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.**

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

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-178**

**APPROVE THE 2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP CALENDAR (SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, AND OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>) at 6 P.M.**

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

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-179**

**APPROVE THE \$750 APPLICATION FEE TO THE RAILROAD PAID BY SEWER FUNDS FOR THE ENGINEERING OF THE SEWER PIPE UNDER THE RAIL ROAD TRACKS.**

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

Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

**RESOLUTION 17-180**

**AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOSEPH WHALEN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL REGION ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & COMPLIANCE, PLLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR THE FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO SET UP THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR THE PROJECT.**

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

Absent 1 Councilman Curtiss

The Board briefly discussed the proposed zoning change for a 500-ft. buffer. Councilman Goslin feels this is excessive. Councilwoman Stewart agrees with Councilman Goslin and feels more research needs to be done, the Supervisor agrees. A buffer is normally 50-150 ft. Saratoga County Planning can assist with this. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

***Privilege of the floor on any item (limit 5 minutes)***

*Ms. Jasinski* of Middleline Road disagrees that the TDR divides the Town. PUDDs are the Town's biggest headaches. She also stated there needs to be a restriction on the number of apartment buildings.

