

A special meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, September 28, 2016 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

PRESENT: Tim Szczepaniak Supervisor
Bill Goslin Councilmember
John Antoski Councilmember
Chuck Curtiss Councilmember
James Walsh Town Counsel
Jeanette Borthwick Budget Officer
Carol Gumienny Town Clerk

ABSENT: Kelly Stewart Councilmember

Supervisor Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. He stated Councilwoman Stewart will be late this evening.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss extending water to 13 Sweet Road, present and accept the tentative budget and also discuss the presented 2017 budget.

Mr. Palmeri of 13 Sweet Road is requesting an extension of water to his home. He states approximately every two days he is running out of water and is looking to resolve this issue by having Town water. Supervisor Szczepaniak states to Mr. Palmeri that he could be an outside user at a cost of \$9.25 per thousand gallons of water. Town Counsel Jim Walsh, stated to Mr. Palmeri that his home is not in the water district. He would be an outside user. If he wants to be an inside user we would need to amend the water district to include the property, there are more steps involved. There needs to be notification to parties and a public hearing must be heard. There is a legal process that needs to be followed. It could take two to three months. If you want to have water now an outside user rate will be used. It may be possible to include the property in the district at a later date going through the process. It is up to the homeowner which way to proceed. Mr. Palmeri will decide and email the Supervisor with his decision. If he decides to go with the outside user, he can start immediately. Counsel states for the record the process would be the extending of the water district or extending the pipe to the water district. Either way, this is a Type 2 SEQRA Action; there is no negative impact on the environment. It is merely an extension of a utility.

RESOLUTION 16-179

AUTHORIZE PERMISSION TO ALLOW THE HOMEOWNER OF 13 SWEET ROAD (TAX MAP ID# 239.-2-10.2) TO START THE PROCESS OF CONNECTING TO TOWN WATER AS HE CHOOSES, AS AN OUTSIDE OR INSIDE USER SUBJECT TO TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW. EITHER WAY IS CLASSIFIED AS A TYPE II SEQRA ACTION THAT HAS NO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski and Councilman Curtiss

Nays 0

Counsel will check to see if the homeowner can proceed now and become an inside user in the near future. This resolution is to get the process going.

The Town Clerk distributed the 2017 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Rob Davis, Chairman of the Emergency Management Committee gave a 35-minute presentation of the Committee's budget request for 2017 to the Board. The Board was in agreement the Committee's budget proposal is reasonable and doable. This puts the Town in a better position of keeping the residents safe in the event of an emergency. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure this.

The next topic was raises. Planning and Zoning Board Attorney Peter Reilly stated he has been working with the Town since 1997. He has not had a raise since 2007 and is asking the Board whatever they can do for an increase in salary would be appreciated. The increased number of Planning Board meetings and work involved on both Boards has increased year over year.

Supervisor Szczepaniak is proposing a 2% increase in pay for all. He is also recommending to the Board that our bookkeeper get a one-time stipend of \$2000 this year for all her extra hours and hard work assisting with getting our finances up to date.

Councilwoman Stewarts enters the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Budget Officer Jeanette Borthwick goes over the A & B Fund of the budget to the Board along with other areas. The budget reflects a 2% raise for hourly and salaried employees. It was decided another budget workshop is needed and will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 6 p.m.

RESOLUTION 16-180

ACCEPT THE 2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski
 Councilman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilman Antoski to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gumienny
Town Clerk