

A Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Thursday evening, July 25, 2017 at the Town Hall on 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

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

Supervisor Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence followed in memory of the recent passing of two well-known community residents, Charles McCormick and Ross Sangster.

RESOLUTION 17-154
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

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| General Fund | No. 287 - 341 | 28,322.41 |
| Highway Fund | No. 362 - 404 | 115,199.27 |
| Gravel Pit | No. 17 - 20 | 6,505.85 |
| Park Fund | No. 13 - 16 | 2,428.10 |
| Library | No. 228 - 262 | 9,605.79 |
| Water Fund District 2 (SW) | No. 105 - 123 | 96,833.62 |
| Paradowski Road Water #5 | No. 18 - 21 | 6.60 |
| Scotchbush Water Dist. No. 6 (WW) | No. 18 - 21 | 15.07 |
| Silver Ln Water Dist. No. 6 Ext#1 (WX) | No. 18 - 20 | 4.73 |
| Morningdale Court No. 2 Ext#24 | No. 27 - 31 | 923.41 |
| Trust and Agency | No. 46 - 50 | 14,652.35 |

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman
Antoski, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss.
Nays 0

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk stated that Town residents can take advantage of a household hazardous waste day in conjunction with Clifton Park on Saturday, September 9th from 9 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 1st. More information can be found at the Town Clerk's office, the bulletin board at Town Hall and on the Town web site.

Supervisor Szczepaniak stated due to correspondence received today at approximately 4 p.m. from the attorneys at the Dept. of Ag & Markets, the resolution to extend water to the Goode Street project, the Katz PUDD and the new firehouse, was removed from the agenda. The attorneys will be meeting on August 2nd with the judge. He apologized to the people who came out for this. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated due to the litigation, only the Board will be updated on this matter in Executive Session this evening. Councilman Goslin stated last month the Board passed a resolution to pass the extensions unless we heard from Ag & Markets; where do we stand on this? Ms. Kaelin, Town Counsel, stated we received a letter from Ag & Markets; therefore, we did not file the resolution.

Councilwoman Stewart, liaison for the library read the following resolution recognizing Karen DeAngelo and her accomplishments at the library. The Board thanked her for her years of service and wished her well.

The sensed signs are \$2300 each and must be purchased in a pair. Currently, there are none of these signs in New York.

Brendon Kennedy of BST reported on the 2016 audit. The current financial position of the Town appears strong. The Annual Update Document (AUD) was filed with the NYS Comptroller in July. Expenditures increased in 2016 primarily due to audit services. 2013-2015 audits have been completed along with corresponding AUDs. For 2017, the Board will see a \$70,000 reduction in professional accounting fees. All funds are in good financial shape. Supervisor Szczepaniak thanked Mr. Kennedy for his hard work getting our finances up to date. We will stay on top of this every year. Councilman Goslin echoed what the Supervisor stated as well as his concerns for the water fund.

Stephanie Gootz from PrimeLink discussed a telephone system for Town Hall. The Town can buy the equipment up front and pay \$565 monthly or lease the equipment for \$636 a month. This network-based service means Hosted Voice with Polycom IP phones known for superior quality and handset design. Prices quoted are on state contract. A questions and answer period followed.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Highway/Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen, Building Inspector Brian Theriault, Dog Control Officer Thomas Shambo and Town Clerk Carol Gumienny submitted reports for June 2017 and they are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

LIBRARY REPORT

Library Director, Karen DeAngelo, reported:

The roof was leaking again and is being repaired. Water damaged a phone line due to a leaky window. A door would not stay locked and the alarm system had to be repaired.

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Dr. Pierce stated the second set of bacteria samples were taken from Ballston Lake. All samples came back satisfactory. The high levels in the first samples from June were due to all the rain. Dr. Pierce has saved the Town \$700 by taking the samples himself to the lab for testing. The Lake rose 17 inches after the rain storm Monday evening. Dr. Pierce asked Villago to close the boat launch due to the high level of water. There is an algae bloom in the Lake. People and pets should not be in the water. Warmer weather and still days' cause algae blooms. Dr. Pierce offered to get posters and post them around the Lake of this alert. The sheriff's department came to their meeting in June. Speed on the Lake is a concern and the sheriff's dept. stated they would visit the Lake. They have yet to come therefore, Dr. Pierce asked the Supervisor if he could make a phone call to the sheriff.

Highway Superintendent Joe Whalen stated there was minimal road damage from the storm we had Monday. Trees were cleared from Outlet Road and Sweet and Diamond Roads. Rising water on Jacob Street crested over on Palmer Avenue causing minor damage.

BALLSTON LAKE SEWER PROJECT

Kim Kotkoskie reported the meeting with the Saratoga County Sewer District went well and are waiting to hear from their attorney. 374 property owners did not return the survey sheets; therefore, a second mailing will be done. The engineering subcommittee members are investigating the concerns of property owners. Adirondack Mountain Engineering has delivered the preliminary engineering plans for West Side Drive as well as the draft contract specs and bid documents. They anticipate an increase number of easements. The location of the pump station will cost \$12,500.

The Ballston Lake Improvement Association members will have an E/One tour, (grinder pump manufacturer) on August 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Niskayuna. A public information meeting will be held at the library in late September.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Kathryn Serra of C.T. Male stated the Burnt Hills water tank is back online. The job was a success. She is waiting for a cost, from the company who did the repair work, to perform a routine one year inspection.

BUDGET OFFICER'S REPORT

Jeanette Borthwick stated we are on target with this year's budget. The fund balance projections

are shown in this month's report. Councilman Goslin thanked Ms. Borthwick for her report and stated he is still concerned about the water fund.

Councilwoman Stewart is requesting two resolutions be added this evening. The first is a change in the civil service designation for the old clerk position to library assistant and the duties performed by that position reflects this change. Instead of a library clerk they will have a librarian assistant. The other resolution will be that the Town approve the hiring of another part time, temporary library clerk during the director transition period. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated we will vote on these added resolutions at the end of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 17-156

APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

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

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

Nays 0

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Szczepaniak reported:

- Attended a deceased veteran's ceremony at the county for town resident, Donald Champagne and presented a plaque to the family.
- Ballston Lake fire commissioners unanimously voted to sell Fireman's Grove to the Town of Ballston for a Town park. The Town Attorney is working with the fire department for this purchase.
- Met with Saratoga Economic Development Committee and the CEO of Saratoga Industrial Development Agency to discuss options to support the Rossi project. A grocery store chain has expressed some interest.
- Our Town Historian Rick Reynolds was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club.
- Tobacco 21 initiative is moving forward at the County. This legislation is to raise the age from 18 to 21 to purchase tobacco and tobacco products in Saratoga County. A public hearing will be in September and a vote in October.
- Received a phone call from Senator Tedisco's office wanting to meet this Friday to discuss grant opportunities for the Town for capital projects.
- Will be going door to door in the Village with the mayor to let residents know about the future refueling activities at the Kesselring site.
- Attending an Eagle Scout Ceremony Saturday at Town Hall.

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

Councilman Curtiss reported:

- Last week was the Saratoga County Fair. There are no attendance numbers yet; however, entries were higher this year. The highlight of the fair week was the opening ceremony on Tuesday including the ribbon cutting of a new storage building provided by a State grant. Many local elected officials attended. Saratoga County has one of the strongest 4H programs in the State.

Councilwoman Stewart reported:

- The Parks Committee is looking for new members.
- She publicly thanked Cliff Samson, Mary Alice Nyan and Randy Putnam for all the hard work they have done at Anchor Diamond Park. Work and projects continue there.
- Our program administrator developed a pre-qualified document for the microenterprise grant program. It is on the Town's website along with other information on this program. The application will be available on August 7th on the Town's website and at the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Antoski reported:

- The Farmland Protection Committee did not meet this past month. It is their busy time of the year.
- Jenkins Park meeting will be this Thursday.
- Councilman Antoski receives many questions from the community about the status of the

situation on the corner of Route 50 and Lake Hill Road and asked for an update. Counsel replied there was a meeting with Mr. Ozbay and his engineer in which they stated were waiting for a response from the Dept. of Transportation (DOT). DOT responded at the end of June with a couple of minor changes needed for the project. DOT will be satisfied once these changes are made. The changes must be submitted back to the DOT. When pressed for an exact time frame, Counsel did not get one.

Councilman Goslin had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Telecommunication System

After hearing the presentation from PrimeLink, the Supervisor asked the Board for feedback. Councilman Goslin thinks we need to do a little more work; he wants to make sure we get the benefits we are looking for. There are still underlying issues that need to be solved. Councilwoman Stewart requests to include the library as well. Councilman Goslin and Councilman Curtiss suggested getting a quote from our internet carrier, Spectrum. The Supervisor stated this has been in the works for quite some time and he wants a recommendation at the September Board meeting.

Ballston Lake Sewer Project

Councilman Goslin stated with Kim Kotkoskie's leadership on this project, the Committee is addressing issues they are expecting in the future. We are where we need to be in the project. Carpenter's Acres referendum needs to be resolved with the assistance of the Town Clerk and our Town Attorney.

The Board will need to decide in the fourth quarter this year on the Route 50 sewers. There are three different options and need a resolution. Sewers will be a topic of interest for quite some time.

Ballston Lake Ordinance Regulations

Dr. Pierce stated he has not heard back from the Town of Clifton Park. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated he would reach out to the Supervisor of Clifton Park.

Glenville Water Ad Valorem Review Status

Councilman Goslin and Counsel are preparing a letter to be mailed to the Town of Glenville which asks Glenville to show how they calculate for water.

Zoning Changes

Supervisor Szczepaniak reminded everyone of the Zoning Workshop that will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Nan Stoltzenburg will be giving an overview to educate the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Fuel Tanks

Highway Superintendent Joe Whalen stated he received the grant disbursement agreement and is meeting with Kim Kotkoskie to review this as well as the Town Attorney. No Town funds will be used, vendors will be reimbursed through this grant. This is a \$350,000 grant that will be used to remove the old fuel tanks and replace them. We do not know if there is contamination under the tanks. He wants to inform the Board that any costs above the \$350,000 grant will be the Town's responsibility. Superintendent Whalen's hope is to go out to bid on this project in January and break ground in the early spring of 2018.

Building Department Plotter

Building Inspector Brian Theriault explained that a plotter scans and prints maps and plans for projects. This will reduce the paper storage for projects with digital archives. It allows the department to also email these items. Currently, the department sends these maps and plans out for reproduction. This machine will save the department time and money in the long run. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated there is money in the Building Department's budget for this purchase and will be voted on later in the meeting.

Shared Services – County

Supervisor Szczepaniak stated he is on a committee at the county for shared services required by the governor. Saratoga County is looking to share the cost of supplies. The 21 townships in the

county can have reduced prices on supplies. The committee also had a discussion on better pricing for retiree health care coverage. As more information is learned, the Supervisor will notify current retirees.

Malta Planning Position

The Town of Malta reached out to other Towns inquiring about sharing a part-time planner. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated we have more of a need for a fire inspector. Councilwoman Stewart stated we need to speak to the Building Department and our Senior Planner. Our Senior Planner needs to be here for a couple of quarters to gauge her volume of work, then we will have a discussion.

Proposal from IMC website/social media

The information came from Saratoga Economic Development Committee about a website service. Councilman Antoski stated that he reviewed the information and felt this was not cost effective for the Town.

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

Andy Brick, Esq., on behalf of New York Development Group, asked the Board for their support on Resolution 162. The execution of the documents will occur after all approvals. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated that engineering fees are owed in the amount of \$5,750 and that language will be added to the resolution. Mr. Brick stated he understood completely and would make sure that happens.

Brian Toth, lives at 288 Middleline Road at the top of the knoll. He shared his concerns how dangerous it is making a left-hand turn in his driveway and has witnessed many accidents in front of his home. He appreciated the speed flashing signs, and stated if there is anything else that can be done to make that area safer, it would be appreciated. Supervisor Szczepaniak will reach out to the sheriff's department again and wondered if there is anything that can be done to the design of the road.

Karen Gaidasz, of 291 Middleline Road, stated her home is across from Mr. Toth at the top of the hill. She stated that approximately 15 years ago, the Dept. of Transportation looked to do a study to lower the road and she heard it didn't continue due to historical properties there. She has contacted the County about this area and was told there are too many signs now and had no interest of putting up any more. She urged the Board to see if something can be done. There have been near miss accidents with school buses stopped there as well.

On the same topic, *Polly Windels* of Middleline Road, responded to the Supervisor's inquiry on the design of the road. In 1994 or 1995 there was a committee formed that assisted the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) in redesigning Middleline Road. DOT did lower the road in front of her house; however, straightening the section of the road was dismissed because houses would have to be moved. Ms. Windels also stated she believed that the Town agreed to have Middleline Road designated as a truck route. These speeding tandem tractor trailers travel from Amsterdam on Route 67 to get to the Northway. This is another concern on this road.

Joan Pott of Hop City Road responded to Ms. Windels last comment. Middleline Road was designated as a truck route because tractor trailers cannot make the turn onto Route 50 from Route 67. DOT should look at this intersection.

Supervisor stated he will follow up on this situation.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION THIS EVENING

RESOLUTION 17-157

APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

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

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

 Nays 0

This resolution was inadvertently omitted at the June 29th meeting for approval.

RESOLUTION 17-158

AUTHORIZE DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR JOSEPH WHALEN TO SIGN THE GRANT DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE FUEL TANKS.

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-159

SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 29TH AT 6:15 P.M. FOR THE WATER EXTENSIONS TO 202 ROUND LAKE ROAD (TAX MAP ID #249.-3-57) AND 212 ROUND LAKE ROAD (TAX MAP ID#249.-3-56).

A motion was made by Councilman Curtiss and Councilman Goslin.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-160

ACCEPT THE SALES TAX REVENUE IN CASH

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

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-161

APPROVE THE PROPERTY PURCHASE OF 22 MAIN STREET FOR THE LOCATION OF THE PUMP STATION FOR THE BALLSTON LAKE SEWER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Supervisor Szczepaniak.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-162

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION, CERTAIN ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE KELLEY FARMS PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION CONTINGENT UPON SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ENGINEER AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND SATISFY ESCROW FEES OF \$5,750.

The Town Clerk read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 17-162

WHEREAS, the developers of the Kelley Farms Subdivision have submitted documents to the Town Engineer to begin the process of dedicating certain portions of roads within the Kelley Farms Subdivision Phase 2 to the Town of Ballston, and

WHEREAS, the submitted dedication documents require review and approval from both the Town Attorney and Town Engineer as to form and content, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor's signature is required to file road dedication documents in the office of the County Clerk, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ballston resolves to take over ownership of the roadways in Phase 2 of the Estates at Kelley Farms. The roadways include:

- Kelley Farms Road from Saddlebrook Boulevard to Eastline Road.
- Stablegate Drive from Harvester Way to the cul-de-sac.
- Harvester Way from Stormwater Basin #3 to Stablegate Drive.
- Red Barn Drive in its entirety and

WHEREAS, the road dedication includes all water main and storm sewer infrastructure along the roadways. The Town will take over maintenance via an easement to three Stormwater management basins.

NOW THEREFOE BE IT RESOLVED the dedication of the roadways and utilities is contingent upon the following items:

- The sanitary sewer infrastructure shall be dedicated to the Saratoga County Sewer District #1.
- The deeds for the roadway and Stormwater management area easements shall be filed with Saratoga County.
- The developer provides a letter of credit or bond in the amount of \$115,000, per C.T. Male's letter dated June 21, 2017 to cover future work items, such as fence installation and top course of asphalt pavement.
- Approval by Town Attorney and Town Engineer as to form and content of easements and maintenance
- Town Supervisor to execute documents only after approval from Town Engineer and Town Attorney.

The Supervisor also added the wording: "and satisfy escrow fees of \$5,750" to this resolution.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and Supervisor Szczepaniak.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-163

APPROVE THE TOWN TO CHANGE THE CIVIL SERVICE DESIGNATION FOR AN OPEN LIBRARY CLERK POSITION TO LIBRARY ASSISTANT.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-164

APPROVE THE LIBRARY BOARD'S REQUEST TO HIRE A TEMPORARY PART TIME LIBRARIAN DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE COVERAGE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD FOR A NEW DIRECTOR, AT A RATE OF \$20 PER HOUR.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss
Nays 0

RESOLUTION 17-165

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A PLOTTER FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Szczepaniak and Councilman Goslin.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Supervisor Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilman Antoski, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Curtiss
Nays 0

Privilege of the floor on any items (limit 5 minutes)

Les Bonesteel, represented the Board of Fire Commissioners, members of the Burnt Hills Fire Department, their families, and the taxpayers of the Burnt Hills Fire District. He stated the fire department asked for a water extension for their new firehouse and received verbal assurance several months ago. A referendum was held in April and the vote passed to build a new firehouse. The design team of the project drew up the plans that include a sprinkler system which municipal water will be needed. Without municipal water the project will need to be completely redesigned costing tax papers significantly. The water is 200 feet from the project and will be used only for the firehouse. There is no commercial or residential use. He encouraged the Board to approve the water extension. He presented signed affidavits for the water extension from all the members of the fire district to the Town Clerk. There will be no firehouse without the water extension.

Supervisor Szczepaniak stated that he feels the fire department is protecting the homes

in the community and need to provide the fire department with water. It is his hope to have this resolved soon. Councilwoman Stewart asked if the fire department had to reach out to Ag & Markets on their water extension. She has no problem with the extension. Our Town Attorney, Ms. Kaelin stated a letter had been written in March of the fire department's intension for water by the fire department. There was no response from Ag & Markets. Councilman Goslin feels embarrassed and stated this is a community action and we should do everything possible to extend this water. It is plain and simple. He is sorry the department has to go through this. Councilman Curtiss asked if they will be filling the trucks from the firehouse or use the hydrant out front. Mr. Bonesteel replied it would be filled at the fire station. Mr. Bonesteel stated the well is not sufficient to run a sprinkler system. Councilman Curtiss asked have there been tests? Councilwoman Stewart stated that is why Town Hall needed water, a well is not sufficient. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated for the record this is a hardship for water. Mr. Bonesteel replied it is. Councilman Antoski stated this issue stemmed from the lawsuit for the water extensions to the Goode St. project and the Katz project. The firehouse is a good example of who should be allowed water, but because we extended it to the other two projects a lawsuit was filed by Ag & Markets. Now we have to slow the process down. He would vote yes immediately to add the lateral to the firehouse if we hadn't done the two-prior extensions.

Ms. Cappiello-Larson stated chances are if the Town Board did not request the other two lateral extensions the fire department would not be in this position and would have water. Water should go to the fire department and no one else.

Mr. Bradley member of the Burnt Hills Fire Department, agrees with everything Mr. Bonesteel stated. He is the chairman of the committee for building the new firehouse. If he can answer any questions, ask. In case of a natural disaster, the firehouse is a safe haven and you need to have water. He hopes the Board pushes this forward.

Ms. Windels stated that the location of the new firehouse will bring more development. If you want to give water to fire department then no one else in that Ag district can have water. The Board needs to respect the Ag district.

Ms. Pott stated that the resolution to extend water was tabled, yet it is being discussed. Supervisor Szczepaniak stated we have privilege of the floor at every Board meeting on any topic. Ms. Pott stated the resolution was on the web agenda and then taken off. It was replied due to a last-minute recommendation from Dept. of Ag. & Markets and our Town attorney's advice to go with this recommendation; which was also stated at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Pott stated Ag & Markets has the ability to make an exemption for this water request. She believes that the community would be better served to put the firehouse where it is more populated.

Mr. Rossi, stated as a developer he has never seen development flock to where a firehouse was built. He asked Councilman Curtiss after what he heard tonight from the fire department out of fairness would he retract his prior statement from the June Board meeting. Councilman Curtiss would not. Mr. Rossi stated it is disrespectful to the fire department's request. Councilman Curtiss stated he recalled that there were only four people at the meeting and could have voted no on the resolution. A contingency was added to the resolution saying we are OK with the water extension if it is OK with Ag & Markets. Everyone voted in favor of the resolution with this contingency.

Mr. Drania stated no one is saying that the firehouse can't be built, but build it differently to obey the laws. If we have to pay more taxes, then that is what we should do.

Mr. Bonesteel replied to Ms. Pott's statement. At the public forums, held at the firehouse, the consultant for the new firehouse stated after studies, this location was the best location. This fire district is one of the lowest taxed in Saratoga County and he wants to keep it that way; it is owed to the taxpayers. The fire department would have to hold another referendum if water is not granted because the structure of the building will change as well as the cost.

