

An agenda meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, January 26, 2016 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

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

Supervisor Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Kathryn Serra, of C.T. Male, discussed a regional traffic study that was done in November 2015 paid by NYS Department of Transportation, National Grid and Global Foundries. The study is confined to Route 9 and between Exits 10 and 13. It shows the current situation and the future growth to come. There are a lot of intersections that are at their capacity and getting worse. It studies Route 9 Malta, Route 67 and terminates at the V-corners at the northern end of the Town of Ballston. Lake Road and Eastline Road were also included. There was no study done on Route 50. Eastline Road and Route 67 were recommended for a roundabout. (Supervisor Szczepaniak recently signed a letter of support to the Town of Malta for a project at this intersection). The study showed the intersection of Eastline Road and Round Lake Road is acceptable. Lake Road and Eastline Road in 5-10 years will be failing. Brookline Road and Route 67 were recommended for an upgrade. What is the solution? The Towns need to do a GEIS (Generic Environmental Impact Statement). It puts on paper what intersections need improvement, how much it will cost, and break down into user fees. At a meeting with Congressman Tonko, it was announced that the Federal Highway Surplus Transportation bill was recently passed. This bill allocates money for road improvements. Kathryn recommends getting on a list for improvements for the intersections of Route 67 and Brookline Road and Route 50 and Lakehill Road.

Deb Fairchild, of Blue Rock Energy, gave a presentation on how the Town can save money on gas and electric bills. The Town has options: 1.) A variable rate which has no contract. The rate is the market price with the hope the rate stays low. Currently it is 5.8 cents and 6.2 cents depending on where you live and the size of the client. 2.) A fixed rate for a 1 - 2 year contract. The rate for electric would be 21 months- 6.1 cents; 12 months- 6.35 cents and 24 months- 6.55 cents. A 12 month contract for gas would be .30/therm. A 24 month contract is .32/therm. If the Board decides to switch to this company, it could potentially save the Town up to several thousands of dollars. Supervisor Szczepaniak asked for the proposal to be emailed to him so he and the Board can review. A fixed rate is suggested by Councilman Goslin for budgeting purposes in the future.

RESOLUTION 16-011
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

General Fund	No. 1 – 62	\$27,990.18
Highway Fund	No. 1 - 52	46,932.70
Gravel Pit Fund	No. 1	26.97
Park Fund	No. 1	19.95
Library	No. 1 – 36	15,691.38
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 1 - 14	207,805.65
Brookline Rd Rte. 67 No.2 Ext#12 (BRW)	No. 1	318.00
Paradowski Rd Water Dist. No.5 (RW)	No. 1 - 4	1,523.33
Scotchbush Water Dist. No.6 (WW)	No. 1 - 4	3,046.66
Silver Ln Water Dist. No.6 Ext#1 (WX)	No. 1 - 4	1523.33
Morningdale Court No.2 Ext#24	No. 1 – 11	5,029.34
Trust and Agency	No. 1 - 2	10,842.19

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

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LIBRARY REPORT

Library Director Karen DeAngelo, reported the following:

- The painting and new rugs are completed. Next Monday the contractors will be moving a wall. The roof was inspected and is not currently leaking. It may need repair in the spring.
- The annual mini-golf outing will be held February 19th and 20th.
- On March 5th there will be a grand re-opening of the library. Tours will be conducted and a Pulitzer Prize nominee will be speaking.

BUILDING REPORT

Tom Johnson, Building Inspector reported the following:

- Property owner of 447 Devils Lane was issued two citations. One violation was a sanitation issue (rats, garbage) the other was a violation of property not zoned for a duplex. It was explained by Mr. Johnson to the residents what needs to be done to correct the problems. The residents have 30 days to respond. If no action is done by the homeowner, Dr. Kelly, our Health Officer, will need to get involved.

Councilwoman Stewart noted that she and Supervisor Szczepaniak are interviewing for staffing for the Building Department. She will give wording for position to be posted on the website. Kim Kotkoskie, a new Planning Board member, has experience in the stormwater management field and possibly be a future backup for Stormwater Management in the Building Department.

HIGHWAY AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Superintendent Joe Whalen reported the following:

- A resident of Scotchbush Road has requested to be in the water district. He will have to get an easement from the property owner of vacant land next to him to run a water line to his property.
- A resident of 13 Sweet Road has expressed interest in hooking up to the water district due to well issues. He is 770 feet from the water main. Superintendent Whalen is looking for approval from the Board, as well as a cost for connection fees.
- Non-read water meters have been an ongoing issue. Currently there is a \$100 penalty for not reading your meter, as well as late fees. There seems to be inconsistency with procedure on waiving or applying these fees. He would like direction from the Board how to handle this issue.

Councilman Goslin suggested creating a policy to use in general cases and extreme cases should be brought to the Board with a recommendation from the water superintendent for further review. This process will help the department be consistent. Council members agreed.

Supervisor Szczepaniak stated the water consolidation is in effect; therefore, the Board needs to determine connection fees for people who want to connect to water. A public hearing will need to be done before the Board adopts a resolution.

Highway Superintendent Whalen also reported:

- The water department is looking for water leaks, and pinpointing where they are.
- The Community Room has been patched, repainted and a chair rail has been put up.
- Superintendent Whalen will be attending the Saratoga County Emergency Management Meeting.
- The Highway Department has been doing inventory.
- Radar signs are capable of supplying data to us. Joe is working on retrieving this data.
- The crew is cutting trees around Town including in Reita Park and Jenkins Park. Superintendent Whalen is working with Historian Rick Reynolds cleaning and painting historical markers in Town.
- The Hawkwood property now has fencing around the open wells and the archeological dig site.
- Meeting with the mediator on Thursday morning regarding the highway contract.

Councilman Goslin suggested adding to the agenda for the February 9th meeting, setting a public hearing to consider the approval of water connection fees in the amount of \$2,000.

IT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the IT issues at the Town Hall. It was suggested and agreed by all Board members to have a few vendors together in the same room to see what we need for IT. We may need additional hardware. Supervisor Szczepaniak will set up a meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dennis Pokrzywka, co-chair, announces there is a meeting tomorrow night at Town Hall. It is important to apply for grants that focus on IT management using modern technology tools. These tools are an important part of planning. Infrastructure grants are critical. The Committee is always looking for support and volunteers.

JENKINS PARK ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

Dennis Pokrzywka, board member, spoke on behalf of the Committee and relayed the importance of having open communication with the Parks and Rec Committee to help achieve the goals of both Committees.

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Committee member, Dr. Pierce, states the chairman has discussed some possible dates of upcoming meetings. Dr. Pierce wanted to comment that the Lake Management Plan that was done in 2001 by the Capital District Regional Management Committee, at the time, the zoning laws in the Town didn't support lake management; therefore, when reviewing proposed local zoning laws, concerns such as stream buffers and watershed management should be taken into consideration.

FARMLAND PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Curtiss spoke on behalf of Joan Pott, chairwoman, for the Committee. He read events of the Committee for 2015. A complete year-end report is on file in the Town Clerk's office and will be posted on the website. A high concern on the Committee's list is the Density Bonus and a moratorium.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:

16-011. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY BILLS FOR JANUARY.

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

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

16-012. CONSIDER APPROVING A LOCAL LAW – CHANGE IN RESIDENCY FOR DEPUTY TOWN CLERK II.

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

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

16-013. CONSIDER APPOINTING CARRIE FISHER AS AN ALTERNATE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Gumienny
Town Clerk