

A regular meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, April 8, 2014 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road.

PRESENT:

Patrick Ziegler	-----	Supervisor
Timothy Szczepaniak	-----	Councilman
William Goslin	-----	Councilman
Kelly Stewart	-----	Councilwoman
John Antoski	-----	Councilman
Carol Shemo	-----	Clerk
James Walsh	-----	Counsel

Supervisor Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED TOWN SECURITY SYSTEM BY MR. ROSAMILIA

Mr. Rosamilia presented a two system security proposal for the Town of Ballston with video surveillance and card access system. There would be fourteen cameras, eleven cameras indoors and three outdoor cameras. The proposal includes two monitors and fifty access cards and training for authorized personnel. The state contract price is \$24,000.

Councilman Szczepaniak stated that we have camera system coverage for the court but other parking areas need to be monitored. The safety of our employees is our number one concern.

Councilman Goslin would like to see two additional cameras near the highway garage monitoring the gas pumps and the other buildings. He asked about the cost of the annual maintenance of the camera system and the card access system. His main security concern is the isolation of the buildings after work hours.

Mr. Rosamilia stated the annual maintenance for the cameras will be \$1624.09 and the card access is \$368.23.

Councilman Antoski asked about the selection of the type of cameras used for inside and outside use.

Highway Superintendent Whalen asked what are we trying to accomplish with the security system. Will this system prevent crime?

Councilwoman Stewart asked the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk if there has been any incident of vandalism at the Town Hall.

Councilman Szczepaniak responded that the Library has solved some vandalism cases with their system. It is needed for the safety of our employees and our assets.

Mr. Rosamilia stated with an effective surveillance system in place it can deter crime and affect people's behavior.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk gave a summary of the correspondence for the month of March. The Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from Charles Merriam from the Board of Assessment Review, Ethics Board and as Marriage Officer effective December 31, 2013. The second letter was from Commissioner Manz of the Saratoga County Department of Public Works. Mr. Manz reported on the BH-BL Teachers Association 5K Community Fun Run and Walk on May 10th at 10 a.m. on County Route 339 and 110. The third letter was from the Town of Clifton Park with a copy of Resolution 76 of 2014 in support of the introduction of legislation in NY Legislature designating Ballston Lake as an Inland Waterway. An email was received from Mr. Guarneri asking about a Town-wide trash pick up.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Building Inspector Thomas Johnson, Highway/Water Superintendent Joseph Whalen, Dog Control Officer Thomas Shambo, Library Trustee Tom Shaginaw and Town Clerk Carol Shemo submitted reports for March and they are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ziegler reviewed the Supervisor's Report for February for receipts disbursements.

RESOLUTION 14-69

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

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report for the month of February.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ziegler reported:

- The National Grid project on the bike path is starting later than planned. The Town of Ballston Bike Path that runs between Route 146A and White Beach Road will be closed for 12 days beginning April 28, 2014 for the Harlan Electric project.
- We received a report from Ed Hernandez of the Saratoga County Water Authority (SCWA) that the water problems have been corrected by use of a carbon filtration system. The SCWA will install a carbon filtration system at the Pump Station used by the Town of Ballston and Town of Clifton Park by May 1, 2014. SCWA is looking for the Town to go back online and the Town needs to meet our financial and contractual obligations.

Councilman Goslin asked if we could have a letter from the SCWA addressed to the Town Board of the Town of Ballston that the problem has been corrected. We could share this information with our residents.

Councilman Szczepaniak said since the Town Board acts as the Board of Health, we need to be sure of the water quality for our residents. We now have a short term fix in place and the SCWA will have additional measures for a long term fix. He agrees with Councilman Goslin that a letter on the results of the testing should be sent to the entire Board and put on the website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman Szczepaniak reported the following:

- Councilman Szczepaniak and Highway Superintendent Whalen met with a representative from County Waste Collections, Inc. to discuss the possibility of a trash pick up. There are two options: a complete Town-wide pick up at the cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 and a dumpster pick up at the Town Hall over 2 days. The cost of the dumpster is \$400. Councilman Szczepaniak recommends the Town-wide pick up so that all residents would be able to benefit from the collection. He also would like the Town to pass an ordinance against people pilfering through the debris, as the Town of Glenville did last year.
- He thanked Zoning Enforcement Officer Debora Bradt for contacting the new owners of the property on Lakehill Road and having the truck cap removed. She also contacted Mr. Bowman, President of the Farmers Market, concerning the damaged sign and they will erect another sign on the Old Homestead property.
- There are 315 customers that owe the Town \$49,518 in unpaid water bills that were due on April 1, 2014

Councilman Goslin reported the following:

- Thanked Water Superintendent Whalen for handling the water issue on Martin Ave.
- The Town will kick off the Digital Literacy Program in two weeks at the Library. Senator Farley and Assemblyman Tedisco will participate in the program.
- He asked about the mortgage tax report.
- This is the last year on the bonding of the new building and we are planning a mortgage burning celebration.
- The Town Board needs to address the speeding on Route 50 near the Beacon Hill Development.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Hamm reported that on April 4th two dogs attacked and killed 41 chickens on his property. Mr. Hamm presented the Board with a narrative of the event and pictures. A Saratoga County Sheriff Deputy was at the scene, as well as, the Dog Control Officer. Mr. Hamm stated that the dog problem was not handled properly. He stated that the dogs were returned to the owners instead of following the law and impounding the dogs at the shelter.

Supervisor Ziegler said that he would follow up with the Sheriff Deputy and the Dog Control Officer. He would then speak with Mr. Hamm concerning his findings.

Mr. Pierce asked about the portable toilet at the Outlet Road parking area.

Mr. Schultz, a senior at the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, addressed the meeting outlining his decision to run for a seat on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Board of Education. His purpose is to keep the school district one of the best in the New York State. His goal is to maintain the present classes and programs while ensuring they run efficiently and are affordable.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Estate of Frank Schizdick, Anchor Diamond Park and the Hawkwood Property.
Town Attorney Walsh said the Town sent a letter to the court that stated the Town is ready to take title to the Hawkwood property. There will be a court meeting on April 30th.
2. Sewer Study
Councilman Goslin reported that the committee has been meeting for a year and the engineering study has been updated. We are looking for a path forward and for the Town Attorney to help us understand our options. We hope to have a clear understanding at the direction we want to go with sewers by the May Board Meeting. We have focused around the lake. In our initial studies it is a logical step to go around the lake with sewers and perhaps include Buell Heights. It would be a low pressure sewer system around the lake that would pump to the pump station at Stonebridge. The residents around the lake would pay for the sewers. The second option would be Buell Heights. The third option is the Route 50 Corridor that would be development driven. The last option is the northern end of Town that although surrounded by sewers, is without them. He would like to continue this discussion at the April Agenda Meeting.
3. Audit
Councilman Goslin stated that the audit is proceeding well. He is confident in our present resources. They will meet with BST every two weeks to keep on track.
4. BH-BL High School Crossing Improvements
Councilman Antoski reported that the road stripping will be done with the road work. The Town needs to pass a resolution requesting a lower speed limit of 25mph and send it to NYS Department of Transportation. Councilman Antoski is looking into the possibility of a solar lights crossing.

Supervisor Ziegler added that the Board will consider the resolution for a lower speed limit at the agenda meeting.

5. Design Standards

Councilman Szczepaniak and Highway Superintendent Whalen spoke with Kathryn Serra of CT Male and she mentioned a few simple ideas to give the Planning Board more flexibility in dealing with the restrictions of the Design Standards.

Supervisor Ziegler stated that Peter Reilly, the Attorney for Planning and Zoning, said the Planning Board already has this flexibility.

6. The Board added to the list of Old Business the speeding problem along Route 50 near Beacon Hill Development and the lighting and signs in this area.

NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:

RESOLUTION 14-070

APPROVE THE COMMAND SECURITY CONTRACT FOR 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the Command Security Contract with the same rates as last year commencing April 15, 2014.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-071

APPROVE THE USE OF A TOWN TRUCK FOR THE ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP DAY.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the use of a Town Truck for the Annual Roadside Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-072

APPROVE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WHALEN TO ATTEND THE PAVEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve Highway Superintendent Whalen to attend the Pavement Internship Program at Ithaca College from May 26 to May 29, 2014.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-073

APPROVE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WHALEN TO ATTEND THE CORNELL ROAD PROGRAM.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve Highway Superintendent Whalen to attend the Cornell Road Program at Ithaca College from June 2 to June 4, 2014.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-074

AUTHORIZE BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE FLAG DAY PARADE.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to authorize the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business Professional Association to hold the Flag Day Parade on June 12, 2014 and obtain any and all required permits.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-075

APPROVE THE DONATION OF \$2500 FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AFTER THE FLAG DAY PARADE.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Antoski to approve the donation of \$2500 for the fireworks display at the High School after the Flag Day Parade.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-076

ACCEPT THE LETTER RESIGNATION FROM CHARLES MERRIAM

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to accept the letter of resignation from Charles Merriam. He resigned from the Board of Assessment Review, the Ethics Board and as Marriage Office effective December 31, 2013.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-077

AMEND THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS, LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014. BEGIN THE SEQRA PROCESS BY DECLARING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014 A TYPE 1 ACTION AND DO A COORDINATED REVIEW FOR LEAD AGENCY.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Goslin to amend the Light Industrial District Regulations, Local Law No.1 of 2014. Begin the SEQRA Process by declaring Local Law No. 1 of 2014 a Type 1 Action and do a coordinated review for Lead Agency.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-078

SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014 AMENDING THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR MAY 13, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Antoski to set a Public Hearing for Local Law No.1 of 2014 amending the Light Industrial District regulations for May 13, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-079

ESTABLISH A TYPE 2 SEQRA ACTION FOR THE BRIDGEWATER APARTMENTS EXTENSION TO BH-BL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 EXT#12, SBL 228.-1-54.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilman Antoski to establish a Type 2 SEQRA Action for the Bridgewater Apartments Extension to BH-BL Water District No. 2 Ext #12, SBL 228.-1-54.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-080

**SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BRIDGEWATER APARTMENTS
EXTENSION TO BH-BL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 EXT#12, SBL 228.-1-54, FOR
APRIL 29, 2014 AT 7:15 P.M.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to set a Public Hearing for the Bridgewater Apartments Extension to BH-BL Water District No. 2 Ext #12, SBL 228.-1-54, for April 29, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 14-081

**APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE LIBRARY FUND
BALANCE FOR PAYMENT OF THE LIBRARY SIGN.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Antoski to approve the transfer of funds from the Library Fund Balance for payment of the Library sign at a cost of \$18,900.

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

Nays 0

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the health of the Town's water fund. It was address by the State Comptroller Office last year in an audit of the Water Department. The Town Board responded to the Comptroller's report with the Corrective Action Plan but it has yet to be implemented. The water fund gave the indication that it was healthier than it is due to the deposit of meter hookups and other funds into the water fund. These funds should have been deposited in the Capital Funds Account to pay for project such as the painting of the Water Tower. The Town has not had a water rate increase in 12 years. The Town stopped taking water from the SCWA and increased our usage with Glenville Water at an increased rate of 25¢ per 1,000 gals of water. It is important that we address the water situation by increasing the water rates and allocate the funds properly. The Town Board wants to provide the information to Town residents about the change in water rates and give the resident the opportunity to comment at a Public Hearing.

Councilman Goslin asked the Board to consider the following resolution at a Public Hearing on May 8, 2014:

CONSIDER SETTING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES BY 75¢ PER THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER FOR INSIDE USER RATES AND \$1.50 PER THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER FOR OUTSIDE USER RATES AND AN INCREASE IN THE CONNECTION FEE FROM \$1100 TO \$1500 PER UNIT

RESOLUTION 14-082

**SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND
CONNECTION FEE FOR MAY 8, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY
ROOM.**

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to set a Public Hearing on the increase in water rates and connection fee for May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

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

Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk