

An agenda meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, April 29, 2014 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 14-083**  
**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

General Fund	No. 134 - 180	\$33,008.34
Highway Fund	No 101 - 162	44,570.37
Gravel Pit Fund	No 2 - 8	12,415.78
Park Fund	No. 2 - 5	429.91
Library	No. 94 - 141	26,541.24
Water Fund District 2 (SW)	No. 28 - 35	923.02
Blue Barnes Rd Dist. No.2 Ext# 13 (BBR)	No. 27 - 34	17.32
Brookline Rd Rte 67 No.2 Ext#12 (BRW)	No. 8 - 15	417.21
Goode St Dist. No.2 Ext#14 (GSW)	No. 27 - 34	69.26
Paradowski Rd Water Dist. No. 5 (RW)	No. 12 - 13	9.73
Route 50 Water No.2 Ext#7 (RTW)	No. 28 - 34	34.62
Scotchbush Water Dist. No.6 ((WW)	No. 12 - 13	19.46
Silver Ln Water Dist. No 6 Ext#1 (WX)	No 12 - 13	9.73
Chapel Hill Water Dist. No. 2 Ext # 18 (CH)	No. 27 - 34	121.20
Brooks Heritage Dist. No.2 Ext #21 (RL)	No. 27 - 34	34.62
Stonebridge Enclave No.2 Ext #19	No. 27 - 34	17.32
Morningdale Ct Water District	No. 27 - 34	17.32
Trust & Agency	No. 1 -	3,320.00
ADOPTED: Ayes 5	Supervisor Ziegler, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin, Councilwoman Stewart and Councilman Antoski	
Nays 0		

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Ziegler reported that retirees, who were receiving health insurance from the Town, were not transferred to a Medicare Advantage Plan at age 65. This error cost the Town between \$1,000 and \$2,500 per month. Thanks to the diligent work of bookkeeper Joann Bouchard for discovering the error and bringing it to his attention. The Town will be transferring these retirees to the MVP Advantage Plan. They will receive a letter explaining this change and there will be an information meeting in May the date and time posted on the website.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

**Councilman Goslin** reported the following:

- The Senior Digital Program began last week. The start-up session at the Town of Ballston Community Library was attended by State Senator Farley, NYS Representative Tedisco and representatives of Cooperative Extension, CDPHP, Office for the Aging and Ballston Seniors.
- The Town is making progress with our finances. He is meeting with the auditors every other week and they are pleased with the progress. Ms. Fantauzzi is doing a good job in reconciling the books. We now have accurate records for the beginning of 2012 and have a starting point to audit the books for 2012 and 2013.

The 2012 AUD needs work and the auditors will refile the AUD by the end of June.

- Mortgage tax shows a significant deficit but the sales tax has improved by 10%.

Supervisor Ziegler stated he was contacted by the NYS Comptroller's Office concerning the many discrepancies in the 2012 AUD. The Comptroller's Office was working with the prior bookkeeper last year but the Supervisor was not informed about this problem. Supervisor Ziegler informed the Comptroller's Office that the Town has hired auditors and is addressing the problem.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one wished to speak.

#### **NEW BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION:**

##### **RESOLUTION 14-084**

##### **APPROVE THE BRIDGEWATER APARTMENTS EXTENSION TO THE BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 EXT #12, SBL 228.-1-54.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the Bridgewater Apartments Extension to the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Water District No. 2 Ext #12, SBL 228.-1-54.

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

##### **RESOLUTION 14-085**

##### **APPOINT DANIEL MERTZLUFFT TO THE POSITION OF SECOND ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Antoski to appoint Daniel Mertzluft to the position of Second Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term commencing April 29, 2014 and ending at the organizational meeting in January 2015.

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

##### **RESOLUTION 14-086**

##### **AUTHORIZE THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO RESUME TAKING WATER FROM SARATOGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to authorize the Water Superintendent to resume taking water from the Saratoga County Water Authority with the condition that the carbon activated filter, paid for by the Saratoga County Water Authority, is in use.

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

##### **RESOLUTION 14-087**

##### **APPOINT KEITH KISSINGER TO THE POSITION OF MARRIAGE OFFICER.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to appoint Keith Kissinger to the position of Marriage Officer for a term commencing April 29, 2014 and ending at the organizational meeting in January 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION 14-088**

**APPOINT CARRIE FISHER TO THE POSITION OF MARRIAGE OFFICER.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to appoint Carrie Fisher to the position of Marriage Officer for a term commencing April 29, 2014 and ending at the organizational meeting in January 2015.

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

Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 14-089**

**APPROVE THE TOWN ASSESSOR TO ATTEND THE CORNELL SEMINARS IN ITHACA, NEW YORK FROM JULY 14 TO JULY 18, 2014.**

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Stewart to approve the Town Assessor to attend the Cornell Seminars in Ithaca, New York from July 14 to July 18, 2014.

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

Nays 0

**DISCUSSION**

**1. Sewers**

Councilman Goslin reported that at the last Town Board meeting, he discussed the direction of the sewer committee. The committee will receive the engineer's report at the next meeting and will vote on it at the May meeting. The immediate sewer connection will be around Ballston Lake. Then the sewer connection will proceed with Buell Heights, the northern end of Town including Carpenter's Acres going into the village and finally, to Route 50 Corridor which will depend on economic development. The next step is for the Town Attorney to give his legal opinion on how to proceed and then the sewer committee will look for funding opportunities. There is a grant application we are interested in submitting with a deadline of the end of June.

Supervisor Ziegler said that Councilman Goslin has met with other towns and asked Councilman Goslin if there is a possibility to apply for the consolidation funding application.

Councilman Goslin replied that he will ask the grant writer about this application.

Town Attorney Walsh enters the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**2. Water Rates**

Supervisor Ziegler reported that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on an increase in the water rates and the connection fee on May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Goslin stated that water funds and water rates are separate funds and cannot be funded by other revenue accounts. The people who receive water have to pay for the water. The Town's water fund is not financially viable because we have not raised rates in twelve years. The connection fees have been subsidizing the water rates for many years. The connection fees should be used for capital expenses such as painting of the water tower. Our water expenses are more than the margin profit the Town makes in buying water from Saratoga County Water Authority and Glenville Water and selling it to the water users. The Town Board as the Water Commissioners have discussed what needs to be done and the action that needs to be considered at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilman Goslin to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo  
Town Clerk

