

January 17, 2019

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, County Legislator Bob Cantwell, and approximately 18 visitors.

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor

Hester Chase – Hester said that she has attended the zoning rewrite work sessions and she felt that they were doing a good job and she said there was a lot of diversity in the room. She discussed physical setbacks and the sound the wind makes. She said that she is not sure that people understand the sounds from the turbines and the different sounds from their placement. She feels that the revised law is making it simple for the farmer, streamlining the regulations regarding the public hearing as the neighbors are not aware of what is happening. She feels that it would behoove the board to streamline the permitting process. Hester also told the board that she does not know how to get her comments to the zoning rewrite committee as they said they were not taking comments from the public at the work sessions. Councilman Wood suggested she bring her comments to the next public hearing or write a letter to the Chairman. Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard told her that she could send her the comments via email and she will pass them along to committee members.

Colleen Knuth – Colleen said that she noticed that Resolution #14 was regarding the Justice Court Audit and she wanted to know why her books were not included in the audit. She said that they are always done during the January board meetings and she had not heard from anyone. She said that she would like to know why this has changed, and when she will be included in the audit. Councilman Aubertine said that they could do it during the February work session.

David Powers – David introduced himself as a lifelong resident in Clayton. He said that he is an employee of Barton and Loguidice. He said that he went with the company to be close to home. He explained that he read the CFA announcements and his company does provide engineering services for sewer projects. He would like to put his name out there for the board to consider down the road.

Michelle Oswald – Michelle said that the Comprehensive Plan fits in with the plans being carried out by the LDC really good. She reviewed the studies that were done and 3 areas of importance; visuals, migratory pathway, and managing threats such as noise levels. Michelle said that it bothers her that the rewrite committee would consider to take away the special use permit and all notifications. She said that she feels the committee is doing a good job, but she wants to make sure they are doing what is in the community's best interest.

Tina Rocker – Tina said that the recommendations from Jefferson County suggest nothing to do for the wind law. She asked the board if they asked the Planning Board to make changes regarding the comments.

Sam Delong – Sam said that she served on the Comprehensive Plan rewrite committee and they worked with a lot of public input. She said that she is a bit disturbed to read that they are taking out the decommissioning process. She said that the committee she served on listened to everyone and they had a broad spectrum of residents from all walks of life. She said that since the wind issue had calmed down, new businesses have opened, new homes are building and homes are being sold. She urged the board not to put the town through what it has been through before with the wind issue.

Bob Cantwell – Bob said that he would like to report that the City of Watertown had reached an agreement with the County regarding dog control. He says the sales tax figures are good too. Bob discussed an education center and a ceremony regarding it opening. He said that he has learned a lot his first year, and is looking forward to 2019.

The minutes of the December 20, 2018 and January 4, 2019 meetings were accepted by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:55pm to discuss employment history, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:09pm, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Tim White – Tim said that the committee formed to help find a solution regarding the ambulance service would like to give a preliminary report. He passed out information to the board members and asked them to review. He said the report lists three viable options. He said that he would like to have a dialog with the board and the board has agreed to meet to discuss the report.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the usual activities gone on in the building along with a sewing club and movie nights held by the Methodist Church. He said that the Lions Club held a breakfast and that they have cleaned up brush around the parking lot.

Water – Keith Brass said that they had a water main break at Beadles Point. He reported that the new pickup truck is in and plow has been installed. Keith said that the new water meters are working fine and he is quite happy with them.

Keith discussed the bids submitted for the 2009 Ford truck. The highest bid was in the amount of \$7,501.00 received from Doug Petrie.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Petire, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE. Keith will contact him regarding this.

Keith also discussed with the board the need to submit a letter to DANC to request a reduction in the daily water allocations from 20,000 gallons per day to 10,000 gallons per day.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to send a letter to DANC requesting the reduction, seconded by Councilman Wood. Supervisor Bender voted AYE; Councilman Mason voted AYE; Councilman Aubertine abstain stating as he is a user in the district; Councilman Wiley voted AYE; Councilman Wood voted AYE.

Highway – Bill Pond said that they have been busy with plowing and sanding. He said that they have also had to do some ditching and regular maintenance on the trucks. Bill told the board that they have framed the end of the cold storage building for a new garage door. Bill reported on the tractor and broom on the auction site. He said that it has not gotten as high as he had wanted yet. But he said there is still time left.

Bill told the board that he has had one part time man quit and another part time man out for health reasons. He said that he did bring on another part time helper for snow. Bill told the board that he is expecting the new truck to arrive next week and he would like to move forward with the purchase of the new radios required by the County. Bill also spoke about the only bid received from Tracey Equipment for the purchase of a broom/tractor. He asked the board if he could move forward with this.

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Bender read his report.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve of the Supervisor's Financial report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

DANC – Councilman Mason said that he had heard from DANC regarding the replacement of the generator. Keith said that he is still waiting for quotes.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that the committee has met. He said that a preliminary document is ready for review and to be shared with the public for comments or suggestions.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that basketball is up and running and the swim program has started.

LDC – Councilman Wiley attended the meeting and said that the committee is in need of more members. He said that they are still discussing several projects.

Supervisor Bender said that an audit of Judge Fix's books was done and that they found everything to be in order.

Councilman Wiley said that he has a list of goals that he would like to work on. He said that he would like the other board members to review it and have them come up with a prioritized timeline. He said that he would like to have two or three open projects a month.

Councilman Mason said that he thinks the first responders program is off to a good start. He questioned the sign that will be purchased for the front of the office building and Bill Pond said that the company has sent him an email with the specs. They have an April target date.

Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to see water district 7 started in 2019. He said that he would also like the Youth Commission to sponsor a learn to skate program. He referenced the TI Youth Hockey program which offers free equipment for the first year.

Councilman Aubertine also said that he would like to discuss the broom/sweeper. He said that to him it is sensible to table Resolution 15, which authorizes the purchase of the Broom/Sweeper from Tracey Equipment, until the broom and tractor that is on the auction site sells. Bill Pond said that he would like to get \$20,000.00 for the equipment. Councilman Mason discussed with him funds that have been spent and Councilman Wood asked him about the radios. Bill Pond said that the radios have to be purchased and the purchase is already budgeted for. Councilman Aubertine recommended that they put off the decision to purchase the broom until the work session as he would like to have some discussion on this. Councilman Mason said that he would like to have discussion on this too.

Resolution #14

Resolution #14 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #14 is to acknowledge the audit of Judge J. Roger Fix's books and the acceptance of his records. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken, Supervisor Edward Bender, AYE, Councilman Paul Aubertine AYE, Councilman Dan Wiley AYE, Councilman Marty Mason AYE, Councilman Alan Wood, AYE.

Resolution #15

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to table Resolution #15, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #16

Resolution #16 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #16 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Services Contract with PIVOT in the amount of \$416.00. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #17

Resolution #17 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #17 authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Supervisor shall not exceed \$7,500.00. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #18

Resolution #18 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #18 determines that the CWSRF Engineering Planning Grant a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #19

Resolution #19 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #19 is to appoint the Supervisor as the designated representative for the CWRSF Engineering Planning Grant, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign all the documents regarding the grant.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #20

Resolution #20 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #20 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement for a new server with Business Automation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$10,840.00 and to authorize the Supervisor to make the necessary budget modifications for the purchase.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #21

Resolution #21 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #21 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the updated IT Managed Services Agreement with Business Automation Services, Inc.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: General Fund, \$39,452.21; Highway, \$23,107.19; WD #1, \$32,288.62; WD #3, \$837.47; WD #4, \$2,422.83; WD #5, \$1,513.26; WD #6, \$957.23.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk spoke to the board regarding the letter of interest from Mike Nebia to fill the vacancy as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board instructed her to advertise the vacancy again. They would like to discuss this at the work session.

Michelle also told the board that Senator Ritchie's office called and she wanted to pass along a message that a few of her constituents have made a suggestion that the new playground be named after Max Chauvostie because of all his fund raising efforts.

Michelle said that she would also like to discuss the phone situation. She said that the portable phone has not worked since Dec. 14. She said that the company has replaced it and it still does not work. Keith Brass told the board that he too is having troubles with the phone at Recreation Park.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to send out RFP for the phone replacements, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk