

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, WURTSBORO, NEW YORK.

Present: William E. Herrmann- Supervisor
Christine Seward – Councilwoman
Patrick Keller – Councilman
Graham Vest - Councilman
Nicholas Salomone, Jr. - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Catherine Owens-Herrmann – Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Legislator
Riley Platt III – Highway Superintendent

Absent: Brenda Giraldi- Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
Matt Taylor – Councilman
JoAnn Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Boiler King estimate for Drama Building AC unit
2. Hiring Summer Camp and Pool Employees
3. Peak Power generator for drama building
4. July 3rd meeting
5. Budget Modification

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The June 19, 2018 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Cleaning up trees
- Oil & Stoning Ferguson, Shawanga Lodge, Firetower, Pickles, Phillipsport, Fayer Court, Lakeview East & West, Thornton and Minister Flats roads.
- Thornton Road discussion
- Roosa Gap Road – replace and repair culverts.

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE REPORT – transcribed by Catherine Owens-Herrmann

In Public Works, we discussed e-trash. China will not take back electronics. We look on this as an opportunity for domestic manufacture of electronics, which will take them back for recycling. Mattress recycling is available through Triad Recycling, at \$14 per mattress plus shipping comes to \$23. Mattresses should be kept out of the landfill because they take up too much room, and create soft spots. They are entirely recyclable.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted on the following dates: Saturday June 23 from 2:30 to 5:30. Sunday August 19 from 9 to 2. Saturday September 15 from 2:30 to 5:30. You must pre-register. Call 807-0291.

The office for the Veterans Agency will remain in the Government Center. The foreclosure property auction will be postponed until August 29. The Sullivan County Funding Corp. is financing a consultant to assist and study the Dairy farmer plight.

I attended the Sustainability Conference at Sullivan County College on the date of the inauguration of Jay Quaintance, and I postponed my report until now. I learned of three situations:

- 1) The tragedy of almonds. Almond trees require so much water that farmers run out and have to purchase water from the oil and gas companies, which blast deep below the water table. The companies claim they have cleaned the chemicals out of the water they sell; but it is unknown how clean the water is, and what the effect is on the almonds.
- 2) The lead in the water in Flint, Michigan. Water is no longer pumped from Lake Huron; instead it is pumped from the river, and the acidity of this water causes the lead in old pipes to leach out into the drinking water.
- 3) PFOs and PFAs in Hoosick Dam, in New York. These substances do not ever break down. Their effect on health is unknown.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Hamlet signs – Received \$5,651.00 from the County of Sullivan
- A 50/50 Grant from Sullivan County in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 to convert garage at Learning Center to a classroom, do an irrigation system in the pollination garden, illuminate the entry signs and educational materials.
- Mr. Smilowitz pleaded guilty to voter fraud regarding the Village of Bloomingburg election.

ABSTRACTS

- A motion was made by C. Seward, seconded by G. Vest to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #13 (Voucher #20180920-20181037) in the amount of \$128,360.93. All in favor.
- A motion approving the Manual check in the amount of \$315.00 was made by G. Vest, seconded by N. Salomone. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Keller, seconded by N. Salomone to accept the Minutes of June 5, 2018. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion was made by C. Seward, seconded by G. Vest to approve the Boiler King estimate for the **Drama Building AC unit**. All in favor.
- A motion approving the list of Summer **Camp and Pool Employees** was made by P. Keller, seconded by N. Salomone. All in favor.
- A motion approving the quote from Peak Power for a **generator at the drama building** was made by G. Vest and seconded by P. Keller. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by N. Salomone, seconded by P. Keller to accept the **Budget Modifications** as presented. All in favor.
- A motion was made by G. Vest, seconded by P. Keller to approve Tri-County Arborist's quote of \$5,120.00 for **tree removal** at the Interpretive Center on South Road. All in favor.
- A motion hiring **Brian Sokoloff** to represent the Town in the lawsuit filed by **Amy Thomas** was made by C. Seward, seconded by G. Vest. All in favor.
- A motion was made by C. Seward, seconded by G. Vest to add \$800.00 to the **American Legion** amount budgeted. All in favor.
- A motion was made by C. Seward, seconded by N. Salomone stating that all prior resolutions from 2018 concerning the **Dolan** Minister Flats Road property at S.B.L.: 8-3-3 are rescinded except the requirement to pay all fines and fees remains in effect. All in favor.
- A motion was made by P. Keller, seconded by N. Salomone to hire 2 **election inspectors** for the July 10th Special Election for the question of whether to sell the Bloomingburg Dutch Reformed Church at \$15.00 per hour. All in favor. The election inspectors shall be Donna Calabro and Patricia Bechtold.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by P. Keller, seconded by G. Vest to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss several personnel issues and a security issue. All in favor.
- A motion was made at 8:35 p.m. by G. Vest, seconded by C. Seward to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.
- A motion was then made by C. Seward, seconded by G. Vest appointing Michele Lagomarsino as account clerk for the building, zoning and planning departments. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Vest, seconded by C. Seward. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk