

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, WURTSBORO, NEW YORK.

Present: William E. Herrmann- Supervisor
Brenda Giraldi- Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
Matt Taylor – Councilman
Christine Saward – 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
JoAnn Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund
2. Reconfirmation of Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Application
3. Logging Operations at 188 Painter Hill Rd is Complete – Bond can be returned
4. Budget Modifications

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The October 17, 2017 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 BUDGET

A motion was made by G. Vest, seconded by P. Keller to open the Public Hearing. All in favor.

Public Comment

- Rob Hufcut commented on the Town’s spending of and not receiving a grant promised by Senator Bonacic. He also commented on the increase in the highway budget.
- Janet Lybolt asked for clarification of the proposed Town Manager position and whether it would be a board appointed position. Supervisor Herrmann responded that the position would be a 5 year contract and out of the political influences. G. Vest added that the position would be given to someone stronger in budget type issues etc. as opposed to being done by a board that could change 100% every 2 years. J. Lybolt then asked if staggering the terms of office was still on the table. G. Vest responded that some research was being done.
- N. Salomone stated that initially he was in favor of a Town Manager but has since become skeptical as to the overhead involved.

- W. Herrmann added that a benefit package would be included in the town manager position which would also include budget officer and that the position of Supervisor would then be part time.
- B. Giraldi added that year's ago there was no oversight of monies and that the town needs someone with experience, a degree, human resources, public relations etc.
- Chris Leser applauded the boards increase for the ambulance district and added that Sullivan County is looking into staggered terms.
- Roslyn Kalifowicz-Waletzky spoke about the proposed Town Manager position and the powers that they could have and referenced the State of Michigan's troubles with it.
- Councilman P. Keller stated he would like to see funding for our own school district. There is plenty of land adjacent to the Chase School to build a Middle and High School and would prevent the children from traveling 20 plus miles to school.

A motion was made to close the public hearing to oral comments but leave it open to written comments for 7 day by C. Saward and seconded by G. Vest. All in favor.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Blacktop repair
- Chasing beavers and looking for local trapper and DEC nuisance permit
- Roosa Gap – Oil and Stone
- Snow & Ice removal contract due

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Catherine Owens-Herrmann

Wanda Cruz reported on healthy county and benches

Real Property Division is developing GIS, the Geographic Information System, which will provide more accurate information for example on what poles are down on what roads during storms; in the past, information did not always match.

When a veteran goes to the hospital, it was stressed that spouses should not sign anything, and, before the veteran gets a room, establish the hospital will bill the VA within 30 days; doctors and ambulances too. If this is not done, the VA is off the hook and the patient becomes responsible for the bill. The veteran has 72 hours to notify the VA. The phone number at Castle Point is 831 2000.

The baseline study for the compressor has been completed, testing sound, water and particulates.

Sales, room and mortgage taxes are all up.

Grant information is available for electric recharging stations

ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by B. Giraldi, seconded by G. Vest to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #20 (voucher #20181673-20181780) in the amount of \$205,987.54. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Keller, seconded by G. Vest to accept the Minutes of October 2, 2018. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion was made by B. Giraldi, seconded by G. Vest to accept the Budget Modifications as presented. All in favor.
- A motion for the Reconfirmation of Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Application was made by C. Saward, seconded by B. Giraldi. All in favor.
- A motion was made by G. Vest, seconded by P. Keller authorizing the release of the logging bond At 188 Painter Hill Rd. (Logger: Standing tall Timber Service) in the amount of \$1,500.00 as per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Christine Saward

- Bashakill Area Association will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Oct 20 at the Phillipsport Community Center. Registration is at 9:30, meeting at 10am.
- Phillipsport Community Center will be holding their last monthly music night of the season, Saturday, Oct 20 featuring storyteller Red Rogers, as well as the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Express. Doors open at 6:30pm. As always, only \$2 at the door; homemade food and desserts available for purchase.
- The committee of the Mamakating Library for the Poet Laureate did not receive any responses. They will be trying to coordinate with Sullivan County for a county poet laureate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by C. Saward, seconded by P. Keller to go into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to obtain attorney advice, discuss F.O.I.L. requests, contract issues for retirees and invite J. Salamone and J. Dougherty into that portion, County Highway contract and invite R. Platt into that portion Wurtsboro Hills garbage contract and an employee issue. All in favor.
- A motion was made at 9:20 p.m. by B. Giraldi, seconded by P. Keller to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Taylor, seconded by C. Saward. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk