

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM.

Present: Janet M. Lybolt- Supervisor
Eileen Rogers – Deputy Supervisor - Councilwoman
John Lacey – Councilman
James Carney – Councilman
John Crudo - Councilman
Thomas Morrow – Councilman
Gary Forthoffer - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Robert Hufcut – Highway Superintendent
JoAnn Salamone – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Jackie Broder – Director MEEC

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Waiver of Certain Tax Exemption Renewal Applications
2. Senior Citizens Tax Exemption Annual Income Chart-Town Code Ch. 172
3. Budget Modifications
4. Town Board Ward Meeting Schedule
5. Charter Communications – Extension of Cable Service on David Rhodes Rd. & McIntyre Rd., Westbrookville
6. Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund
7. Building Inspector’s Vehicle Use for Discussion

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The January 19, 2021 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- The Highway Department crew has been hard at work taking care of the pesky snow/ice storms that have been coming through the last 2 weeks.
- The crew doing the ditching has been doing an amazing job, also repairing and replacing culverts as well. I’m very thankful the weather temperature has been allowing us to do this kind of work that normally doesn’t get done this time of year.
- The tree trimming crew started trimming trees on Thursday of last week. They were taking care of potholes the previous week. The hotbox has been a major asset to repairing potholes, by allowing the cold patch to be more pliable, especially in the cold weather, making repairs a better job done.

- The mechanics have been doing an amazing job keeping the fleet running. This time of year is very costly as I expect most everyone would know and understand We do as much preventive maintenance as we can I believe that our focus on that is starting to pay off and will hopefully reduce our down time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT as transcribed by J. Lybolt

New LED lighting has been installed by RTG Corp in the Highway Department. Our maintenance staff has started replacing the lighting in Town Hall. The new LED bulbs were delivered and will be installed in the entire building. This will cut energy usage and our electricity costs.

Due to Covid-19, we could not have the usual Holiday party with every employee and boards. Many thanks to Ann Haenelt for coordinating, and with the help of Brittney Aweh, distributing individual lunches for all our employees to eat in their office and lunch areas. In addition, all the free gifts received when ordering office supplies were wrapped and distributed to every employee. It was a good morale booster in this stressful time.

Last Tuesday our Court had a cake for Julie Sherman who retired after 22 years. She was presented with a plaque for 22 years of dedication to our Town, a cake, flowers and gifts from Court staff.

Last Wednesday, County Town Supervisors had a phone conference with Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw regarding the partnership with Garnet Health to provide vaccination sites. At first, weekly vaccination clinics will be set up starting Jan. 20th then twice-weekly beginning mid-February by registration and appointment only for those in group 1A. Check Sullivan County's website for complete information.

Our MLDC continues to host the Food Hub with food pick-up on Fridays from 4-6:30. Info is on our website.

ABSTRACTS

- A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #30 (Voucher #20202142-20202206) in the amount of \$38,282.06. All in favor.
- A motion was made by J. Lacey, seconded by E. Rogers to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #1 (Voucher #20210001-20210100) in the amount of \$267,078.94. All in favor.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, ENCUMBRANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey to accept the reports as presented. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey to accept the minutes of January 5, 2021. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

➤ **RESOLUTION CONCERNING RPTL §467 and RPTL §459-c PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, recent State legislation requires the Town Assessor to grant property tax exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll to all persons who currently receive the senior citizen or individual with disability and limited income tax exemption without filing a RP-467 or RP-459-c renewal application in 2021 and to make available renewal applications through postal mail or electronic means to all such eligible recipients who determine that their income has changed in a manner that would grant them a greater exemption than on the 2020 assessment roll and to not require such applications to be filed in person, and allows the Town Board to authorize the Town Assessor to require renewal applications under certain circumstances as set forth below.

➤ NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Town Assessor may, in the Assessor's sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with the Assessor's office if the Assessor has reason to believe that a property owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died, and the Assessor shall have the authority to address such renewal application requirement in a manner governed by his reasonable discretion.

➤ IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Town Assessor requires a renewal application to be filed or if any person wishes to file a renewal application because such person believes that he or she would be entitled to a greater exemption than on the 2020 assessment roll, the Assessor shall provide a copy of the application, with written filing instructions, by regular mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. No person required to file or wishing to file a renewal application shall be required to file in person. Arrangements must be made with the Assessor's office for filing to be accomplished by alternate means, which may be by regular or certified mail or by making an appointment to deliver the application to the Town Hall or by making an appointment On a motion by Councilperson J. Lacey, seconded by Councilperson T. Morrow, the foregoing was adopted on a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

- A motion to set a Public Hearing for 2/2/2021 at 6:00pm on Local Law to Update Town Code Chapter 172, **Senior Citizens Tax Exemption** was made by J. Lybolt, seconded by E. Rogers. All in favor.
- A motion was made by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Crudo to accept the **Budget Modifications** as presented. All in favor.
- A motion was made by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo to approve Town Board **Ward Meeting Schedule** as presented. All in favor.
- A motion was made by E. Rogers and seconded by T. Morrow approving the withdrawal of \$119,242.00 from Cable Construction Fund to **Extend Cable Service on David Rhodes Rd. & McIntyre Rd.** in Westbrookville. Funds to be taken out of the Towns Construction Fund monies held by Charter Communications.
- A motion approving pay-out to retiree from **Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund** in the amount of \$18,945.34 was made by J. Lacey, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- E. Rogers the numerous upcoming MEEC Programs that can be viewed on the Town website.
- She also announced the Ward 1 meeting to be held on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. All are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk