

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – March 1, 2016

The Town Board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman
Also Attending: Michael Smith, Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman McCulloch to approve the minutes of the Town Board Monthly Meeting February 2, 2016, Department Head Meeting February 4, 2016, Public Hearing February 17, 2016 and Town Board Committee Meeting February 17, 2016, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor: Certiorari Proposal for Kolath Hotels & Casinos, Inc. *Supervisor Davis tabled until the next meeting.*

Supervisor Davis mentioned a letter received by the Planning Board Chairman in which the Planning Board recommended the town issue a 3 month moratorium on solar panel installations with the exception of single family homes with a roof mounted solar system to give time to formulate draft regulations. Resolution # 28-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, second by Councilman Antonelli to issue a three month moratorium on solar panel installations excluding single family home solar panel roof mounted systems. Vote: Adopted 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Greene County Board of Elections regarding poll site for upcoming elections/agreement.

Copy of letter sent to Acting Commissioner of NYSDEC from attorneys Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith regarding Pilgrim Pipeline. *Supervisor Davis stated this is PPNY Inc response calling into question the ability of the Towns objection/legal standings.*

Letter from NYSDEC regarding Catskill Sewer District #4. *Supervisor Davis stated this will be given to Joe Myers for review.*

Correspondence Good Energy, Community Choice Aggregation “CCA”. *Supervisor Davis stated this was a presentation at a Town Supervisor meeting and it involves an energy savings opportunity. She asked if the board would be interested in a presentation; all were in agreement to meet at a work committee meeting.*

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS Dept Ag & Markets. *Supervisor Davis stated the Town passed and thanked Mr. Klaus who is the Town’s DCO.*

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Delaware Engineering-Professional Services Amendment. *Mary Beth Bianconi was present. She stated they are ready to bid for the collection system. A project schedule was given.*

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to authorize bidding. Resolution # 29-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to authorize bidding for the collection system for the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer System. Vote: Adopted 5-Yes

Ms. Bianconi next mentioned financing and having an income survey completed. She reached out to RCap Solutions, a non-profit agency, who can prepare the methodology and letter to send to the district users. We need an 86% response rate. The survey is anonymous and the responses are sent to MA for tallying. After the responses are received, a door to door campaign starts to capture those responses not received. The date this needs to be completed by is April 15th.

Councilman Giordiano believes the survey is a necessity. Ms. Bianconi stated this information can be used for a grant through the NYS Water Infrastructure Program which would reduce the amount of money borrowed over time.

Supervisor Davis asked for a resolution. Resolution # 30-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano second by Councilman Antonelli to authorize Delaware Engineering move forward with generating an income survey through RCap Solutions for the residents in the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer District. Vote: Adopted 5 – Yes

Ms. Bianconi mentioned the water lines in Leeds that will be disrupted. There are a number of private water lines which tap off the transmission lines. These lines don’t meet modern standards and the costs to replace are built into the budget. The total cost is \$250,000 to service

3,000 feet of line and 35 services. Since it is being paid for by the project the town will own the system. A water agreement was negotiated with the Village of Catskill to continue to operate and maintain and charge the customers. A water district will need to be created. To do this a map, plan and report will need to be created for the water district which is then accepted by the town that will schedule a public hearing and after the public hearing, adopt subject to a permissive referendum. This would protect the town since we would own the water lines. Supervisor Davis will reach out to the village after their election to reopen the conversation.

Supervisor Davis asked for a resolution to amend Delaware Engineering's Professional Service Agreement which takes into account the final design, bidding and easement work. Resolution # 31-2016 with motion by Councilman Antonelli second by Councilman Vosburgh to amend the professional service agreement with Delaware Engineering. Vote: Adopted -5 Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Brown asked if the water lines in Leeds would be repaired or replaced. Ms. Bianconi stated replaced with corrections and curb stops.

With no further comment, Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to end the meeting. Motion by Councilman Antonelli, second by Councilman McCulloch. Meeting ended 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk