

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD
May 9, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook. Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia, Michael Murphy and Al De Bonis, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Town Clerk Mary Alex.

Howard Schuman, Judith Balfe, Joan LaCasse and Debra Wright were present.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ciferri said that the Town is working with Mrs. Berenyi to establish a date for her to attend a Town Board meeting. Ms. La Casse asked for a minimum of two weeks advance notice. Mr. Schuman requested the ages of all residents, as he sees a diversity of people, not all elderly or infirmed. TO protect their privacy, they can give just birth dates. He wants to ensure the facility is operated within the guidelines of their allowed use. Ms. La Casse is concerned with the type of screening used for residents and employees. It makes her very uncomfortable to know the gentleman that was the accomplice in her break in is still residing at Green Briar. She sees him regularly in the village, and she is concerned that he can be swayed to engage in bad behavior at her business or other locations throughout the community.

The Assessor will be available for review of the tentative tax roll on the following days:

- May 21 between 9 am and 11 am.
- May 22 between 6 pm and 8 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
- May 23 between 9am and 11 am
- May 25 between 9 am and 11 am BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Written complaints using form RP-524 with respect to assessments may be filled with the assessor any time prior to Grievance Day which will be held May 28, 2019 between the hours of 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola provided the Board with a monthly report. The new tractor has been delivered and is being used grading the roads. The other tractor needs repairs and Highway Superintendent Spagnola is getting prices.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola advised that there's been a problem with the emulsion on Milewood Road, which was paved last November. The vendor will be repairing the road, at their expense, when the weather is cooperative.

On South Road, the culvert gave way during a recent storm event. The Town was required to do emergency repairs, and had Chazen there to give their blessing on the work we were doing. It appears that the wall washed away years ago. He met with Dutchess County Soil and Water, and although they can assist with permitting, it is too large a job for them. Highway Superintendent Spagnola said if he minimizes the CHIPs usage over the next two years, they can use CHIPs to fund the repairs. If it gives way again, we will have to commence work sooner. The location of the problem is on the S curve next to a property that has a pond and runoff from their property. The pond receives a lot of runoff from the hill, and has a culvert going under the road. Research needs to be done, because there may be issues, and is there a dual responsibility with the owner of the pond.

The Highway Department has been using the new ditching apparatus and has done Killlearn Rd., Butts Hollow Road and Woodstock Road. They found buried drains under Butts Hollow Rd. They are checking the integrity of the pipes using the camera jointly shared with the village. There are basins and curtain drains. He is working on mapping all of the locations of drains and culverts as we do the work.

On the recommendation of Bookkeeper Petrone, Councilman Turletes made a motion which was seconded by Councilman De Bonis to authorize the following transfers:

Budget Adjustments			
ENTERED-Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
DB.5130.0200	MACHINERY EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00	
DB.1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	-\$1,000.00	
Note.: TO COVER PURCHASE OF TRACTOR & BOOM			
ENTERED-Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.9050.0800	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$2,911.00	
A.1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	-\$2,911.00	
Note: TO COVER RICKY BUTTS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.1320.0400	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE	\$4,800.00	

D.1910.0400	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE CE	-\$4,800.00	
Note: TO HELP COVER COSTS OF ACCOUNTANTS TO RECONCILE 2016 & 2017			
Account	Account Name	Adjustment	
A.1110.0400	JUSTICES CE	\$3,000.00	
A.1010.0100	TOWN BOARD PS (B. Audia)	-\$3,000.00	
Note: To cover the additional cost of the court audit done by RBT Accounting firm			

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Aye
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

Town Clerk Alex noted that reports were received and filed from the Recreation Department, Building & Zoning, Court Clerk, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Tac Collection will be finished at the end of May. As required by NYS law, reminder letters have been sent to all property owners of unpaid parcels. The Town will receive penalty money for the month of April and May before the accounts are reconciled and turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance.

Transfer Station permits are available for 2019/2020. Letters are being sent to property owners. Next year they will be emailed.

Councilman Turletes provided the Recreation Department report. Ongoing programs include adult 3 on 3 basketball, adult soccer, adult volleyball, youth lacrosse. Youth baseball, through Taconic little league is utilizing the field at the town park. CPR and First Aid training was successful. Recreation Director Edson and Assistant Recreation Director Cassinelli have both been qualified in CPR and First Aid.

The complimentary Senior Citizen Luncheon is scheduled for 12 noon, Wednesday, June 12th, at the Town Park. All town seniors are encouraged to attend, as is the Town Board. The Senior trip to Lake George has been sold out.

Ricky Butts has returned as the Park caretaker. He is preparing the park for summer activities. The Board inquired about the coordination of the highway department to assist with the pool. When known, it will be provided to the Town Board.

Upcoming events include summer camp, certified swim lessons, Movie in the Park night, Introduction to Track, Introduction to Volleyball and Youth Development Basketball.

Councilman Murphy advised that he and Councilman De Bonis will be speaking with Attorney Battistoni regarding the Solar Law. Supervisor Ciferri asked that Attorney Battistoni draft legislation on De Minimus Lot Line changes, the Sign Law and any other zoning additions that can be addressed simply, as discussed up in the special meeting held earlier this year.

Councilman Audia discussed the demolition of the Tedesco House near the Transfer Station. The Millbrook Fire Company has committed \$7,500.00 to the removal costs of the building. The Millbrook Fire Department has used the building in the past for department training. Councilman Audia will confer with Highway Superintendent Spagnola regarding the rental of equipment needed for the demolition of the building.

Councilman De Bonis updated the Board on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. An application has been made for the subdivision of the Baldwin Shunpike Dairy project. 125 acres is being purchased by Mrs. Assael and 66 acres will continue to be held by Mrs. Baldwin. There has been some discussion as to requiring the identification of a building envelope. This project would be considered a de minimus lot line change, when the Town adopts revised zoning regulations.

The Evangelical Church had an application for an addition, which was approved.

Still under discussion is the application for an addition to a barn, which the Board learned after the fact, had been removed from the property. The application has been referred to the Town Attorney for input.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the following claims were accepted as presented:

Gen Fund A	\$105,636.25
Gen Fund B	\$2,472.39
Highway Fund DB	<u>\$169,283.54</u>
	\$277,392.18

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye

Councilman Audia: Aye
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the meeting was closed at 9:05 PM

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye
Councilman Turletes: Aye
Councilman Audia: Aye
Councilman De Bonis: Aye
Councilman Murphy: Aye

Mary Alex Electronic Signature for Website

Mary Alex, Town Clerk 5/15/19