

**Town of Washington Town Board
October 10, 2019
Town Board Meeting**

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 10, 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, Al De Bonis and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper Lois Petrone and Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola.

Present were Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston, Village Trustees Tim Collopy and Kevin McGrane, John Penney, Chairperson: Dutchess County Complete Count Committee Judith Balfe, Howard Schuman, Julia Widdowson, Margaret and Charles Schneible, Delia Davy, Pam Tinklepaugh, Julie's mother, Deborah Wright and other residents in the North Mabbettsville Road and Route 44 area.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ciferri said he wanted to bring those present up to date on the Ruge's Chevrolet blacktop project. The project will be reviewed by the Town attorneys, the Town engineers and the Zoning Administrator. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 17 for our professionals and representatives of Ruge's Chevrolet. Whatever decision comes out of that meeting, will be relayed to the public. If it is determined that an application needs to be made to the Planning Board, there will be a full review and an opportunity for the public to make comments.

Mrs. Schneible asked can the neighbors attend the meeting? No, the Town Attorney requested the meeting.

Ms. Wright asked was anything filed with any boards for the review? Councilman Audia stated "I believe it was brought to Tom Fiore when he was building inspector. I believe the people that own the business will be glad to sit down with all of you to discuss the project." Ms. Wright said I just found out about it. I didn't know this was happening.

Mr. Schneible said he thought he could do this project without any review.

Mrs. Schneible said the one neighbor he spoke with, had different information.

Councilman Audia said he will reach out to them again to address neighbor concerns. If it's determined that they need to appear before the Planning Board, it will follow the regular review process.

Someone said we want the correct answers.

Mrs. Widdowson asked Councilman Audia aren't you the landlord? Didn't you know? Councilman Audia said I never looked at the plans until the day I met with Margaret.

Mr. Schneible said you have been a great neighbor. Scott hasn't done that. Councilman Audia said he was sorry. He has talked to the owners, as far as I can tell they are amicable to talk with everyone.

Trustee Collopy asked if there will there be a public meeting to tell us the results?

Town Clerk Alex said the Town will receive a letter from the consultants with their findings. If they need to go to the Planning Board or ZBA there will be a public hearing. Councilman Audia said I think they will speak with everyone before they get to review stages.

Someone asked Councilman Audia if he was aware there is an aquifer underneath? Yes. He noted when I looked at the plan, it started with a 100k project. I showed them all of the drains, which work, which don't. What the county takes care of and doesn't take care of. They realized they had to do a complete water study in conjunction with the DEC. They checked with the state, county, DEC, there were no other permits required. They did not speak to the most important people, the neighbors.

Mrs. Schneible asked, after they have their meeting, if the professionals decide they can go forward, what is our right? What they want to do is not in our best interest. Gary they are open to speaking with the neighbors.

Trustee McGrane said since it impacts the Millbrook watershed, shouldn't they have spoken with the Village? Councilman Audia said the paving will improve the area. Mud comes down the hill during storms, then water that runs through the basement of the house, which then that gets slowly pumped out into a culvert. We gathering the water and release it in small quantities.

Trustee Collopy said the Village got caught cold. Councilman Audia said it might have been from their ignorance. Trustee Collopy said the village is very concerned about that area and requests that they are notified on all development in that area. The Town will

review the code for aquifer protection and make sure that notifications happen as indicated.

Mr. Schuman asked can input be given to the groups that are working on this? The wetlands ordinance may have to be considered. Aquifers are covered under the wetlands. He presented a letter he requested be included in the minutes.

A presentation was given by John Penney, Chairperson: Dutchess County Complete Count Committee regarding the 2020 US Census, which will be live in the spring of 2020. I work between the City of Poughkeepsie, the Town of Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County. I was a long-time opinion editor for the Poughkeepsie Journal, covering County Executive Molinaro and City Mayor Rollison. They formed a substantial committee to help get the word out to ensure Dutchess County has a Complete Count in 2020. We need everyone to participate and two reasons are:

1. Congressional Representation before 2010 we had 3 representatives and after 2010, we have 2. 675 billion dollars is spread throughout the country based on those congressional districts.
2. SNAP, highway money, community development block grant – over 130 programs are affected by the counts.

Communities that are under counted will get hurt. If people are in the shadows the community will get hurt because they are the people that are most helped by the funding.

How is this going to work? 95% of us will get an invitation in the mail, first time ever that it can be filled out online or telephone. You'll get one, fill it out, it takes about 12 minutes. It can be done on your smartphone.

Urge you to tell people they can fill it out and it is easy to do. We want the census to focus on the other 5%. People with P O Boxes or people in natural disaster areas. They go to Alaska and northern Maine in January and February. The census is persistent, they will continue to send you invitations. April 1 is Census Day. You can fill it out before and move on. If you are in a place where they think people are living and haven't responded, they begin knocking on doors after April.

Citizenship is not going to be asked. The census needs to count everyone whether a citizen or not. For many, confidentiality is a concern and they don't want to give info out. The Census can't share the info with the public or other agencies. It has been shown that children are dramatically under counted. Some people don't want to give information about their kids, but it's very important they do.

We have a Complete Count, diverse committee, with some who are bi-lingual. Our strategy is meeting at many municipalities and providing information on the web. We are going to community events, festivals, bi-lingual people having conversations. We are people who have been doing community outreach for decades. We have partnered with the Northeast Community Center for young people with reach to the Latino population in Poughkeepsie and Eastern Dutchess. The Census relies on trusted people and trusted sources. You can speak to your constituents. I urge people to speak with your friends. It is a human spider web that will get the word out to reach the most people.

Councilman Audia asked if your points, are they in the literature people get? Yes, this is the best document so far. We are working on other materials with County Planning to drive the point home, locally. Community events and digital versions that can be printed out. The county is willing to augment this process. We want everyone counted. Go on census.gov website for jobs. Part time, \$18 - \$20 per hour. Sequentially it is important we get workers. There will be a field office in the Pawling vicinity.

Councilman De Bonis asked if there are any legal ramification if they do not fill it out? No. it's sad that the people that won't fill it out, as they are the people that can use the services the most. The financial aid is driven by numbers not need.

Trustee Collopy said most of the Village has PO Box. Dutchess County Planning will be assisting with providing to the Census the structures that have people residing in them. Town Clerk Alex added that in the previous census most people in the Village received the form. There was a Census team based out of the Town Hall that made field visits to the people who did not respond.

Mr. Penney said the census is very short. The more people in your household the longer it takes to complete. BOCES is going to work with the school districts. Mid-Hudson Library Association will work the libraries. Anything the Towns can do to share the information with their constituents is very helpful.

Introduction of Resolution to Override Tax Cap

RESOLUTION

Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Turletes, introduced the following proposed local law, to be known as Local Law No. 2 of 2019, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Washington as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Washington pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Washington to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax cap by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) percent of the town board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Washington, County of Dutchess is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

Councilperson Murphy advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this law. He offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilperson Turletes who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019, Councilperson Murphy_ has introduced this local law for the Town of Washington, to be known as TOWN OF WASHINGTON LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2019, a local law of the Town of Washington, Dutchess County, New York, to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York, on November 14, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Washington, by

the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Washington will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York, on November 6, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2019, to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Washington, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and then between 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all person interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

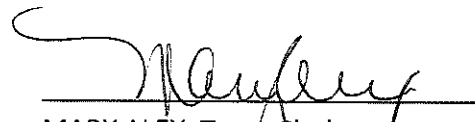
DATED: Millbrook, New York
October 10,2019


MARY ALEX, Town Clerk

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

DATED: Millbrook, New York
October 10, 2019


MARY ALEX, Town Clerk
Town of Washington

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board scheduled a Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget for November 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

At the request of Highway Superintendent Spagnola, a motion was made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia for the Town to seek bids for Highway Materials for the Town of Washington and the Village of Millbrook. The bids will be accepted until 12 noon on November 12, 2018.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

Highway Superintendent Spagnola reported the he following:

- The highway crew has been making repairs to dirt roads, adding material where needed.
- South Road will be closed in the near future during a daytime period. The neighbors will be alerted when this will happen. The department will be installing a relief drain so the one by the culvert isn't stressed. Dig safe needs to be contacted and identify any utilities before work can commence. Local traffic and school buses will be able to get through and they expect to be finished before the afternoon buses are released.
- The town will be purchasing salt and sand in November. There is plenty of money in the salt budget to fill the shed and put 1000 tons of sand in the yard.
- The highway crew will begin winter watch on Saturday, November 30.
- When the 2020 budget is adopted in November, Highway Superintendent Spagnola will present the 284 Highway Contract for Town Board approval. This is the agreement that the Town will fund the highway department for the highway repair line and CHIPS for roadwork.

On behalf of the Village Board, Village Trustee Collopy thanked the Town for hauling away the millings from the recent Merritt Ave. repaving project.

County Legislator Houston reminded everyone that early voting begins on October 25th. The Millbrook Fire House is a supersite. People should take advantage of the opportunity to get out and vote.

Bookkeeper Petrone provided the following information:

- The accounting firm is finishing up their review and Mrs. Petrone expects them to be finished by the end of November. The annual report will be filed shortly afterwards. At this time, they will not be resubmitting 2016 and 2017.
- The Board will see credit card bills for the first time, after switching from debit cards to credit cards. This is the preferred method by the Office of the State Comptroller.

On the recommendation of Bookkeeper Petrone, a motion was offered by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the following budget transfers as presented.

Account	Account Name	Adjustment
A.1320.0400	Contractual Exp	\$994.30
A.1220.0400	Supervisor CE	-\$994.30
Note.: To cover the cost of RBT Accounting Services		
Account	Account Name	Adjustment
A.9050.0800	Unemployment Insurance	\$572.10
A.7110.0100	Lifeguard Salary	-\$572.00
Note: To cover the unexpected cost of Employee Unemployment Ins claims (R. Butts)		
Account	Account Name	Adjustment
B.8010.0100	ZBA PS	\$2,000.00
B.8010.0800	ZBA SS	\$153.00
B.8020.0100	Planning Board PS	-\$2,000.00
B.8020.0800	Planning Board SS	-\$153.00
Note: To reallocate Payroll Expenses for Nikki Caul's Salary		
Account	Account Name	Adjustment
A.1680.0400.0100	Data Processing – Ransom Ware	\$24,891.02
A.0000.2680.0000	Insurance Proceeds	\$24,891.02
Note: To acknowledge the receipts of Insurance proceeds in regard to the ransomware attack expenses		

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE

Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

Town Clerk Alex advised that:

- Monthly reports have been filed by all departments.
- There is a Special Meeting regarding East Clinton Fire District: scheduled for October 16, at 7:00 pm. All residents served by the Est Clinton Fire District have been sent a letter about the meeting.
- The following 2020 Budget Workshop Meetings have been scheduled: October 21, 6 pm and Oct. 28, 6 pm
- Sportsmen’s licenses are currently available for the upcoming hunting season.

Resolution to Increase Transfer Station Bag Tickets and Bulk Item Fees

The following resolution was offered by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turletes:

WHEREAS, the Town was notified by Welsh Sanitation of an increase in fees to remove trash from the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the costs incurred for trash removal is to be covered by user fees; and

WHEREAS, it has been several years since the increase in fees to the users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective December 1, 2019 the Transfer Station Bag Ticket Fees will increase as follows:

Five bag tickets from \$25.00 to \$28.00

Ten Bag Tickets from \$50.00 to \$56.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bulk fees will increase as follows:

Item	Fee
Appliances	\$17.00
Microwave Oven	\$6.00
Mattress or Box Spring Single	\$11.00
Mattress or Box Spring Double or Queen	\$17.00
Mattress or Box Spring King	\$22.50
Sofa	\$28.00
Sleeper Sofa	\$34.00
Wooden Chair	\$6.00
Upholstered Chair	\$17.00
Recliner Chair	\$22.50

Rugs up to 9 x 12	\$22.50
Rugs larger than 9 x 12	\$28.00
Kitchen or Bathroom Cabinet	\$7.00
Bathtub or Shower Stall	\$17.00
Folding Table	\$6.00
Dresser or Chest of Drawers	\$22.50
Television up to 26 inches	\$6.00
Television larger than 26 inches	\$11.00
Computer	\$6.00
Computer Monitor	\$6.00
Hollow Door	\$6.00
Solid Door	\$11.00
Outdoor Tools & Handheld Equipment	\$6.00
Outdoor Tools, Push, Ride On, Etc.	\$12.00
Swimming Pool Covers or Liners	\$28.00
Window	\$6.00
Garage Door - Single	\$28.00
Garage Door Double	\$56.00
Tires up to 16"	\$4.50
Tires 17 - 24"	\$8.00
Tires 25 - 35"	\$11.00
Tractor Tires	\$140.00
Tire Rims	\$3.00
C & D Material Armload	\$6.00
Loose C & D Material - Per Yard	\$39.00
Shingles Per Yard (Maximum 3 yards per day)	\$85.00

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

Councilman Turletes provided the following report on the Recreation Department:

- Recreation Commission had their regular meeting on October 9th.
- Due to the success of the LMC Basketball program it has been extended.
- The soccer coaches and referees have selected an individual to receive the McMillan Sportsmanship Award which honors the person the exhibits the highest level of sportsmanship. As the person hasn't been notified, the name will be announced in November.
- Basketball season is upcoming and registration is ongoing. This year there will be paid referees. The Commission is encouraging the referees to educate the children about fouling. 5 fouls and you're out of the game.
- The Recreation Department will be offering Online Registration for all recreation programs. This has come at the request of the parents of participating children. The software program will enable the recreation department and all participants to enter critical information, including one sign up for all activities, medical information and contact information.
- The cost will be allocated between the following programs: soccer, summer camp, basketball and lacrosse.
- Halloween activities are scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween and include trunk or treating in the Elm Drive parking lot beginning at 11:45, then parade from Elm Drive past the library and down Franklin Avenue to the Farmers Market. Councilman Turletes said it is quite fun to see the kids dressed up.
- The Recreation Commission has plans to revitalize a swim team for the month of July in 2020. It will be non-competitive. They look to build the program for Millbrook participants, encourage swimming and training for different strokes. A new coach with college experience has been found. It will take place during the camp season so kids can swim after camp.
- Lacrosse – having trouble finding a coach for the girl's team. Had to cancel program last spring because they could not find a coach. Will be focusing on finding a coach.
- Soccer evaluation forms – ends November 2nd.

Village Trustee Collopy said that in order to hold the Halloween Parade, the Recreation Department must get a permit from the Village.

Councilman Audia said he has been working on the Accessible Lift at the front entrance. It was damaged after hours. There are two possible reasons for the problem. He hopes he can fix it rather than having to have it serviced.

Councilman De Bonis stated he has a concern with the Cary Solar project. One of the town requirements is that it is invisible from the road. There are 8-foot panels with 5- and 6-foot trees. It will take several years for the trees to grow and block the facility. YSG stated they will take care of it. They can't energize it if it doesn't meet the town code.

Councilman Murphy met with Fred notifying him that the Town is getting calls complaining about being able to see the solar field. We're going to send the building inspector to make a site review. November 15th is the scheduled date for Central Hudson to connect the system. If the building inspector and zoning administrator find they are not adhering to the code, they will not be issued a Certificate of Compliance. Councilman De Bonis reiterated that they spent a lot of time fine tuning the code. It has to be invisible from the road, regardless of the planting plan submitted to the Planning Board.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting to Public Comments.

Councilman McGrane invited the Town Board to a gathering to be held on Sunday to promote the "Hate Has No Home Here" philosophy. Supervisor Ciferri was invited to speak. He apologized for the invitation to be last minute but it took a while to get the insurance. Gathering on Sunday.

Councilman McGrane encouraged everyone to attend the Sip and Shop on Friday, from 4 – 6 pm. Stores will be open. There is also a Plein Air Art painting sale from 6– 8 at the library. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Millbrook Library.

Councilman Murphy congratulated Trustee McGrane on a very successful Community Day. He said people who are normally quiet about community events were impressed and were saying so.

Trustee Collopy asked if the October 16th meeting regarding the East Clinton Fire District open to the public? Yes.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to the Assessor's Office. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved to return to the regular meeting. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilman De Bonis and was seconded by Councilman Audia:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LISA EVANGELISTA AS ACTING ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington has an open Assessor position; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has interviewed several candidates for the position; and

WHEREAS, members of the Town Board felt Lisa Evangelista would best suit the needs of the residents of the Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, candidate Lisa Evangelista has submitted form RP-3006 to New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Educational Services for review; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Ciferri was advised by the Office of New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Educational Services that Ms. Evangelista may be appointed to the position of Acting Assessor for a full time period of six months; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evangelista may submit proof of 750 hours of on the job training as Acting Assessor to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Educational Services for appointment as Assessor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby appoint Lisa Evangelista as part-time Acting Assessor from October 15, 2019 – December 31, 2019, working Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 12:30, at the hourly rate of \$31.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting Assessor position will become a full-time position effective January 1, 2020 working Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 PM with a salary of \$48,360.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after 6 months of full-time work, Ms. Evangelista will resubmit an RP-3006 to New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, Educational Services for review to be appointed as Sole Assessor for the Town of Washington.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Gary Ciferri	ABSTAIN
Councilman Stephen Turletes	AYE
Councilman Robert Audia	AYE
Councilman Al De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Michael Murphy	AYE

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

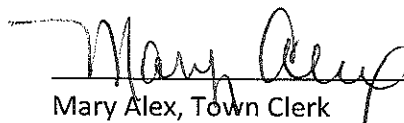
General Fund A	\$48,703.72
General Fund B	\$1,506.64
Highway DB Fund	\$19,194.15
TOTAL	\$71,747.39

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the meeting was closed at 10:30 PM. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilman Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman De Bonis	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE


Mary Alex, Town Clerk