

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2010

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz

Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr

Councilman Jay Shafer

Councilman James Akt

Councilman William J. McKerrell

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Sophia Martynech, ZBA Chair Lewis Powell, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, James Gayler, Town Attorney John Kelly, and Glenn Gidaly, representative from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. Consulting Engineers.

Chief Constable Patrick Cahill introduced the Constable applicant, James Gaylard, to the Board members, noting Gaylard's credentials. Cahill reported that his budget will be staying the same with this appointment and noted he felt it was beneficial to have the extra personnel. Gaylard stated that he will be available for the hours required, noting that he also works part time for the Town of Mount Hope police department.

Supervisor Rajsz introduced Glenn Gidaly from the Engineering Firm of Barton & Loguidice. Gidaly stated that he was following up on a meeting that Board members had with his associate regarding the possibility of putting in a sewer district in the Mohican Lake area. Gidaly noted the various projects his firm has worked on. Supervisor Rajsz reported she, along with Councilmen Carr and Shafer toured the site at Mohican Lake, noting the Town does not own any property in that area. Gidaly noted that ,whereas, the area was once a seasonal area it has

now changed to year round . Gidaly submitted a list of the various projects they have worked on and the funding that they obtained for these projects. Gidaly stated that he could not do a plan as his firm has not been retained by the Town . Gidaly stated that to go ahead with the project the Town would need the approval of the residents in that area. Supervisor Rajsz noted this was not requested by the Mohican Lake residents because it will impact them financially. Gidaly noted there would need to be a permissive referendum vote to be able to go ahead with the project. Gidaly noted that any expense for the project would be the responsibility of the sewer district residents. Sophia Martynec questioned what the average cost per household be?

Gidaly reported it could range from \$100 a year to \$100 per quarter, noting that the state has a cap of \$800 per year. Councilman Shafer questioned if they could do a sewer district without a water district? Gidaly stated they could, noting it would actually be the better way to go. Supervisor Rajsz requested Gidaly send a list of his firm's fees. Sophia Martynec questioned what would happen if the residents of that particular area do not want the sewer district? Gidaly stated that they first need to get the feel of the people in that area, noting that there is still some stimulus money out there that could be used for this kind of project. Gidaly stated that the bottom line is that they can only move forward with the project if the people in that area express that they are interested in it. Gidaly suggested sending out letters to all the property owners in that area. Lew Powell recommended sending the letters out as soon as possible. The Town Clerk noted that most of the seasonal residents have already left and won't be back until spring. The Town Attorney recommended outlining the fee schedule from the engineering firm in the letter to the residents, and recommended comparing the fees for the sewer district with other communities that already have one. Gidaly stated he would send a sample letter that could be sent out. Supervisor Rajsz Thanked Gidaly for coming to speak to the Board.

Supervisor Rajsz stated the Board would resume reviewing the regular agenda.

Supervisor Rajsz state she had a couple of corrections to the minutes. Supervisor Rajsz noted on the Minutes of September 7th, page 2, it was discussed about the meeting with the UDC regarding gas drilling. Supervisor Rajsz questioned Councilman Shafer, who attended the last UDC meeting, how everything went at the meeting? Councilman Shafer reported the meeting was well attended, not packed like it was predicted. Supervisor Rajsz noted on page 3 of the Sept. 7th minutes it should read that she, along with Councilmen Shafer and Carr met with the associate from the engineering firm. Supervisor Rajsz stated that, on page 4, 3rd paragraph, it should be clarified that the high school football game was held at Brookwood Camps. Supervisor Rajsz noted on the last page of the same minutes it should read that there was no tax bill for the piece of property that was given to the Town by Pithian Camp because the Town owns the property.

Supervisor Rajszyk stated that the Minutes of September 8th, page 4, last paragraph, it should read that a letter was sent from the UDC to the EPA requesting the EPA investigate fracking.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she didn't get a chance to read the other 2 Meeting Minutes.

Supervisor Rajszyk reviewed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, noting the amount of money left in the accounts.

The Board members reviewed the Correspondence. Supervisor Rajszyk questioned how the zoning rewrite was going? Lew Powell reported it was going fine, noting the meetings for the rewrite were the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported they have a Proclamation for the 25th Anniversary of the Cultural Series, noting she will get a plaque as a Thank You to Frank Schwarz to present at the celebration, which will be held on the 17th at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Rajszyk questioned the Flu Clinic schedule? The Town Clerk reported she had just received an updated listing which gives the Town of Lumberland's clinic on Thursday, October 28th, from 1-3 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Supervisor Rajszyk questioned how long do we still have to monitor the old landfill? The Town Clerk reported she has been told that we have to do it until the DEC says we don't have to.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that, when she attended the recent NYMIR seminar, she was told they needed to put in a fire alarm system in the highway garage. The Town Clerk reported she talked to the Highway Superintendent and asked him to call P&N Alarm company to ask them to come in and give him an estimate on installing a system there. Supervisor Rajszyk questioned if the Town should look into updating the buildings alarm system?

Supervisor Rajsz noted there will be an open house this coming Saturday at the Eldred High School.

Supervisor Rajsz noted the letter sent from Charles Burnett regarding his resignation from the Planning Board. Supervisor Rajsz noted that Planning Board Secretary Jess Gucker will be running the meetings for the rest of the year.

Supervisor Rajsz reported there is a grant through the Byways available to revamp the brochure for the knotweed issue along the river corridor and they have requested the Town of Lumberland put \$500 into the budget for the matching grant.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she has a letter regarding the water testing by the LEC at Camp Simcha, noting the water sample was too old and could not be tested because the time line had lapsed. Supervisor Rajsz recommended to the DEC that they request the camp put in a meter, noting that Camp Simcha is not in compliance.

The Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions.

Councilman McKerrell reported that he has an updated quote from Ketchum Fencing that will be for the municipal parking lot and the posts for the basketball court, noting both projects would total \$3,100, which is less than doing both projects separately. Councilman McKerrell noted that Ketchum Fencing is the only company that does fencing for basketball courts.

The Board members noted the bids for the electric car, noting 2 bids, one for \$1,000 and one for \$1,250 have been received. Councilman McKerrell stated that since it would have cost at least \$400 to fix the car he felt it was well worth it to award the bid for \$1,250.

The Board members agreed to award the bid for \$1,250.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the Tax Collector has put in for 2 new desks. Supervisor Rajsz noted the Board of Assessment Review appointment was for someone she had previously interviewed and has many qualifications.

The Town Clerk reported there were 2 County snow and ice removal contracts, one being for the amount allotted per mile and the additional one for extra money to be paid out if callouts are over the allotted amount.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that at the recent Supervisors meeting County Treasurer Ira Cohen was present and recommended that Assessor's send out the whole tax exemption package each year to all the tax exempt agencies and revisit each application as it is submitted. Supervisor Rajsz noted that Cohen will help the Towns review the packets, noting that Cohen has stated the Towns need to make a stand. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Assessors need to walk the tax exempt properties to keep their records updated.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the solid waste issue is not solved and she is asking Bill Cutler from the County to come to a Town Board meeting to talk about this issue. Supervisor Rajsz noted the County Manager will be here for tomorrow night's meeting.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the County was trying to cut the budget for the Sheriff's Dept., noting the Association of Supervisors has sent a letter against this proposed cut. Councilman Akt questioned if the Sherrifs are being used for the right reasons? Supervisor Rajsz questioned if the Town should also send a letter against the proposed cut? Councilman Akt questioned why are they cutting workers and then awarding private contractors large contracts? Supervisor Rajsz stated that is the difference between having a County Manager and how they run the County.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they are still looking into changing the health benefits plan.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to close the Workshop Meeting at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Councilman McKerrell, all in favor, so carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Shafer made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues with the Town Attorney, seconded by Supervisor Rajsz, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to close the Executive Session at 9:14 p.m., seconded by Councilman McKerrell, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Shafer made a motion to reopen the Workshop Meeting at 9:14 p.m., seconded by Councilman McKerrell, all in favor, so carried.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Byways grant to eradicate the knotweed in the river corridor that was available 2 years ago for \$12,400 but nobody could do it. Supervisor Rajsz stated she approached the LEC and asked them to do the grant and they agreed. Supervisor Rajsz noted that Sullivan Renaissance is kicking in matching funds for \$1,900, but we need to kick in the \$500 for the grant. Councilman Carr stated we should be keeping the budget down and recommended not doing it.

Supervisor Rajsz reviewed Correspondence she received that was not on the agenda. Supervisor Rajsz reported she and Councilman Carr met with the representative of the engineering firm and gave them the project for the feasibility study grant and the engineering firm will not bill more than the \$5,000 for their services.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that when she and Councilman Carr met with the engineering firm she got a packet of the projects and fees that they have worked on. Councilman Akt questioned what kind of projects would we be doing that would need a large firm like that? Supervisor Rajsz stated she would like to consider a firm with diversity that would supply us with all kinds of engineers with expertise. Councilman Carr noted that this particular firm has on site engineers to oversee projects. Supervisor Rajsz stated that they can't be bound to someone with limited resources. The Board members discussed options available for engineering services.

The Board reviewed the proposed Fire Dept. contract for 2011. Councilman Shafer noted that they are proposing going from \$172,000 this year to \$180,000. Supervisor Rajsz recommended going to a 2 year contract with the Fire Dept. Supervisor Rajsz stated that she put into the 2011 budget \$35,000 to help the Fire Dept. pay for new radios, noting that she would like to help them with that cost. Councilman Shafer stated the \$35,000 should be taken out of the budget. Councilman Akt stated that he thought they would be helping the Fire Dept. get grants to help pay for the radios. Councilman Shafer noted that

Noted that the original proposal was to have a 3 year contract of \$180,000, \$185,000 and \$190,000. Councilman Akt noted it would be cheaper to give the Fire Dept. what they originally requested instead of budgeting an additional \$35,000 for them. The Town Clerk reported that the Town Board needs to have a Special Meeting for the Public Hearing on the Preliminary

Budget by November 4th. The Board members agreed to set that Special Meeting for Nov. 4th at 7 p.m. The Board members discussed various options to help the Fire Dept. purchase new radios. The Board discusses having another Budget Workshop to finalize the figures. Councilman Akt stated that it should be included in the Fire Dept. contract that the Town will help the Fire Dept. seek grants to offset the cost of the new radios. The Board members agreed to have another Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, October 20th at 6 p.m.

Supervisor Rajsz noted again that they should get a fire alarm system in the highway garage. Councilman Akt stated they will also need a carbon monoxide system too. Councilman Akt reported the Highway Superintendent was suppose to call for a fuel oil delivery when his new tanks are set up. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if the new fuel oil tanks in the Town Hall were connected yet? Councilman Akt reported they have not been done yet.

The Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m., seconded by Councilman McKerrell, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn

Town Clerk