

Workshop Meeting
January 29, 2018
91 Church Street, Mellenville, NY 12544
6:00pm

Attendees:

Clifford Weigelt –Supervisor	Stephen Hook	Councilman
Katy Cashen Councilwoman	Brian Keeler	Councilman
Lauren Bell Deputy Town Clerk		

Absent: Louis LaMont – Superintendent of Highways
Maryanne Lee – Councilwoman

Discussed public hearing set for Town Board meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 for the 2018 Churchtown and West Ghent Fire contract. This meeting has been set for 6:45pm.

Motion made by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to set public hearing for Local Law #1: Cold War Veterans Exemption for Thursday, February 8, 2018, immediately following the public hearing for Churchtown and West Ghent Fire Contracts. Carried.

Speaker **Robin Reynolds** of Clean Energy Communities discussed with the board steps necessary to start the process to obtaining a grant. Asked the board to consider adopting an Energy Benchmark Policy resolution as well as adopting a State Unified Solar Resolution; this would begin the process. This coupled with Building Inspector Trapp’s willingness to attend education regarding the above will place the Town half way through the grant process. After this the Town’s application is submitted to the State to obtain a grant that will help the Town reduce or replace energy with renewable energy sources.

Discussed streamlining the procedure for boundary line adjustment by declassifying lot line adjustments from subdivisions, since no new lots are created. It would be at the Building Inspector’s discretion as to whether his office would handle the adjustment or whether the resident would need to go before either Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Councilman Keeler seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to appoint Councilman Stephen Hook to the Columbia County Planning Board for Region #3. Councilman Hook would have to recuse himself when matters pertaining to the Town of Claverack are presented to the County Planning Board. Carried

Discussed installing timeclocks in the Town Highway Garage, Town Office and Town Court for hourly workers.

Discussed amending the Smoking Policy in the Town Employee Handbook. Councilman Keeler informed the board the concerns raised have been included, along with a list of others, in a list forwarded to a Human Resources specialist at Pattison, Koskey, Bucci and Howe. Results should be presented to the board by mid-February.

Discussed current part-time court clerk's resignation and the Town needing to advertise for a new part-time court clerk as well as the interviewing procedures.

Discussed grant funding for Town Park

Discussed solar assessment study done at Town Highway Garage

Discussed State Routes 9H & 23B intersection

Discussed creating a committee to beautify and create a flower display at the memorial park at the 9H/23B intersection. Councilwoman Cashen said she will spearhead this committee, reaching out to neighbors and drafting copy for the website.

Discussed meetings Councilwoman Cashen and Councilman Keeler had with the Mellenville Fire Company and the Village of Philmont Town Board regarding the Village Fire Company and a potential consolidation of buildings.

Discussed reaching out to West Ghent Fire Company to discuss membership and also the continued need for a water tower in this fire district.

Discussed Billboards still in use in the Town of Route 66 and looking into their agreed upon removal dates.

Motion to go into Executive Session, regarding appointments, made by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler. Carried.

Motion to end Executive Session, made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook. Carried.

Motion to re-appoint Virginia Ambrose to the Planning Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024 and to re-appoint Christopher Post to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring December 31, 2022 was made by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler. Carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilman Hook seconded by Supervisor Weigelt

Adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Bell - Deputy Town Clerk