

Workshop Meeting
December 30, 2019
91 Church Street, Mellenville, NY 12544
1:00pm

Attendees:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor	Stephen Hook	Councilman
Katy Cashen	Councilwoman	Brian Keeler	Councilman
Maryanne Lee	Councilwoman	Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
William R Michael	Deputy Town Clerk	Suzanne Meddoff	Bookkeeper

Stephen King from the Claverack Library spoke how Pieconic, a Chatham based company, is interested in opening up a bakery, coffee house in the old library. Mr. King went on to invite the Town Board members to the Library's workshop on January 13th at 5:00PM, which Pieconic will be attending.

Supervisor Weigelt started by thanking Councilwoman Maryanne Lee for her service as a board member and presented her with a Bicentennial plate as appreciation.

Councilwoman Lee asked the board to look into more street lighting on VanWyck Lane, stated that there are some very dark areas.

Discussed changing the board meeting day from the second Thursday to something later in the month to help process vendor payments earlier. Supervisor Weigelt suggested not changing the schedule and vendor invoices will be paid by the first of each month. Supervisor Weigelt went on to say that a letter should be sent to all vendors in the next payment advising them of such. All Board members agreed to keep the same Board meeting schedule.

Discussed and all members agreed to add Councilman Hook's name as a person able to sign for any banking issues

Supervisor Weigelt spoke about park employee issues. He stated that the park employees will handle day to day operation but if needed any help, equipment, etc, would contact Park Superintendent Louis LaMont. Councilwoman Lee discussed a 584, which is a system that compensates L. LaMont for park projects as they are completed. Ms. Lee used new playground equipment, which the Town has had for

some time that has not yet been assembled at the park as an example. Supervisor Weigelt recommended having a meeting and making a list of what needs to be done as well as any priorities that the Board may have.

Discussed finding a new agency to handle dogs picked up by the Dog Control Officer due to the current contract ending.

Discussed the needed new Town Office/Court building. Supervisor Weigelt stated that possible locations are an area at the highway garage property, but the best spot may be at the location of the current Town Court building. Councilwoman Lee went on to say when needed, the Clean Energy Organization could also help with certain aspects in the new building.

Discussed information requested by Highway Superintendent LaMont. Supervisor Weigelt stated the Board will look at the information provided. L. LaMont stated that as for the rate of pay question, he would like an answer as soon as possible so he could hire a new person. L. LaMont went on to say, at the current rate he has trouble finding someone interested. Supervisor Weigelt asked why someone who is more qualified could not be hired at a higher rate. L. LaMont responded that he needs to have new hires start out at a base rate and evaluate them through the first year to verify their qualifications.

Highway Superintendent discussed delinquent water bills and asked that he be able to post shut off notices on the doors of the locations. The Board agreed.

Discussed AT&T wanting to put a cell tower at the Town's water tower location. Highway Superintendent LaMont stated if the Board is interested, they would attend a Board meeting for a presentation. Supervisor Weigelt suggested they come to a Board meeting.

Discussed a new long distance phone service for Town Buildings.

Motion by Councilman Hook to purchase a new computer water program to read meters. Second by Councilman Keeler, all in favor, carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook to give William Michael a raise of one dollar and fifty cents per hour for additional duties related to human resources on top of current deputy clerk duties. Second by Councilwoman Lee, all in favor, carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Councilman Hook. Second by Councilwoman Cashen, all in favor, carried.

Adjourned 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
William R Michael – Deputy Town Clerk