

Workshop Meeting
September 27, 2021
836 Route 217, Philmont, NY 12565
6:00pm

Attendees:

Clifford Weigelt Supervisor	Stephen Hook Councilman
Katy Cashen Councilwoman	Brian Keeler Councilman
George Duntz Councilman	William R Michael – Deputy Clerk

The meeting was virtual through zoom to the public. Board members were present.

The board discussed budget items in preparation for the upcoming 2022 budget. Talks included but not limited to, employee salaries, requests of more funds to fire departments, equipment needs at the highway department, funds to work on an updated comprehensive plan and new town building funds.

Councilwoman Cashen updated the board on the proposed new LED lighting through National Grid. She stated the cost would be approximately \$7600 and pay itself back within around a year. The funds would come through a grant that the town received as well as some of the ARPA funds that the town also received.

Briefly discussed fire district boundary adjustments. No new updates at this time.

Councilman Duntz discussed possibly having a community forum in an attempt to address questions concerning law enforcement.

Councilman Hook briefly discussed the status at the old library/new court. He stated that he and Councilwoman Cashen had recently attended a meeting with library officials discussing maintenance in the building, snow removal, etc. He thought that moving could be possibly around the week of Election Day. The building will house the town court, as well as being used for town board, planning board and zoning board meetings.

Discussed demolishing the old town hall building. Supervisor Weigelt advised the board that he received a quote from Crawford & Associates' who could prepare a proposal to go out for bids as well as oversee the project. He stated that this is something that they have done and are experienced with. Councilwoman Cashen questioned if the town could hire this company without that being a bidding situation which Supervisor Weigelt responded that he had talked to the town attorney who said it was acceptable. Supervisor Weigelt said he will follow up with them to obtain more information.

Discussed Covid Relief Funds and where some may go to. Councilwoman Cashen stated possibilities could be toward new water meters as well as some going to the switching over to the new LED lighting.

Supervisor Weigelt asked if anyone had heard of any progress in receiving a grant for the town park that has been awarded to the town some time ago. Councilwoman Cashen stated that she had not, but had a contact number to possibly check with someone at the Senate Finance Committee where the grant package is now sitting.

Supervisor Weigelt spoke about the Shaw Bridge grant. He stated that in order to move forward with the grant, the town would need to have engineer plans to send to the state. He also stated it would be a cost to the town. The board will look for quotes as to the expense of having plans drawn up.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Michael – Deputy Clerk