

Workshop Meeting
October 25, 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 meeting started with a report from John Bradley of the Climate Smart Committee. He followed up with a report from August of greenhouse gas inventory emissions. He stated he and others, with experience in the field, had met with Highway Superintendent LaMont at the town highway garage. He provided the board with a list of observations and recommendations to help with savings at the facility.

Discussion of the proposed 2022 Town Budget. The board met with representatives from UHY, the town's accounting firm, as well as the town bookkeeper, to make final adjustments to the preliminary budget. They also discussed getting a list of items that may be able to be paid from ARPA funds.

Discussed short term rental legislation. Councilman Duntz stated that he has been in contact with Rebecca Wolf of Hudson's First Ward, who spoke with him in reference to a law the city made concerning short term rentals. He will follow up and possibly have Ms. Wolfe come to the next workshop meeting.

Motion to accept the court audit made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Duntz, all in favor, carried.

Discussed making a blacktop walkway at the town park leading to the playground equipment. The board will consult with Highway Superintendent LaMont. Councilman Duntz thought it may be a good idea for the park equipment to be sprayed prior to the season for bees.

Discussed emails addressed to board members. The first discussion was a concerned citizen who lives in Hollowville describing how some neighbors are causing disturbances all hours of the night next to his home. The citizen gave several examples. The second was from residents on Stever's Crossing Road which Supervisor Weigelt responded Highway Superintendent LaMont had already met with them. Councilwoman Cashen also spoke of an email from a resident on Dunbar Road who stated that there is no posted speed limit and people are driving fast. The board will consult with the town attorney to see what is needed to put up a speed limit sign.

Discussed street lighting issues in the hamlet. There have been reports of lights that are not operating properly. Councilman Duntz stated he will follow up with Highway Superintendent LaMont and National Grid.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Duntz, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Michael – Deputy Clerk