

Regular Board Meeting

12/12/13

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and Councilperson Mettler. Councilperson Gabaccia was absent.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to waive the reading of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting November 20, 2013 and Regular Board Meeting November 14, 2013 and to accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

Holiday Parade will be this Saturday, 12/14/13 line up at 5:00 PM and step off at 5:30 PM.

All of the Town Offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, 12/24/13 for the Holiday.

Catamount received \$1,200,000.00 and the Hudson Valley Rail Trail received \$375,584.00 in grants from the Governor Cuomo's 2013 Regional Economic Development Awards.

Basic Star paper work is due back to the State by December 31, 2013.

Correspondence:

From Charter Communications – a letter advising the increases in their rates effective January 2014.

From Charter Communications - a copy of an Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration addressed to the Chief of the Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

From Court Clerk Margaret Hosier – a memo requesting permission to utilize the room connected to Judge Spencer's Office for the purpose of Record Storage.

Public Forum: None

Department Head Reports:

C.E.O. Ferratto reported that they have received and have completed training on their new IPS software.

Councilperson Mettler report that everything went well with the Ag & Farmland Committee's Public Forum last Sunday.

Bob Haight Chairman of the LURC reported that their consultant is working on their comments for the proposed zoning change to permit farmers to process poultry and small animals on their property.

Councilperson Mettler reported that at the last Taskforce meeting was attended by County Economic Development and Planning Commissioner Ken Flood.

New Business:

The Board set the 2013 Yearend Meeting on Saturday, December 28 at 9:00 am and the Board will go into executive session to conduct the C.E.O. Secretary and Deputy C.E.O. interviews at the beginning of the meeting. The Organizational Meeting will be Friday, January 3 at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the 2014 Tax Rate will increase .8%.

A motion was made by councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize the Court the use of the office off of Judge Specncer's Office for storage of court records. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

The Ethics Board had some changes that they would like to see made and the Town's Attorney and the Ethic Board will prepare changes for the Board for the March meeting.

The Board agreed to re advertise for members of the Park & Recreation Commission, Ombudsman and members of the Economic Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Copake Community Service, Inc. has raised almost \$6,000.00 for the Veteran's Monument Project.

Councilperson Mettler announced that the Website is pretty much complete. We are working on the Community Page, anyone wanting their organization or business information on the website should email the information to us.

A discussion was held on the status of the Proposed Processing Law between the LURC, the Ag & Farmland Committee, the Town's Consultant and the Town's Attorney. Supervisor Nayer requested that the Committees and the Town's Attorney get these proposed changes back to the Board as soon as possible so a public hearing can be scheduled in January.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to appoint Yvonne Acevedo as Secretary to the LURC at a salary of \$12.00 per hour. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to authorize Supervisor Nayer to enter into a contract with Columbia-Green Humane Society for 2014. Motion was carried.

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer explained to the Board that the Town is looking to save about \$10,000.00 this year in Health Insurance Premiums for our employees. Next year the current policy may be eliminated due changes in the laws. We will continue to look into options throughout the year.

Councilperson Report: None

Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 12 and the bills from the General Abstract # 12 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,