

## SPECIAL MEETING

July 26, 2011

## PRESENT

Supervisor Crowley  
 Councilwoman Gabaccia  
 Councilman Tompkins  
 Councilman Kiernan  
 Highway Superintendent Gregory  
 Attorney Rappleyea

## ABSENT

Councilman Sacks

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with 16 people present.

Supervisor Crowley read a letter from Columbia County EMS Coordinators Office asking for support of their efforts to obtain a permanent Certificate of Need to operate an ambulance service as "Columbia County EMS System" (CCEMS) within the geographic boundaries of Columbia County.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Crowley to sign letter of support to obtain permanent Certificate of Need to operate an ambulance service as "Columbia County EMS System" within the geographic boundaries of Columbia County. Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley we need to set up a meeting with Attorney Whitbeck, he will e-mail everyone and see what's available.

We have a budget transfer from accountant;

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget transfers.

TO ACCOUNT		AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT
A1355.151	Assessor Clerk	2,310.00	A1355.150 Assessor
A1355.472	Bar Contractual	49.63	A1355.471 Bar Salaries
A1410.46	Clerk O&M	654.00	A1010.47 Contractual
A1410.47	Clerk-Misc		
A1620-1620/2.47	Misc-Park Bldg	12,524.83	A1620.47 Misc
A1620-1620/3.47	Misc-West Garage	2,720.30	A1620.47 Misc
A4020.1	Personnel Vital Stats	210.00	A4020.4 Contractual
A6410.4	Copake community	3,260.45	A1680.47 Misc
A8020,478	Comp Planning	134.44	A8020.472 Contractual
A9050.8	Unemployment Ins.	1,150.55	A9030.8 Social Security

A9060.8	Hosp/Med Insurance	302.78	unexpended fund Bal
Summer Park checking		2,479.45	to Park Checking

Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley, Building Department at last meeting asked to double the fees on people that built without a permit.

A motion was made by Councilman Tompkins seconded by Supervisor Crowley to double the permit fee on anyone who has not gotten a building permit. Motion carried.

Councilman Tompkins received a call from Carlos, in regards to solar, will be inspected August 1<sup>st</sup> by NYSERDA.

Joe LaPorta, the \$6,000 was never transferred to the summer park program. There was no money from where he was going to take it. The \$25,000 you took out contingency therefore contingency is broke.

Supervisor Crowley, you need to take the \$25,000 out of unexpended and put in contingency for the transfer.

Jeff Nayer, we signed a legal document with Cassino to pay \$6,000 every quarter, do we have are seconded payment in?

Supervisor Crowley, we did not receive the second payment, I received a letter from Victor Meyers that he has filed a motion in court.

I e-mailed Mr. Meyers to ask if we can recoup the money it cost to recoup the money.

Assessor Surprise, had a folder full of thing he found in the last week and a half, and it's not good. We have buildings and storage sheds being built without permits.

He presented the board with photo's that show properties with storage sheds, decks, garages, houses that have been remolded, a property with 11 houses instead of just the 6 assessed.

In all fairness to the previous Assessor's they did not have the program I have.

There are properties that have businesses on them which are only assessed as residential, when they should be commercial.

Checking on the star exemption finding property owners who have been dead for three or four years still getting the exemptions.

Cell towers and private roads in town have never been assessed, all which represents lost of revenue for the town.

Supervisor Crowley, on properties that have made these improvements without permits can we recoup.

Assessor Surprise we can go back one year, I can do that in October.

With a revaluation you will be increasing the value of its assessments by 25 to 30%.

At last board meeting I asked for a resolution to spend the \$20,000, which I have in my budget, on a couple digital cameras and hire data collectors to get the revaluation started which is a three year process.

We have 150 ag exemptions in the town. Everybody that had the basic star exemption will have to reapply because we don't have the forms, they were tossed out.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, my intent was never to derail the reval, given the budgetary restrains now do you have any way of given us some back out of your budget. Assessor Surprise, when I hire data collector you'll will need two in the filed at \$15 a parcel your looking at \$15,000 for 1000 parcels, your going to need extra clerical, you'll need a lot of stuff.

Councilman Tompkins, during the interview process you were asked how much a reval would cost, Councilman Sacks said \$150,000 to \$200,000 if we had a private company, Your estimate was around \$50,000, I want to remind the board you can train the data collectors. I'm defiantly for a reval.

Assessor Surprise, the next process is to meet with State, they will give you a presentation. Then will need a resolution that supports the reval.

Supervisor Crowley made a motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins to give Assessor Surprise permission to hire data collectors, purchase equipments do what ever is necessary to proceed as long as he stays within the \$20,000. Motion carried.

Stephen Hoppe, I think there's a misunderstanding about the 2% tax cap, I wrote a e-mail to the Secretary of States Office, the way it was described the tax that is levied cannot go up more then 2%, nothing is said about the rate or assessment.

#### Highway Fuel Tanks

Joe LaPorta, talked to a wholesale company for fuel, they were willing to put in two tanks and fuel system if you sign a five year contract with them for gas at a \$1.00 above there price.

Supervisor Crowley, the Attorney said we would have to bid it.

Attorney Rappelyea, I need to see what their proposal is.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, we need to see if there's any room for cuts.

Supervisor Crowley sent a memo to every department asking for 3%.

Will send out another memo, with date to be returned.

Supervisor Crowley, in unexpended balance we started out with \$168,000, \$27,000 came out for solar. We have about \$123,000.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, I would be comfortable taking \$25,000 from unexpended and possible \$25,000 in cuts maybe borrow the other \$50,000.

Councilman Kiernan, when the accountant was here and going through the expenditures for the rest of the year didn't he say that there was a possibility of coming up with \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Councilwoman Gabaccia, we need to reschedule the August town board meeting as were down to three board members attending and we have major issues to discuss.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Kiernan to reschedule the regular Town Board meeting in August to Saturday August 27, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley, asked the Highway Superintendent to order time clock for town hall.

Councilman Tompkins, who is designed to do the payroll in the Town Clerks office. Councilwoman Gabaccia, we did discuss the possibility of a clerk, for now the Town Clerk will accommodate us.

Supervisor Crowley reclude himself from the discussion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Tompkins the Deputy Clerk be compensated for hours for payroll. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilman Tompkins the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,