

TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION
MARCH 19, 2007

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Phillip Canterino	Councilman	George Lyons	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- 1. Public Hearings:** Supervisor Bloomfield reminded the Board of the two Public Hearings that will be held on Thursday night. The All Way Stop at Fletcher Street and Crossover Road and Water Meter Purchase and Installation in Scotchtown Park Water District

Supervisor Bloomfield said he had heard from an Eileen Kelly, from the Burke School, saying there would be some representation from the school to support the All Way Stop at Fletcher Street and Crossover Road.

- 2. Acknowledge Easement License Agreement With Library:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had asked Attorney Caplicki what needed to be done about the easement and he said the Board had to have a Resolution acknowledging a license agreement between the Town and the Library. The Attorney was also going to look into the Town Parking Law in regard to the Burke School. The Board will discuss these with Attorney Caplicki when he arrives. Councilman Cappella said he has been to Burke to observe and he said there is a lot of traffic turning right, to go to Route 17, as Burke is not just a Goshen School. Therefore, he still felt that right hand turning lane would take care of a lot of problems. He also was concerned about Minisink Trail, as the residents might not be able to get onto Fletcher Street. Councilman Cappella reported he was once on Minisink Trail, wanted to make a left hand turn onto Fletcher Street and had to wait fifteen minutes to do so. Councilman Lyons said he had seen stop signs that folded over and could be turned up only at peak times. Councilman Newbold said at one time our Police Force had an officer at the school to direct traffic.
- 3. MTBE Violation from OSHA -** Supervisor Bloomfield reported he received a call from the OSHA inspector from the State of New York Department of Labor. He talked about the Right to Know and the Work Place Violence which the Town Clerk and Councilman Lyons are working on and the MTBEs. He said he would be sending the Town the violations. Supervisor Bloomfield explained to the

inspector that it is not likely the Town is the source of the MTBE problem and the Town received a letter from the DEC saying there was a high probability the Town was not the source and if the Town did not want to take samples of the water any more we would not have to. The Inspector replied the Town was still going to be receiving the violations. Supervisor Bloomfield is awaiting the violation and reported in the mean time the Town is still buying water for the homes that were contaminated.

- 4. Assessor JoAnn Soules Request to Attend Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers.** Supervisor Bloomfield reported Assessor JoAnn Soules has requested authorization to attend the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers to be held in Newport, Rhode Island. The cost is \$846.00 and will be held April 29-May 3rd. This is needed to continue education credits. The cell tower class and the restructuring of income and expense statements are not currently available classes in New York State. The cost may be reimbursed by the State. Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to authorize the Assessor to attend the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers from April 29-May 3rd. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield complimented Ms. Soules on her work on the tax certs. He said she is working with the attorney on some of the tax certs and he would like to “get these behind us by budget time.” Supervisor Bloomfield will report to the Board as this progresses.

- 5. Authorize Approval for Appraisal of Tuthill Farm for PDR.** Supervisor Bloomfield said an appraisal has to be done on the Tuthill Farm in the event it is chosen by the County for PDR. Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to have an appraisal done on the Tuthill Farm. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Budget Modification Request:** Kimberly C. VanHaaster, Town Justice, has requested the following budget Modifications:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Move to Fund</u>
A1110.480	Training	\$133.00	A1110.401 Advertising
		\$500.00	A1110.408 Computers
		\$700.00	A1110.434 Maintenance Contracts

The budget modification is requested to cover expenses that were not included in the 2007 budget for the Court.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported the court has \$1,500 in its training line item and this is what they would like to transfer to the three areas. Supervisor Bloomfield

made a Motion to authorize the Town Justices to take \$1,333.00 from their training line and transfer it to the Advertising, Computers and Maintenance Contracts lines. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **DPW Fuel Dispensing System Replacement / Modernization:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported he and Councilman Cappella had consulted with Steve Kolka, a representative of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, about the deficiencies found in the DEC inspection. Mr. Kolka suggested the Town replace the equipment currently being used with new equipment that will interface with our computer. The total cost would be approximately \$30,000 to replace the pumps, meters, pipes, probes and associated hardware. Councilman Cappella pointed out with this system tickets will not be needed anymore, since anyone obtaining fuel will have a pass code with their ID. He said this will enable the Board to know every vehicle, how much gas it is using and reports will be produced, and tickets will not be lost or misplaced.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the pumps are used by the Dial-A-Bus, Highway Department, Police Department, Assessor's Office, Building Inspector, Water & Sewer and three fire departments twenty four hours a day. He presented a letter he had composed addressed to the three fire companies asking each company to contribute \$5,000 and the Town will pay the remaining \$15,000 to complete the project. He asked for the Board's approval to send the letter. He said he spoke to Annie Rabbit's Office on Friday and was told they would try for a grant for \$4,500 for this. The Board approved of the letter being sent.

8. **Hire Jason Andino as a Part-Time Police Officer:** Councilman Lyons gave the Board the background of the applicant and made the Motion to authorize the Police Chief to hire Jason Andino as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective immediately, at \$17.50 per hour. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Town Parking Law:** Attorney Caplicki is still looking at it in reference to the parking on Fletcher Street in front of the Burke School. He will do a memo for the Board on this and also for the Library Easement for Thursday. The Board decided it would put the easement on the next work session instead of Thursday, giving the Board more time to review it.
10. **Inspection of Salesian Property for Risk Insurance:** Councilman Canterino reported the insurance company has inspected all the other parks, but has yet to set a date to inspect Salesian. He stated the inspection is all important, as the Board wants to open the park and needs to know it will be safe to do so. He explained a long series of excuses and delays on the part of the insurance company. Councilman Canterino said the last word he heard from the insurance company was that the town would have a date by Friday of this week.

11. The Board was presented a Memo from Attorney Caplicki answering some questions the Supervisor had asked and a brief rundown on the various matters he is now handling for the Board.

12. **Humane Society:** Councilman Newbold asked if the Humane Society had a building permit to add on to the shelter? The Board could not quite remember all the details of the request or what decisions the Board had made at that time. The Board asked the Town Clerk to locate the minutes of the meeting where the expansion was discussed and copy it for the Board.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session, with no intent to return, to discuss hiring an engineer for work going forward. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:35 p.m.

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