

**TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION  
JULY 10, 2006**

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: John Cappella, Town Attorney

Items Discussed:

- 1. MTBE CONTAMINATION** – Town Highway Department/Police/Humane Society Water: Supervisor Bloomfield explained there is a high count of MTBE found in the water supply to these departments. He reported he had met with the DEC in the morning and checked the Highway/Police well and the well servicing the Humane Society. He said they are both MTBE contaminated. The Highway/Police well is registering 29 and the Humane Society is registering 11, the minimum standard is now 10. The Supervisor said the DEC reported it and they reported it to the Orange County Health Department. There are four or five homes in the immediate area and a member of the Water/Sewer Department and a member of the DEC went to each home to test their water. The DEC has a seventy two hour turnaround.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the County DPW is using Village water and he wondered why. Councilman Lyons said when he was with the Village, years ago, the County asked to be hooked up to the Village because of a salt contamination. He said the Village did hook them up.

Supervisor Bloomfield presented the Board with a history of the wells showing past reports. He informed the Board the DEC is saying this is a minor problem and can be corrected by carbon filters and tanks applied to the wells. The Supervisor said the question is should the DEC do it or should the Town? He said the DEC will conduct an investigation as to who is responsible for the contamination and they will have to pay for the work and supplies needed to correct the problem. Councilman Lyons suggested the Board think about asking the Village to run a line from the County DPW to us, the Board will keep this in mind. The Board agreed to have the DEC do the work if the filters have to go in. It will be placed on Thursday's agenda and Joe Klopchin will come to explain to the public what will be done.

- 2. UNUSED SICK LEAVE CREDIT FOR RETIREMENT:** Supervisor Bloomfield said Councilman Cappella reported an employee from Highway is nearing retirement and is asking about the additional benefits offered by the New York State Retirement System. The benefit of Section 41(J) would allow an employee to use unused sick leave as additional credit toward retirement. Supervisor Bloomfield wrote a letter to the Retirement System and the response stated the cost and procedures for election of this plan. The Board discussed the additional cost (\$1,359.00) to the Town. The Board had many additional questions such as is this a one time charge, etc? Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Board to study the plan and submit any questions they have and he will contact New York State to obtain the answers. The Board will then reconsider it at the next work session.
- 3. SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON CRAIGVILLE ROAD:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained he had received two letters from a resident of Craigville Road asking for a speed reduction to 30 miles per hour from the Town of Goshen line to the Town Park. The Board discussed it at length and will place it on Thursday's agenda.
- 4. NEED TO HYDROFRAC WELL NO. 51 IN ARCADIA HILLS:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had a request from Joe Klopchin to hydrofrac Well No. 51. Mr. Klopchin said this well went from fifteen to twenty thousand gallons a day to 0. Mr. Klopchin will be at Thursday's Regular Meeting and the Board will talk with him about hydrofrac and aquafreeze, as both have been done in the past. Attorney Cappella will have a Resolution prepared if needed.
- 5. REQUEST FOR 211 WAIVER RENEWAL:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported this is a waiver involving the Police Chief's position. The Supervisor said he had received a request to execute a waiver renewal pursuant to Section 211 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law. He said he and Councilman Lyons had met with the Attorney and the law on this is very explicit. Prior to executing and requesting a 211 waiver the Town must conspicuously post such employment opportunity within the organization, advertise, contact NYS Job Services, and otherwise recruit for qualified individuals to service in such a position. A Resolution will be placed on Thursday's agenda to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for the Police Chief position.
- 6. ACCEPT RESIGNATION: MONIQUE DI MARTINO – POLICE:** Will be placed on Thursday's agenda. Officer Di Martino has been part time and now has taken a full time position with another township. Councilman Newbold stated

Officer Di Martino is the only female officer and he would hope if she is to be replaced the Chief would seek another female to round out the force a little more.

**7. BUDGET OFFICER REQUESTS: NEW SOFTWARE/FULL TIME**

**CLERK:** Budget Officer William Standish is requesting the purchase of a new central server and a new software accounting package. The current system is insufficient in terms of dependability for accuracy and its reporting capabilities. He is recommending Edmunds & Associates as the vendor of choice for the software package. The new central server will be purchased separately. Councilman Canterino explained the need and the cost involved. He stated the bid he and the Budget Officer are looking at is not the lowest, but next to the lowest. However, it will provide more services. Councilman Canterino explained there is more than enough money in the budget to pay for it.

The Board agreed it is needed and asked if the Budget Officer had seen it in action. Councilman Cappella said he feel strongly Mr. Standish should contact others who are using it and visit them and see the system in action. The Board decided to discuss this with Mr. Standish and will act on it later in the month after consulting with him.

Full Time Clerk: Councilman Lyons questioned the hours the clerk will be working and her duties. She will have twenty hours for financial data and twenty hours for accounts payable. The Board will have to consult Civil Service to see if the position will have to be filled from the list. Councilman Newbold asked if this would eliminate the part time position that is now in place. The Board discussed if both were needed. Both are in the budget so the part timer will remain. Will be placed on Thursday's agenda.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Supervisor Bloomfield reminded the Board the Korycki Impound Modification is set for Thursday at 8:00 p.m. and the Hambletonian Park I & I Study Review is set for 7::30 p.m. He also reported he had talked with Al Fusco, who will be present at the meeting on Thursday to review his findings, has completed his I & I study. The Supervisor said Al Fusco reported no major, emergency situations, but a lot of violation, etc. so it will not be necessary to spend the two million dollars the Board thought would have to be spent to correct the problems. Mr. Fusco will explain on Thursday.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he wrote a letter to Senator Larkin back in December, before he took office as Supervisor, about the Hambletonian I & I study. He said he requested \$60,000.00 for the I & I study, he said he called him again and Senator Larkin thought he might be able to find it for us. If he can, it will wipe out the debt of the I & I study.

**9. Additional Salesian Fencing Cost:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported every time he goes to the Salesian property he sees more ways to spend money. He said this time it is a set of stairs (the Board members called them the stairs to nowhere)

they are free standing with no guardrails and are quite high. The Supervisor said they are dangerous and the contractor wants to put a railing across the top at a cost of \$4,800.00. He said between the architect and the fence manufacturer the expenses keep rising. Councilman Cappella said we are going there with the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor said he would like to invite the whole Board to come when the contractor and the architect are there. The Supervisor and Councilman Cappella are going to inspect the property on Thursday to see what the Highway Department can do to cut down expenses. The Board now has a list of things the contractor is quoting prices for that amounts to \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. If Highway can do some of these themselves it will save the Town a good sum of money. The Board is very concerned about the stairs, which are concrete and high, it is a clear liability as well as the stone foundation that was left for future use.

**10. Set Public Hearing for Purchase of Development Rights:** Will be set at Thursday's meeting.

**11. ANY OTHER ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD:** Councilman Canterino said he had received a letter from a resident of Arcadia requesting a stop sign on the corner of Wedgwood Drive, the Main Road and Birchwood Drive. The resident said living close to this corner they witness, all too often, sites and sounds of screeching tires, either to make the turn on Wedgewood Drive or to avoid on coming cars. The letter said a neighbor living on Wedgewood Drive was witness to the tragic death of a small neighborhood boy, by a car traveling on Wedgewood Drive a number of years ago. The resident said they have made a request numerous times before, but nothing has been done. They are urging the Board to please look into this. Councilman Cappella will contact the Highway Superintendent and they will look at the situation and report back to the Board.

Councilman Lyons reported Officer Imperio would like to apply for a grant from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee to purchase the TRACS computer program to electronically automate and provide traffic records, accident and criminal reports. There will be no cost to the Town. This will be put on Thursday's agenda.

Councilman Cappella said Highway Superintendent Andryshak is asking about the two laborer that were approved about a year and a half ago. The Superintendent said he could really use them now. Supervisor Bloomfield said he knows they are approved and in the budget, but asked if one would do at this time. Councilman Cappella said each time the Superintendent was ready to hire, he gave the prospective hire to Water & Sewer, he gave Howie and He gave Mark. Councilman Cappella said he gave them up "for the cause", as Water & Sewer needed them badly. Now the Superintendent would like to get more work done and he needs them. After discussing it the Board has no objection.

Councilman Newbold reported Water and Sewer has a small part of the Highway/Police station building, but has no water and sewer. They have been asking for some type of bathroom, so they can wash up after water main breaks, ets. He presented two bids to the Board members. After examining the bids the Board will place it on Thursday's agenda.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation and personnel.

Time: 9:30 p.m.

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