

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
AUGUST 7, 2006

Present:

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

Also Present: Howard Protter, Town Attorney, Al Fusco Jr. P. E., Fusco Engineering , PG

Items Discussed:

1. Hambletonian Park Water Pipe Status: Al Fusco joined the Board stating he had been in touch with the Health Department in reference to the grant and the concern of the Board of going through another winter with Section A. He said he is contacting all the proper people by phone or letter and the actual review should not take more than eight hours, as it is a re-review. Then we should have final approval and the bids can go out.

Orzek Road Status: Mr. Fusco presented the Board with a map of Orzek Road and explained what can be done to expand repair it. It is currently a very narrow road. He showed where the Town has a right of way in some sections, but not always where the road is. Therefore, Mr. Fusco said perhaps the owners of the properties would be willing to give and take and exchange along the way, so the road could be repaired. Mr. Fusco went over the problem areas and additional surveys will have to be done to arrange a turn-a-round. Mr. Fusco said he will put a proposal together, so the Board will know what is needed, by Friday.

ouncilman Lyons asked Mr. Fusco about the grant possibilities available at this time. Mr. Fusco said there are two available at this time under Orange County Transportation Program. One is for mass transit type programs and the other is for transportation improvement. He said the Board could continue with the trails, or submit more road projects like the six he submitted in the past. The Board asked Mr. Fusco to look into culverts as highway is examining them and Mr. Fusco

2. Fred Lewis Computers, Inc. – Computer Systems Maintenance Contract. Since John Nelson, the original approved bidder has chosen not to accept the contract, the Board has decided to award the bid to the next in line, Fred Lewis Computers, Inc. Will be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. Jonas Trust: Property Conservation Easement: Supervisor Bloomfield explained this is a subdivision that is being formed where the owners want to leave a portion of the property vacant for conservation purposes. The Board discussed it at length

and would like more time to have their questions answered. Tabled to next work session.

4. Review Information for Knoell & Northstar properties for Public Hearing 8/10/06

Supervisor Bloomfield explained this is not a Public Hearing on purchasing development rights. He said it is to explain the appropriateness of these two parcels and the process the Board went through to arrive at this decision. He said he has asked Ralph Huddleston, Chairman of the Planning Board to come and explain the process used.

Attorney Protter will prepare a Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contracts. Also a Negative Declaration for Thursday's Meeting.

4. Lease Agreements with County Polling Places – The County is asking for a lease agreement to utilize the Town Hall and the Highway Garage as polling places. Since the County will be conducting the elections, starting this year, the leases are necessary. Attorney Protter will prepare a Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the leases.

5. 41J: Benefits provided the employees under Section 41-J of the Retirement and Social Security Law regarding unused sick time. The Board will approve this on Thursday night's meeting.

6. Arcadia Hills: Stop Signs: The Board has been addressing a request for stop signs in the Arcadia Hills Development. All agree this is a serious safety problem. While the request is for one or two stop signs, the Board feels there should be more. The Board decided to have the Police Chief and the Highway Superintendent investigate and recommend where the signs should be placed and report back to the Board.

7. Round II applications: The Board addressed the letter from the County Executive announcing the second round application for PDR. The applicants must be submitted by September 12th. The Board discussed it at length and the current and future debt the Town is carrying now. The Town now has a debt service of \$811, 000.00 and the debt is three million, five hundred. Supervisor Bloomfield reported there are two more parcels we have now that have already been appraised. The Board discussed the possibilities of submitting one instead of two. The Board would like to look at it's five year plan which is almost finished. No decision made, will be addressed further at the next work session.

8. Work Session & TB Meeting – Folders and minutes (privilege of the floor) : The Board discussed the length of the minutes and the number of duplicates the Board is receiving with a file for the two work sessions and the two business meetings, plus at times they have already received copies of the same document in their boxes when it first arrives in the mail. The constant copying is keeping the Town Clerk busy and the Town Board is getting bogged down with paperwork. It was suggested the Monday Work Session file be kept and brought to the Regular Meeting. The minutes were discussed and the Town Clerk and Attorney Cappello both stated the only things that have to be recorded in the minutes are the actual actions that are taken. Conversations during the meeting and during Privilege of the Floor do not have to be included. Minutes are not transcripts. Public Hearing will be done as usual. It was decided the tapes of the meetings will be kept permanently.

9. Matthew Kelly: Scenic Overlay – Swimming Pool Application – Supervisor Bloomfield explained Mr. Kelly’s home is in the scenic overlay area. He would now like to install a pool and since he is in this overlay area he must pay \$375.00 in addition to the building permit, based on the value of the pool. It was suggested by the Town Attorney that the fee for a pool should be \$100.00 and the size of the pool, deck, etc. would be left to the Building Inspector. If the pool is in ground and has extensive decking etc., that would need Planning Board involvement, the \$375.00 fee stand. After an extensive discussion the Board decided to table the subject for the 8/21/06 work session. The Supervisor will obtain more information for the Board.

10. Tour de Goshen: need letter and insurance. May place on Thursday’s agenda.

11. Councilman Cappella referred to a letter from Highway Superintendent Andryshak addressing the following:
 1. Money that was put in the budget last year for the Superintendent to hire two new people. The Superintendent would like to hire two now as laborers.
 2. New front end loader which is also in the budget for this year. The old front end loader is very unsafe to operate. The Superintendent would like permission to order off of state bid for \$105,000.
 3. A piece of Highway’s equipment was vandalized on Wisnieski Lane. The

tractor has sustained damage and the Superintendent is not sure yet of the total cost of the damage. The Board questioned the security of leaving a piece of equipment over night.

Councilman Cappella said these really need to be addressed. The Board will address the issues after obtaining more information.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation and personnel, without the intent to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 10.05

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk