

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019
7:00 PM- COMMUNITY CENTER

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor Randy Preston
Councilman- Darin Forbes
Councilman- Steve Corvelli
Councilwoman-Dawn Stevens
Councilwoman-Rarilee Conway

Public Present: Gerald L. Bruce-Town Clerk, Nancy Bernstein- ANCA, Michelle Preston, Jeri Wright, June Darrah, Paula McGreevy, Ed Orsi, & George Buck.

RESOLUTION 16-19 TOWN BOARD APPROVED THE 2/12/2019 MINUTES.

Motion Rarilee Conway Seconded- Dawn Stevens All in Favor

Nancy Bernstein –ANCA-(Energy Circuit Rider) to talk about LED Street Light Cost Analysis Utility Conversion. She stated the Town would save approximately 50 % with LED street lights, which would be approximately \$10,000 a year. When the Supervisor gets the e-mail on the price and board agrees Supervisor will send a letter on Town Letterhead to N.Y.S G & E stating the Town's acceptance. They will put Wilmington on their list. The Town has 178 streetlights, but can add or remove streetlights. They will send you a letter with the inventory of the lights They will ask the Board to decide what wattage and current temperatures you want in each location. There are 12 different light options and six wattages. The Current temperatures is what gives you the color of the light. The white light is the brightest almost like daylight and sometimes people aren't ok with that. 1-500 lights they will charge \$15.50/pole. It's on a scale so 2,000 lights and above is \$9.75/pole. The more they have in the area the cheaper it is per light. Nancy gave Randy a copy of the blank contract.

Underground Electric cable to the Community Center is broken and haven't had power since Saturday Morning. We have been on the generator. We replaced the line with a new wire and will bury it when the frost is gone.

Jeri Wright and June Darrah asked how much sand they could have. The past has been 5 gallon bucket full. Jeri says she has a long driveway and that isn't enough. She wanted the people that plow her driveway to be able to get enough sand to do her driveway.

Supervisor- Eye Witnesses have seen the same people drive to Lake Placid and sand with the sand they get from the Wilmington Pile. It is totally illegal for people to take sand from the pile that the Towns people paid for.

Darin Where is the limit? You are a senior and take sand what is to stop your neighbor at age 58 demanding he get sand too. Where is the cut off? You can't go by how old the people are or didn't have the dollar amount. You can't say you can have as much sand as you want at some point there has to be a cut off. It has been noted that one pickup in Town come out loaded with sand 12 times in one day for an organization and at that point we looked at it as that is no longer an option because technically taking any sand is illegal. That's when we cut off the line and at some point we have to say enough is enough.

June Darrah-I talked to Bill Skufca about sanding my driveway and Bill said you need 2 of the Town Board to say it is ok. Well he never got back to me. I was sick at that time.

My neighbor says he owns the driveway and said I can't sand it, now I have to take him to court.

Darin That's exactly why the Town doesn't get into sanding and plowing on private property, we don't know who owns the property.

Water Rate- Ed Orsi suggested raising the water rate.

Darin-We use to charge \$80.00 and \$120.00 it was \$80.00 flat rate and you got unlimited water but we didn't have a filter plant at that point. When the meters went on board because we thought some people would have overages and some people would pay less and this would meet in the middle so we changed it to \$70.00 for individual account and \$140. Commercial account. We actually did a \$10.00 decrease rate when the meters came on board in 2008. Since then we have been doing fairly well. It's not really raising the rate to \$80.00 would be taking it back to what it was before the meters were put in 15 years ago. Few People go over the minimum. This would give Ed a little more money for improvements.

Ed- Nicole and I were talking now we bill bi-annually and we feel that the billing should be quarterly it would be a steadier cash flow

Nicole – We also have to look at it from the Home owners position, as well as the Town, especially if you are on a fixed income if you know it is coming quarterly its easier to come up with \$40.00 a quarter. I would keep it coming in steady. If property changes hands it is hard to go back and charge the previous owner for his share.

RESOLUTION 17-19 TOWN BOARD WILL RAISE THE MINIMUM WATER RENT FROM \$140.00 TO \$160.00 ANNUALLY FOR HOUSEHOLD PLUS USAGE & \$280.00 TO 320.00 ANNUALLY FOR BUSINESSES PLUS USAGE, SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE CHARGED AS INDIVIDUAL, AND THESE USERS WILL BE BILLED QUARTERLY. SENIORS WILL GET A 10% DISCOUNT.

Motion- Steve Corvelli Seconded- Dawn Stevens All in Favor

Supervisor started the process to get a grant to clean the river Ray Curren has volunteered his time to work with us. Clearing water from Essex County is working with us and AuSable River Assoc. is working with us. All are going with me to meet with the A.P.A. in the near future.

Board discussed requests for sanding private driveways and decided that it was not only illegal, but more and more people could demand the town do theirs too. So they decided not to do any private driveways.

RESOLUTION 18-19 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Preston, seconded by Councilman Corvelli the following resolution was Adopted AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED that the board move into executive session to discuss a personal matter.

RESOLUTION 19-19 CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION on motion of Supervisor Preston Seconded by Councilman Corvelli all in Favor.

20-19 TOWN BOARD APPROVED FEBRUARY EXPENSES.

Name of Account		2019			
General Fund	<u>From:</u>	G125	To:	G176	Amt: 66401.71
Payrolls					Amt: 26686.05
Social Security					Amt: 1971.78
Health Insurance					Amt: 7082.27
Other:					Amt:
Other:					Amt:
Other:					Amt:
					Amt:
Highway	<u>From:</u>	H48	To:	H74	Amt. 234815.51
Payrolls					Amt. 23227.01
Social Security					Amt. 1734.65
Health Insurance					Amt. 5911.80
Other:					Amt.
Other:					Amt.
Water	<u>From:</u>	W44	To:	W63	Amt. 12715.08
Payrolls					Amt. 3825.06
Social Security					283.32
Health Insurance					Amt. 1477.95
Other:					Amt.
Other:					Amt.
GARBAGE DIST.	<u>From:</u>	GD9	To:	GD10	Amt. 244.89
Payrolls					Amt. 652.80
Social Security					Amt. 47.80
Health Insurance					Amt. 374.33

Motion- Dawn Stevens Seconded- Rarilee Conway All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted: Gerald L. Bruce/Town Clerk _____