Wilmington Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday August 10, 2021

7:00 PM-Community Center

Town Board Members Present- Deputy Supervisor-Darin Forbes

Councilwoman-Dawn Stevens

Councilwoman-Paula McGreevy

Councilwoman-Rarilee Conway

Absent- Supervisor-Roy Holzer, Louie Adragna, Ed Orsi

Also Present-Nancy Randall, Town Clerk, Doug Nemec-Code Officer, John Langford-Park Superintendent, Nicole Forbes-Accounts Clerk, Michelle Preston-Visitors Bureau

Members of the Public Present- David B. Lally, Tina Terry Preston, Cliff Holzer II, Tim Follos.

Deputy Supervisor Darin Forbes opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with the first order of business being a motion for the approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing July 28, 2021 at the Wilmington Fire Station and the minutes from the last Board Meeting.

Motion-Rarilee Conway

Second-Paula McGreevy

All in Favor

Due to Covid-19, and our last bus driver moving out of town, we need a new senior bus driver.

There is \$8000.00 in the budget for the salary and \$2500.00 for expenses.

Resolution 38-21 to approve the advertising for a bus driver for the Senior Bus

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Rarilee Conway

All in Favor

It was decided to extend the submission of letters and emails regarding the short-term rentals from August 14th to August 18th. All comments will be reviewed at the next work session on August 25th. A new public hearing will be set at the next regular board meeting on September 14th.

Due to the amount of response to the short-term rental agreement, changes may be made and a new hearing would be in the public's interest.

Resolution 39-21 to announce a new public hearing at the next work session

Motion-Paula McGreevy

Second-Dawn Stevens

All in Favor

The Dam BAN has to be renewed. We would like to renew the BAN resolution for another year at \$1,022,000.00 with Champlain National Bank at 1.9%.

Resolution 40-21 to extend the Dam BAN for another year was passed by roll call vote.

Motion-Rarilee Conway

Second-Paula McGreevy

Rarilee Conway

AYE

Paula McGreevy

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Dawn Stevens

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Darin Forbes

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Motion was carried

There was a call for a resolution to make Cliff Holzer a permanent member of the Planning/Zoning Board after the resignation of George Buck. Cliff expressed to the board that after further consideration, he felt that it would be better if he stayed an alternate for now and continue learning more about the position. It was decided to table this resolution for now and discuss it further at the next board meeting.

Nicole has been working a lot of extra hours lately, and because she is not a salaried employee, but is paid by the hour, she is not being compensated for this extra time. A resolution was proposed to allow her to be paid for her overtime hours instead of being given more comp time. She does not need the comp time, she has more work to be done and needs the time to do it.

Resolution 41-21 To allow Nicole Forbes to be paid for her overtime work.

Motion-Paula McGreevy

Second-Dawn Stevens

All in Favor

Resolution 42-21 to approve transfers and expenses

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Rarilee Conway

All in Favor

Highway report was given by Darin Forbes in Louie Adragna's absence. They have finished paving Manning Road and Fairview Terrace on Quaker Mountain. They also paved the road leading into the landfill. The highway department needs another electrical panel with a meter on the opposite side of

the garage. Louie spoke to an engineer from NYSEG about it and they gave the okay. The garage would then have two electric bills. Louie said the cost for this would be in the \$1500.00 range.

Resolution 43-21 would provide for, and not to exceed up to \$2500.00 for materials to cover this.

Motion-Darin Forbes

Second Paula McGreevy

All in favor

Visitors Bureau reported that the farmer's market begins tomorrow, August 11, 2021 at Heritage Park from 9AM to 1 PM. Several of the vendors who have signed up have produce, a wood carver, catnip toys, Margie is making her hats and bags. They expect this will be added to in the years to come. They have had a good response to the idea so far. Saturday August 14, 2021, will be the Town- wide yard sale. They have 10 yard sales at individual's homes, and 4 booths set up at Preston Field. September 11, 2021 will be the Festival of Colors.

The annual Town Get Together has been called off due to Covid-19.

Code Officer, Doug Nemec, reports a few houses to be permitted in the next few weeks and otherwise smooth sailing.

Parks Superintendent-John Langford, reports that since Brett Durant has given his two week notice, they are short-handed and are very busy. The flowers have been cut back for fall and hopefully a second bloom. The subject was brought up about the liner for the ice rink. It could stand to be replaced. The replacement liner would be approximately \$2,703.00 including freight.

Resolution 44-21 to advertise for a part-time position for the parks department to help fill in for the

Remainder of the year

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Paula McGreevy

All in favor

Supervisor's Report was read by Darin Forbes and reads as follows;

Hello Everyone. Even though I am not physically at the Town Board Meeting tonight, I wanted to update the board on a couple issues.

BEACH-Our main lifeguard is going back to college and her last day will be August 19, 2021, If I can figure anything out to keep the beach area open longer, I will advise.

ASSESSMENTS-Essex County Real Property has alerted all Town Assessors in Essex County that the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services wants the Assessors to do an across the board assessment increase on residential homes. This is a big issue. We just went through a complete revaluation. I am against this. As I get more information, I will let you all know.

BUDGET-Just a little reminder that we will start the 2022 Budget process next month. I know health insurance costs are predicted to go up according to our broker. The increase request is in front of the New York State Insurance Board as of this writing. I believe last year the state board shot down the requested increase. Hopefully they will do the same this year.

Motion to adjourn

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Rarilee Conway

All in favor

Town Board Work Session

Town of Wilmington

Wednesday August 25, 2021

4:00 PM-Community Center

Town Board Members Present-Supervisor Roy Holzer

Councilwoman-Dawn Stevens

Councilwoman-Rarilee Conway

Councilwoman-Paula McGreevy

Councilman-Darin Forbes

Also Present-Nancy Randall-Town Clerk, Doug Nemec-Code Officer, Michelle Preston, Tim Follos, Tina Terry Preston.

We have received a couple of applications for the position of Parks and EMT. A committee has been formed to review them and decide on whether to hire one of them. The committee is made up of Charlie Terry, Roy Holzer, Paula McGreevy, Dan Hanson, Louie Adragna, John Langford and Ed Orsi. The two strongest applicants are, one from town and the other from Keene.

The subject of allowing the use and sale of Marijuana in town was discussed briefly. The provision from the State is that a decision must be made by the end of the year, or the Town will be opted in. It was decided that it should be discussed further at the next board meeting.

The possibility of putting benches on Springfield and Fox Farm Roads for people to rest when walking was also discussed and all agreed it was a good idea. It will be decided at a later date whether the benches should be made of wood or a more durable, weather proof material and the costs for each.

Resolution 45-21 was proposed to order a new computer and software for Nicole Forbes

Motion-Darin Forbes

Second-Paula McGreevy

All in Favor

Resolution 46-21

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Rarilee Conway

All in Favor

Resolution 47-21 was proposed to purchase a new liner for the Skate Park

Motion-Dawn Stevens

Second-Paula McGreevy

All in Favor

Homestead Housing –The property on Rte 431 that was being considered for possible use is looking like it may not be as usable as once thought. Paul and June Coarding have property across from the Wilderness Inn that may be for sale and might be more compatible. June Coarding's brother is the actual owner and she and Paul are asking him if he would be willing to sell it to the town. There is a lot of acreage there with enough area for several housing units. If we buy the land, and it is not used for that purpose, it could be used in the future for a wastewater treatment plant.

In reference to Short-Term Rentals, it was decided that we should proceed to accept this July 2021 Draft, after the next public hearing has been held. The only change that was proposed, was to add a SUGGESTED quiet time to the draft. A time of 10 PM to 7 AM had been suggested. The exact wording will be determined.

It was also suggested that the sticker that should be displayed in the front window of the Short-Term-Rentals, should not have the home owners address, merely the name and phone number of the contact person and the expiration date.

Meeting was adjourned.