

The April 15, 2008 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:00 pm in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, with the following members present:

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilmen
Regina C. Parker, Councilwoman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
Mary J. Pearson, Town Clerk
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney

The Town Board Workshop was held in the Board Room at 6:15 pm; no action was taken. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance

The Supervisor introduced Allen Ayotte, who is accompanied by his wife Denise and his brother Ken who read the following in honor of his brother Hector Ayotte:

The Supervisor stated they will work with the Town Historian to make sure these items are maintained in a very safe and honorable fashion and displayed at appropriate times throughout the year. She stated they thank him for honoring the Town with these items.

At 7:05 pm the Supervisor opened the public hearing for the Parkford PDD amendment for Architectural Glass & Mirror.

Stefanie Bitter stated she is the attorney for the applicant, Architectural Glass & Mirror and is here tonight with the project engineer, the project manager and the architect are also present. She stated they are seeking the Parkford PDD amendment for the 3acre parcel the Haverly's just purchased off Solar Drive. She stated this parcel is located immediately behind the parcel they own on 11 Solar Drive. She stated AGM currently operates their business off 11 Solar Drive and is a business that fabricates aluminum frames, doors and associated glass glazing and, also acts as a commercial glazing contractor. She stated when a project is completed it is shipped to the site for installation. She stated due to AGM's success over the past 22 years it is in a position where it is necessary they expand and, the site they are currently located at will not provide them the expansion necessary and looked at the adjacent neighbor to owned approximately 14.35 acre parcel but it is zoned commercial and they want to include that in the PDD. She stated in December 2007 they were before this Board and, then sent to the Planning Board to obtain their recommendation to the amendment they are seeking as well as their initial review of the site plan and application. She stated on March 24 the planning board provided their recommendation as well as subdivision approval of the 3 acre parcel. She stated during the Planning board review the Town Engineer had identified that their initial proposal was just the 3 acre parcel was not acceptable because it didn't have any frontage on Solar Drive and as a result they had to recreate that lot and create a flag pole as it is presented on the plan and with that they had to receive the Saratoga County IDA's approval because the IDA is the record owner of 11 Solar Drive for financing purposes. She stated they have agreed to do whatever is necessary to assist with this proposal and deed over that portion which is the access portion of the portion. She stated they are before the Board for the rezoning of the 3-acre parcel and the acceptance of the reconfiguration of 11 Solar Drive. She stated their original submission had indicated that they were going to construct a 33,000 square foot building and has been reduced to 30,000 square foot, 20,000 of which will be occupied by AGM and the remaining 10,000 square feet will be allowed for a new tenant. She stated the building will continue to face Solar Drive and will have public water and private septic and the traffic pattern will be exactly the same as is there today. She stated there will be approximately 12 employees at the site and the majority will be field workers who will assist in the installation of the product. She stated no noise or odor is associated with this use. She stated the Haverley's are a family that has grown up in the Town of Halfmoon and want to maintain their strong roots and this is their third parcel and this will provide for the expansion of their business, additional jobs and new tenants.

There being no comments the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:10 pm.

Councilman Polak stated as liaison to the Planning Board when this first came in there were several changes and recommendations by the engineers but whatever was needed they met the demands of the Planning Board and the engineers. He stated he doesn't have any issues and he is glad a small company like this can stay and survive in Halfmoon and maybe propose and keep jobs in our community.

Supervisor Wormuth stated one thing that gets addressed at the Town Board level and she spoke to Mark Haverly yesterday is the applicant will have to provide a proposed public benefit for this PDD amendment. She stated it is an outstanding issue that needs to be resolved prior to the actual amendment being taken to a resolution.

Ms. Bitter stated there was discussion about the expansion of a playground, a Clubhouse possibly proposed and a maintenance building

The Supervisor stated within our new town family park that is proposed there are some construction items and there was discussion about whether it would be possible to work out an agreement. She stated she did let them know that the project has gone to bid with those items put into the bid. She stated there are some other options and he indicated he wanted to meet with her and do some research to bring back to the Board.

BIDDER	(Compact Excavator)	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
1)	Capital Tractor Inc, 1135 State Route 29, Greenwich, NY 12834	\$50,850.00
2)	Vantage Equipment, 17 Northway Lane, Latham, NY 12119	\$55,037.00
3)	Nortrax Equipment, 14 The Crossing Blvd. Clifton Park, NY 12065	\$50,970.00
4)	Tracey Road Equipment, 115 Railroad Ave. Ext. Albany, NY 12205	\$49,909.00
5)	Bobcat of Saratoga, PO Box 785, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	\$42,023.69
6)	Milton CAT, 4610 East Saile Dr., Batavia, NY 14020	\$50,432.00
7)	Anderson Equipment, 912 Albany Shaker Road, Latham NY 12110	\$51,939.00

The Supervisor referred the bids to the Town Attorney, Councilwoman Parker and Highway Superintendent Pingelski for their review and recommendation back to the Board

The Supervisor stated there are representatives here from the Shenendehowa School District to provide a proposed Budget information update.

Kathy Wetmore, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the Board for this opportunity provides an update. She apologized for Dr. Robinson who was called out of the State on a personal matter. She stated there are opportunities to provide feedback to him and the public hearing is on May 6th and two community conversation meetings scheduled and PTA meetings. She stated over the last 3 years the Superintendent and the Board of Education have focused very heavily on trying to reduce the increases in the budget and with the economic times it is even more important. She stated this year's budget is \$146,000,000, which is a 3.69% tax rate increase and is the lowest in the last five years. She stated at the elementary level the focus was put on extra support for struggling students in the form of expanded academic intervention services as well as special education services; the middle school will have additional strengthening of foreign language programs and provides an opportunity for more students to satisfy graduation requirements; high school there will be strength and supports for struggling students and a two year phase in of the alternative education program and the startup of the freshman seminar program. She stated the budget preserves quality programs as well as moving the district forward. She stated they have focused on administration of the budget and recently converted their coding structure so it is consistent with the State chart of accounts and will provide a more efficient process. She stated they have implemented control structures to maintain expenses and keep to a stable level they brought in health insurance consultants to manage and minimize the increases, also maintain energy management program, they have a very good management system in transportation and they have a very strict maintenance program which allows them to extend the life of the busses so replacement is minimized; they implemented multi year replacement schedules for equipment, textbooks and for replacement of busses. She stated the Budget vote is May 20th and she would encourage everyone to vote.

The Supervisor asked if anyone had questions or comments and stated they appreciate them being here tonight.

Bill Casey, Board of Education member, stated Kathy Wetmore is new and has been here less than a full year and is turning everything upside down and, she talks about changing the counts and getting them in compliance with better tracking on a regular basis. He stated this budget is built on real numbers and they have taken a very conservative approach and they have to project what he assessment growth is going to be. He stated they know the assessors very well and it's a rare occasion that the projected tax increase is actually a tax increase they adopt once they get the assessment information and equalization rate. He stated they do have concern this year from the State side in terms of the revenue projection and makes them nervous and they will track expenditures against revenue and see where they have to adjust. He stated they think this is a responsible budget and thank the Town of Halfmoon for being a great partner with Shen School and the cooperation. He stated they haven't figured out what the Indian name is for Dick Lee but they are absolutely committed to finding property in Halfmoon. He stated they have 198 busses and they do 2.5 million miles a year and they are doing everything they can to keep the numbers down and work with Town. He stated they continue to look at an elementary school in Halfmoon and they are hopeful for a site.

Supervisor Wormuth stated they appreciate that and they are committed go continuing to work with them and it is very important to this Board and how much effort both former Supervisor DeCerce and Dick Lee have put into making this a reality. She stated the only suggestion she would have is to look for a name of a school is looking up the Indian meaning for friend or gentlemen, which are words that describe Dick Lee and his commitment to this community.

Henrietta O'Grady, Church Hill Road, stated she is a resident and asked if the recently passed State budget affect the school budget that was prepared and increase or decrease the projections.

Kathy Wetmore stated they made some projections based on where the budget was going to be passed at and at the last minute they had some good information that they were going to restore the BOCES Aid formula and they increased the revenue projection to mirror that and those projections fell almost even with what the State budget passed for their district for State aid, and they are right on target

Mrs. O'Grady stated she has lived in Halfmoon over 40 years and she looked at some old school tax bills and 10 years ago her school tax was on figure and now it is almost double that amount. She stated the Senior Star exemption helps them but s retired people on fixed incomes they are concerned about the increasing school taxes and hopes they keep that in mind.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilwoman Parker reported that this week is National Crime Victims rights week and would like everyone to remember all families who lost loved ones due to domestic violence and crime. She provided the dates for Spring Clean Up at the Transfer Station and will be the rest of this week and next week, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. She thanked John & his staff.

Councilwoman Parker stated that Petra Acker, Speedskating Champion from Halfmoon, again this year won the Nationals and the North American championships and they are proud of her performance and wish her continued success with her lifelong dream.

Councilman Hayner reported that this Saturday is the 2nd Annual Crescent Park Clean Sweep from 10 am to noon, volunteers can come and receive gloves and trash bags and everyone is welcome.

He stated n May 5 there will be a Town of Halfmoon community event and will be a Salute to the Troops and Opening Day ceremonies for the baseball program and Halfmoon recreation department, Halfmoon Celebrations Committee, Trails Committee, new family park and Senior Citizens center.

Supervisor Wormuth thanked Councilwoman Parker for attending the Crime Victims advocate ceremony for being there and representing the Board.

She stated the County board passed a resolution on designating April Autism Awareness Month. She stated current rates show one out of every 150 births suffers from autism and the more awareness we have as a community and support services we can provide at a young age for children who suffer from this the better our community will be as a whole.

She stated the rec program just mailed out the brochures for the recreation programs and they are neon pink. She stated it was a town wide mailing so everyone would receive it.

She stated it is noted that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 6 at 2:00 pm and will honor senior citizens.

Supervisor Wormuth opened public privilege for discussion of agenda topics; no one had questions or comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of March

1. Town Clerk

Total fees remitted to the Supervisor - \$5,791.84

Filed.

2. Building

Total permits – 21 Total fees remitted to the Supervisor - \$5,579.20

Filed.

3. Fire Code

Total permits – 9 Total fees remitted to the Supervisor - \$354.00

Filed.

4. Senior Express Dispatch

Total # of Riders – 280 Total #of Meals -454

Filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received correspondence from NYS Department of Transportation stating that the Physically Challenged Fishing Access, Crescent Park bid proposal has been reviewed and found acceptable.
2. Received from Town Highway department notification of their summer hour's schedule, which will be Monday through Thursday 6 am to 4pm.
3. Received from Town engineer's notification of Notice of Lead Agency Designation for Glen Meadows Residential PDD, Upper Newtown Road.
4. Received from Congress of the United States, House of Representatives notification of denial of grant application for the Halfmoon Town Family Park for funding in the amount of \$1,205,000.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 81

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Supervisor's Report for month of March 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 82

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated April 15th, 2008 totaling \$1,102,297.95.

RESOLUTION NO. 83

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes letting bids for Water Meters, American Made Brass Fittings & Mueller Brass for the Water Department proposed bids to be opened May 6th at 2:00 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes entering into a contract with Capital District Physician Health Plan for employee medical insurance and enter into a contract with Delta Dental of New York, Inc, for dental insurance effective April 1, 2008 though March 31, 2009 and authorize the Supervisor to execute said contracts; per approval of the Town Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 85

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the April 2008 Water Report for water usage as submitted by the Director of Water.

Supervisor Wormuth stated, relative to the next item that for explanation, that the reason for the increase in the proposal amount for the single annual audit is based on the amount of federal grant money that we are receiving for different projects we are required for the Grants and by law to have a single audit done. She stated it is a requirement for the grant funding and they put

RESOLUTION NO. 86

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves proposal from Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co. LLP to provide annual audit and consulting services to the Town in their estimated amount of \$22,500 to \$23,500 for auditing financial statements; \$2,000 to \$3,000 for Justice Court report; \$120 per hour for accounting and consultations, subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town to renew membership in the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation for the 2008 Annual Member investment amount of \$481.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the following Creation of Appropriations:

A resolution is needed to create the following budget amendment of appropriations and revenues in the Special Revenue Fund for engineering fees for on site quality inspections. These funds are developer's monies held in escrow by the Town in a regular checking account and used for the payment of costs for that particular project. This resolution is necessary to comply with proper accounting procedures as set forth by NYS Department of Audit and Control.

Debit:	Estimated Revenues	25-510	\$9,419.37
	Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home &Community Services		\$9,419.37
Credit:	Appropriations	25-960	\$9,419.37
	Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering Contractors Inspections		\$9,419.37

Information Only: The above was derived from the following breakdown of charges to be paid on the April Abstract for engineering and related fees:

NAME	AMOUNT
Morrissey Comm Site Plan	\$126.00
Harvest Bend	1,003.01
Specialized Audio Visual	1,301.00
Harvest Church	378.00
Grace Fellowship Church	252.00
Arlington Heights	1,728.36
Howland PDD	126.00
Howland PDD	1,036.00
Brookfield Place	260.00
Brookfield Place	252.00
Stone Crest	240.00
Stone Crest	509.00
Klersy Subd	909.00
Schuyler Hollow	130.00
Architectural Glass	1,039.00
Brookfield Place	130.00
TOTAL	\$9,419.37

RESOLUTION NO. 89

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves Maintenance Agreement with Central Business Equipment Inc. for parts, labor, travel, drums, and supplies for the Recreation department copier in the amount of \$855.00 per year and authorize the Supervisor to execute said agreement subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes entering into Lease Agreement with Shenendehowa Central School District for use of busses for the Town six-week summer recreation program, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney and, authorize the Supervisor to execute said agreement.

Supervisor Wormuth stated, relative to the next item, that this is one temporarily during the summer based on having 650 or more children attending the program and often the places they travel to require payment ahead of time so those payments aren't sent through the regular processing and authorized by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board increase the Recreation department petty cash fund to \$500.00 to offset amount necessary for last minute adjustments and authorize the Finance Office to cut checks in advance for children who have signed up for trips in the Summer recreation program to facilitate payment to trip site.

The Supervisor suggested, when leaving tonight, to look up at the mural that is coming along and developing quite nicely and a lot of detail is coming together very nicely. She stated the artist is anticipating being done in the next 7 to 10 days.

Supervisor Wormuth opened public privilege for discussion of non-agenda items; no one had questions or comments.

The Supervisor stated the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting will be held May 6th, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Town Hall.

On motion by Councilwoman Parker seconded by Councilman Hotaling the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Pearson

