

The August 1, 2006 regular meeting of the Town Board of the town of Halfmoon was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor DeCerce at the Town Hall on Harris Road with the following members present:

Kenneth J. DeCerce Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
A. James Bold, Councilman
Regina C. Parker, Councilwoman
Melinda A. Wormuth, Councilwoman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Mary J. Pearson, Town Clerk

Also present: Frank Tironi, Director of Water; Laurie Sullivan, Deputy Town Clerk

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.

Councilwoman Parker offered a moment of silence for the recent passing of Joseph DeCerce, Supervisor DeCerce's father who was also a former Town employee.

Supervisor DeCerce stated he appreciates everything that everyone did during this time.

The Supervisor welcomed the Clowns present who are being honored in observance of "International Clown Week" which is August 1st through 7th. He invited them to come to the front and he read the following proclamation:

RESOLUTION NO. 186

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilman Polak: Adopted by vote of Board:
Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

Let it be known to all those present that the Electric City Clown Alley, Clowns of America International, and the Town of Halfmoon, New York shall take part in the celebration of International Clown Week

WHEREAS, the President of the United States did proclaim that the first week of August would be recognized as International Clown Week, and that all Governors and local officials shall encourage such recognition by their citizens, and

WHEREAS, Clowns are recognized the World over as messengers of good tidings, bringing happiness and joy to all those whose lives they touch, and

WHEREAS, it is universally known that laughter is the best medicine, and

WHEREAS, Clowns have helped us preserve our sense of humor and ability to laugh at ourselves, and

WHEREAS, Clowns encourage laughter in the young and old, and rich and poor, alike, now

THEREFORE, I, Kenneth J. DeCerce, Supervisor of the Town of Halfmoon, proclaim that the week of August 1 through 7, 2006 shall be recognized as International Clown Week within the Town of Halfmoon, and, shall encourage all citizens to give fitting recognition to the Clowns of the World.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilwoman Wormuth reported that the recreation program is finishing up a wonderful six weeks of summer. She stated she and, the Supervisor have been to all three sites and the kids are having a wonderful time. She stated the youth they employed and the permanent recreation staff are doing a magnificent job and she wants to thank them.

Supervisor DeCerce stated he can attest to lots of good things happening and the kids are having a really good time and it's balanced and safe and, is a credit to this Board, Mrs. Wormuth and the staff who are working very hard.

Councilwoman Parker reported that tomorrow night is the last concert in the park from 7 to 9 pm in the gazebo.

Councilman Bold asked Frank Tironi if residents have started to hook up to the water on Route 236 and Woodin Road.

The Director of Water, stated some have started but not too many as of yet because they are having difficulty hiring contractors.

Councilman Bold reported that the historic signs, one near Stewarts at the Crescent Bridge and the one at Exit 8, have had some attention by the Parks crew who did the design work and construction and have been working on the landscaping, putting in pavers and potted plants. He stated they are close to being done and it certainly looks nice.

Supervisor DeCerce stated they have done a nice job with it and he credits them for taking on this responsibility. He stated they might want to consider street lights at these locations because it is so dark at these sites.

Councilman Polak stated has started doing some work on the lights and will continue working on the possibility of obtaining them.

Councilwoman Wormuth commented on the beautiful landscaping work and the courtyard in Town Hall. She stated the Town maintenance crew have done an absolutely phenomal job making the area beautiful at very little expense but a lot of hours of hard, hard work but it is such a beautiful. She stated it was a combination of the maintenance crew and buildings and grounds.

Supervisor DeCerce stated the key was Harold Robbins to come on staff and its been amazing. He stated the ships are wonderful as is the water fountain.

The Supervisor reported on some problems at Colonial Green and read the following letter submitted by the Highway Superintendent, Lee Buck:

Lee buck letter

He stated he has had contact with Larry Grey and ten different neighbors are suggesting they do something. He stated the water comes in two different directions and the storm sewers can't handle it because they are very old and the catch basins are not what we use today and the culverts are small.

Councilman Polak stated Mr. Grey has the lowest property and gets the back up water from the catch basins off Woodin Road and also all of his neighbors water and comes from every direction.

Supervisor DeCerce stated it seems as they should engage Clough Harbour to do a proposal for a field survey, feasibility engineering and a budgetary cost estimate.

Councilman Bold stated it is a great idea to get a proposal to do field survey work and budgetary estimate.

Councilman Polak stated this has been on- going and Mike Bianchino has been over there and it is a major undertaking of man holes and distribution system and down stream improvement. He stated to move the type of water that is coming in there we have to make improvements and upgrades to downstream to handle the water.

Councilwoman Parker stated they have had discussion with Clifton Park and it floods in Clifton Park's ditches.

Discussion followed regarding the Town boundary line.

Public privilege for discussion of agenda topics was opened by Supervisor DeCerce; no one had questions or comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of July

1. Town Justice Wormuth
Total cases - 246 Total fees remitted to the Supervisor - \$26,660
Filed.

2. Town Justice Tollisen
Total cases- 283 Total fees remitted to the Supervisor - \$25,330
Filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from Town Planner notification of denial of Planning Board for application of Halfmoon Family Dental, 1456 Crescent-Vischer Ferry Road in the Town of Halfmoon to convert an existing residential structure to a professional office building based on not meeting front yard setback as described in *Local Laws relating to Zoning of the Town of Halfmoon*

2. Received, July 20th, Narrative and Site Plan for Oak Brook Commons PDD, Route 9 to construct (1) 4-unit apartment building and (1) 4-unit garage building

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 187

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilman Polak: Adopted by vote of Board:
Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board amends Resolution No. 182-2006 changing appointment effective date for Seasonal Parks Laborer, Gaither Espey from July 26th to July 24th.

2. Received, July 21st, from Belmonte Builders notification that they are removing the PDD application for the Princeton Heights subdivision and applying for a standard subdivision.

Attorney Murphy stated there is no action the Board needs to take regarding this and the public information the Planning Board will conduct will be on the standard subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO. 188

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilman Bold: Adopted by vote of Board:
Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board amends Resolution No. 148-2006 authorizing Code Enforcement Officers to voucher for mileage at rate established by the IRS when using their personal vehicle for Town business changing to state retroactive to appointment date for 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 189

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilman Polak: Adopted by vote of Board:
Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves minutes of Town Board meetings of May 16th, June 6th and June 20th, 2006, as presented.

Councilman Bold reported, relative to the next item, that the work consists of a number of grading issues around the existing water treatment plant and are part of the addition to the plant. He stated there will be the removal and replacement of the asphalt pavement and general grading around the building lowering the roadway to improve the drainage and expand the parking lot on the east side and extend the roadways. He stated they originally planned on putting this into the project budget but it was removed when they were concerned about the project budget but now with the low bids they are putting this back into it.

RESOLUTION NO. 190

Offered by Councilman Bold, Seconded by Councilwoman Wormuth: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Water Source Improvement Project, Change Order No. 3-G, BCI Construction, for additional general site work and drainage improvements in the total amount of \$110,560.

The Town Board REMOVED the next item for a Water Supply Agreement for the Boyack Road subdivision from the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 191

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilwoman Wormuth: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the following Transfers between Appropriations:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
FO8320.42 Source of Supply, Power & Pumping Purchase of Water	FO8340.40 Transmission & Distribution Contractual	\$30,000	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover expenses for meter repairs and miscellaneous
FO1990.40 Contingency	FO8310.20 Administration Equipment	\$2,500	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover (2) wireless LAN outdoor building to building bridge for networking connection and netgear prosafe wireless access point
FO8310.10 Administration Personal Services	FO8340.20 Transmission & Distribution Meter Purchases	\$20,000	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover purchase of additional meters
FO9950.90 Transfer to Capital Reserve	FO8310.40 Administration Contractual	\$18,500	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover proposal from CHA for development of system wide water supply application and Map, Plan and Report
FO1990.40 Contingency	FO9050.80 Employee Benefits Unemployment	\$300	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover unemployment expense.

RESOLUTION NO. 192

Offered by Councilman Polak, Seconded by Councilwoman Parker: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated August 1, 2006, totaling: \$82,653.22

Councilman Bold reported on the next item, stating this is the property we will be taking ownership on. He stated this is supporting the Greenway program which is across the Mohawk and Champlain area and if we are successful in this grant we can begin the trail process along the canal. He stated we have been interest in doing that since 1994 and perhaps we will be able to do a piece of it.

RESOLUTION NO. 193

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilwoman Wormuth: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town to apply for Canal Corp Grant Program supporting the creation of an Erie Canal Greenway for a 50/50 \$250,000 matching grant for the Champlain Canal property.

Councilman Bold reported on the next item, starting there is a man out on disability and Mr. Smith was able to change from one job to the other for three months to help out.

RESOLUTION NO. 194

Offered by Councilman Bold, Seconded by Councilman Polak: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board amends Resolution No. 90-2006 appointing Lucia Smith as temporary part-time Water Department Laborer changing to temporary full-time Water Department Laborer for three month period effective August 1, 2006 at same hourly rate.

Councilman Bold reported on the next item, stating a letter was received from Frank Tironi the Director of Water and asked the Clerk to read the letter

Councilman Bold stated our water district is in good financial condition and we are not in trouble but we are committed to maintain that and with the increases in costs we are experiencing we are finding it absolutely necessary to move forward with these price increases or else the water district will not remain in good financial condition.

Supervisor DeCerce stated about three years ago we got burned by individuals who elected not to pay their bills quarterly and it took a while to actually rectify that and it doesn't make sense not to stay up to par.

RESOLUTION NO. 195

Offered by Councilman Bold, Seconded by Councilwoman Wormuth: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes an increase in water rates from \$2.63 to \$2.95 base rate per 1,000 gallons effective with October 2006 water billing.

Supervisor DeCerce reported, relative to the next resolution, that late today the results of the exam Greg Stevens took were received, therefore it seems appropriate to be on this agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 196

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, Seconded by Councilman Polak: Adopted by vote of Board: Ayes: DeCerce, Polak, Bold, Parker, Wormuth

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Greg Stevens as Director of Code Enforcement effective immediately at the 2006 salary.

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

There being no further business to discuss or resolve the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Pearson
Town Clerk

