

The January 2, 2014 Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm except May 7 at 2:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of month at 7:00 pm.

Board of Assessment Review: 4th Tuesday in May

Senior Center Business Meeting: 1st Wednesday of month at 1:00 pm

Halfmoon Historical Society: Last Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

Open Space & Trails Committee: Jan. 13 & Mar. 17 at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Review Committee: 3rd Thursday of month

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Walter Polak: 1) Liaison to Planning Board, 2) Liaison to Zoning Board, 3) Chair of Zoning Review Committee, 4) Chair of Personnel

Councilman Polak: I have one item this evening. I would look for a motion to appoint Jeff Burdyl to the Zoning Board of Appeals, from an alternate member to a regular member.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Jordan: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Jeff Burdyl as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Tollisen: Basically what this is that with Miss Jordan's resignation on the Zoning Board, it created on that and so what we are doing at this point based upon, and I believe Mr. Harris had a conversation with Mr. Rose or somebody had a conversation with Mr. Rose, the Zoning Board Chairman, and Mr. Polak that the alternate to the Zoning Board who does vote in the absence of a member would be appointed as a Zoning Board Member. Mr. Polak, you will let Mr. Burdyl know and Miss Bryan as well.

Paul Hotaling: 1) Chair of Parks & Recreation, Infrastructure (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance), 2) Committee on Not for Profit Organizations and Character Counts, 3) Committee on Baseball/Athletic Organizations

John Wasielewski: 1) Chair of Ethics Committee, 2) Chair of Committee on Emergency Services and Public Safety (Emergency Corps, Fire Department, Police, Animal Control), 3) Chair of Committee on Resident Relations

Daphne Jordan: 1) Chair of Business and Economic Development, 2) Chair of Insurance (Liability and Medical), 3) Liaison to Open Space and Trails Committee

Lynda Bryan: 1) Chair of Senior Programs, 2) Chair of Committee on Historical Archives

Clerk Bryan: I am also on the Two Towns One Book Committee for the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Library. We have a community read that both communities of Halfmoon and Clifton Park come together and select one book for the community read. This year's selected book is *The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers*. The book is written by Josh Kilmer-Purcell. It quite a funny book about the challenges he faces when he and Brent Ridge purchase the Beekman Mansion in Sharon Springs. They are going to be speaking here on January 11th at the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Library to do a presentation at 2:00 pm. It is open to the public and it should be very enjoyable! They currently have a reality TV show which just enhances it a little bit more.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

Joe Christopher, Werner Road: Actually, I would like to comment on something that was on the last agenda. Mr. Tollisen, you promised the residents of Halfmoon a new direction. You promised increased accountability and transparency. And I know that many people in this town, I know that there are many people in this town that believe that you can provide that. This is a republican town and I am in awe of the resolve of the residents who believe you guys can straighten all this out. The appointment of a Councilperson to fill Craig Hayner's vacated seat was an opportunity to show that you are serious about your promises. You said that there would be an open and fair process to fill this position. Yet, you decided to appoint the Legislative Director for Kathleen Marchione and the pick of the Town's GOP Committee. And I am not here to advocate for any one candidate. You interviewed seven qualified people. I believe that this appointment was the most blatant disregard for the vision and direction that you promised the residents of Halfmoon and supports the corruption and cronyism we, unfortunately have become famous for. That's all I have. Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: Mr. Christopher, if you would like to stay right up there, I can respond to that. First of all, just so everyone's clear, this was a vote of the entire Town Board for one. Number two; there were seven qualified candidates. Mr. Polak and I interviewed them first and then Mr. Wasielewski and Mr. Hotaling interviewed them second. All four board members interviewed all of the candidates. Like I said publically in the newspaper and I will say it again, all seven individuals had great qualifications. The decision was made as a result of the four board members. This was an open process. This was, in despite a few people's comments, this wasn't a political event

Joe Christopher: So it was just

Supervisor Tollisen: Let me finish and then I will let you talk. Miss Jordan's qualifications, for myself, why I voted the way I voted, was based upon, number one, she has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, which is a town government position. Number two, she served on the Library Board of Trustees. She was the Treasurer who oversaw a 3 million dollar budget and a construction budget of ten million dollars. Additionally, she served on the YMCA, as a swim official, she has a record of community involvement and that's why myself why I choose her. OK. We have turned the page of the corruption. We have turned the page of all of these items that have whatever given the town a black eye or whatever you may consider

it. OK. This decision is made and obviously Miss Jordan, she will have to show to the people her resolve as well. But that is the decision I made.

Joe Christopher: I truly hope it was a good one.

Supervisor Tollisen: I appreciate your comments, but I just wanted you to know just exactly the reason why I made the decision I made. OK?

Joe Christopher: It was just strictly coincidental that your process and the process of the Halfmoon Republican Committee gleaned the same candidate?

Supervisor Tollisen: I appreciate you saying that. I am not a member of the Halfmoon Republican Committee.

Joe Christopher: They didn't give you a recommendation?

Supervisor Tollisen: There was nothing in writing like I told Mr. Lyons of the Times Union. There was nothing in writing. Was I aware of it? Yes, I was.

Joe Christopher: OK, Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: OK, thank you very much.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Month of December

1. Town Justice Ciulla

Total # Cases – 433 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$29,331.35

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from John Pingelski, Highway Superintendent, notice that the Town of Halfmoon Highway Department in conjunction with County Waste and Recycling, will be picking up Christmas trees on Tuesday January 7th and Thursday January 9th. Please place trees curbside the night before and do not place trees in bags. Trees can also be brought to the Town of Halfmoon Transfer Station for free during normal business hours: Tues.: 8-12, Fri.: 12-5, and Sat.: 8-1.

Received & Filed

2. Received from Halfmoon Sunoco LLC, 325 Route 146, their notification of intent to renew their beer license.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid
Vouchers numbered
1 through 11 as detailed.

===== FUND TOTALS =====

10 GENERAL FUND	\$464,932.42
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$171,610.42
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$92,332.91

ABSTRACT TOTAL:

\$728,875.75

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, & Wasielewski
Jordan - Abstained

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, December 18, 2013 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a 2014 service agreement for 1 year with North East Fire Protection for yearly fire sprinkler system inspection of Town Hall, Highway Garage, Parks Dept. Building and Parks (Recreation) Clubhouse at a cost of \$1,000.00, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a 2014 service agreement for 1 year with FS&S for yearly inspection of Fire Alarm and FM200 system at Town Hall at a cost of \$2,327.80, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a 2014 service agreement for 1 year with Alarm & Suppression, Inc. for the fire alarm inspection for the Highway Department, Justice Building, Park Maintenance, Recreation Clubhouse, and the Halfmoon Senior Center for the total amount of \$2,220.00, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 28

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a 2014 service agreement for 1 year with Midstate Heating and Cooling, 15 Hudson Avenue, Mechanicville for heating and cooling at Town Hall, Highway Dept., Water Treatment Plant, Senior Center,

Justice Building, Town park and the Historical Building in the not to exceed amount of \$15,700.00, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Shenendehowa Central School District for the use of their pool for Swimming Lessons for the Summer Camp program from June 30th through July 17th.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Jordan

RESOLVED, that the Town authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Mechanicville City Schools for the use of their café, gym, lobby, 2 classrooms, field and playground for the Summer Camp Program from June 30th through August 8th.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items) No one came forward

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Hotaling and seconded by Councilman Polak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Supervisor Tollisen: I would like to thank the High School students that came to the meeting. Good night everybody and have a safe trip home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk