The July 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
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Daphne V. Jordan, Councilwoman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE for our GOOD FRIEND and DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WALT POLAK

PRESENTATION: EAGLE SCOUT DAVID BOODRAM

Supervisor Tollisen: Tonight we have a special presentation for David Boodram. David did his Eagle Scout project here in the Town of Halfmoon. A fine gentleman, he reached out to me to help him. He did all of the work and I supported him all of the way. What he did for his Eagle Scout project was some shelving units for Books for Troops for our Soldiers. Tonight, Miss Keegan is here with the Books for Troops Organization and she is the Executive Director. David, the Town of Halfmoon is very proud of you and would like to present you with a Town Board resolution, so if you would please come and I will read it to you.

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** it has come to the attention of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon that David Boodram, is the recipient of an Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest award a Boy Scout can receive; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Board that when someone of extraordinary dedication to the values and principles of scouting is brought to their attention, the same should be memorialized to show our gratitude for their exemplary service to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a Town is only as great as those persons who give exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement or by demonstrating a willingness to give of themselves for their community; and

**WHEREAS,** David demonstrated such dedication by completing his Eagle Project which involved making shelves for the Books for Troops program to help with the organization and

storage of books donated for the benefit of the troops. David had previously volunteered for the program and recognized the need for the additional storage and organization which was greatly appreciated by the Executive Director Ellen Keegan; and

**WHEREAS,** such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the community and the Town, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded; and

WHEREAS, David Boodram has had a long history of personal achievement as a Scout where he served as a Senior Patrol Leader during the 2011-2012 school year, Assistant Patrol Leader 2010-2011 school year and again 2012-2013, completed the Cope Course during summer camp, achieved Order of the Arrow in 2011, attended trips to Gettysburg in 2012 and Washington in 2013 and spent multiple years of overnight camping and working with the elements in any season;

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognize and commends, David Boodram, as an outstanding citizen for his achievements and advances, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the community and the Town of Halfmoon.
- 2. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to David Boodram. DATED: July 2, 2014

# LYNDA BRYAN, TOWN CLERK TOWN OF HALFMOON

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 230**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board recognizes and honors David Boodram for his hard work in becoming an Eagle Scout, and his dedication to the community and to our soldiers.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I will tell you that this week we lost our Deputy Supervisor and he loved Eagle Scouts being one himself, and the 1<sup>st</sup> one in the Town of Halfmoon. I am sure he is looking down here tonight, very proud of you. So, David, Congratulations to you!

Ellen Keegan, Executive Director. Books for Troops Organization: For those of you who don't know, I am the founding Director of Books for Troops. David came to me when he started his 4-H through his Eagle Scout training. He did a lot of community service with me. He showed a true interest and became very involved with the troops and their desire in being able to read. He was very concerned about

the fact that if he were in the same situation, how important reading would be to him. He worked with me several months and I got to know him as a very caring and passionate individual. He wrote a beautiful letter to the troops describing his life and how busy his life was while earning his Eagle Scout Award, being active in sports, having a loving family and being just a normal teenager and having a very wonderful life. He thanked the troops for giving that to him. It was an extremely moving letter and I send that letter in every box of books that goes to the troops. It is a thing that makes them realize what they are fighting for and raises the moral. He has received some letters back from them through me.

When David called me and asked me if he could do his project for his Eagle Scout Award with me, I was beyond honored. Not only because we could use the bookcases, we had a mishmash of Wal-Mart Rubbermaid bookcases with no sides other than cardboard. I was also honored, because I knew how much David cares about the troops and about our program. He came and measured the area and kept me abreast of how things were going. He called to tell me that they were ready and I had to inform him that we were being moved. We did not know how they were going to work in the new space. We had been moved to the basement and to say that the area was unattractive is to put it lightly. It was also much smaller and we lost a lot of space. David said don't worry about it and was able to use the bookcases that he built. Originally he was going to build eight cases and he built nine. He expanded our capacity and lost no space at all. He created the coziest, wonderful working space with these beautiful wooden bookcases that were varnished to the color that I wanted.

When I attended his ceremony, he then in turn presented Books for Troops with our 1<sup>st</sup> Award. It was probably the proudest day of my life. Not only because it was an award, but because it came from someone that I truly respect. I truly feel that as a person, and I did not know how hard he worked until I was there listening to everything that he had accomplished. But I also respect David because he has a tremendous compassion for human beings and he shows it daily and he certainly shows it to the troops. Congratulations David, it has been a pleasure knowing you and Good Luck in your future.

**David Boodram:** I have with me the award Miss Keegan, that you have just mentioned. It is a plaque that I made for Books for Troops. It talks a little bit about my project. My project means a lot to me. I am very happy that I was able to help them the way that I did because it is a great organization. I would like to thank the Town of Halfmoon and Supervisor Tollisen. My family is actually moving to Georgia

and so we had moved out of our house and into an apartment so I did not have any space to do my project. Supervisor Tollisen was kind enough to let me use some space provided by the town to use to build the shelves there. It was just a tremendous help and made the process that much easier. Thank you for that. Thank you to Miss Keegan and Books for Troops is an amazing organization. Thank you.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** David, we do wish you well and wish you the best in the future. You have a bright future ahead of you. Thank you.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Movie Night: July 18th Shown at Dusk weather permitting at Town Park

Character Counts Family Basketball Night: July 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00pm. At Town Park. Basic basketball skills will be given & a Team game will be played

 $50^{\rm th}$  Anniversary Mustang Car Show: July  $19^{\rm th}$  10:00-4:00 pm at Town Park (Rain date July  $20^{\rm th}$ )

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on July 12 from 1-5 at the Town of Colonie Landfill. A donation will be made for every pound of waste that is accepted to benefit the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

# **TOWN MEETINGS:**

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

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

Planning Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 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

Zoning Review Committee: 3rd Thursday of month

Ethics Committee: To be announced

Open Space & Trails Committee: To be announced

Resident Relations Committee: Within the next two weeks

Business & Economic Development Committee: Thursday July 31st at the Senior Center

#### REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

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

On tonight's agenda, there is a Resolution regarding sign ordinances. These originated from the Business and Economic Development Committee. Our mission is twofold in that we want to make sure that the businesses in Halfmoon are successful and that we want to be able to attract more businesses. So we are setting the stage for a more business friendly Halfmoon. We had asked businesses in Halfmoon for feedback and what they thought needed changing. What we heard time and time again was about signage, particularly wanting A-frame signs. We came up with 4 amendments to our sign ordinances which later in the agenda we will be asking to set a public hearing for them. In short, one was to permit A-frame signs for businesses, another was to permit LED signs to be changed every 10 minutes without animation, as it is now, they can only change every 24 hours. A third amendment we proposed is streamlining the town's replacement sign ordinances to make it easier and that it doesn't have to go through the Planning Board if it's the same sign for the same type of business. The 4th one was to strike the ordinance we have that prohibits moving sign ads. Those are the four recommendations that the committee has come up with.

Our next Business and Economic Development Committee meeting will be Thursday July 31st at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

**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, (4)Co- Liaison to Planning Board

Thanks, Mr. Supervisor. I have two things tonight.

**Emergency Services** – I would like to thank the Fire Departments involved, the Town Highway Department for their efforts last week during the severe flooding. A State of Emergency was actually declared by the Supervisor. Some parts of our town got hit pretty hard and you might have seen it on the news. The State of

Emergency lasted a few days to actually recover. I would like to thank in particular, the West Crescent, Halfmoon – Waterford, & Clifton Park – Halfmoon Fire Departments that helped out with the pumping along Woodin and Sitterly Roads. Hillcrest was also busy in the northern part of town. We worked well into the night to help the neighbors that were so badly affected by that flooding.

**Resident Relation Committee:** This was also useful during the State of Emergency with Facebook & Twitter posts to notify residents of the water issues and other situations that were happening. We will be scheduling a meeting within the next two weeks, date to be determined and those committee members will be notified.

**Ethics Committee:** At the last Town Board meeting, we made the motion to wait until tonight to appoint those members to the three open positions and I will make that resolution under New Business later on tonight. That is all that I have. Thank you.

Paul Hotaling: 1) Chair of Parks & Recreation, Infrastructure (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance), 2) Chair of Committee on Not for Profit Organizations and Character Counts, 3) Chair on Committee on Baseball/Athletic Organizations, (4)Co-Liaison to Planning Board, (5) Co-Liaison to Zoning Board, (6) Co-Chair of Zoning Review Committee

I would like to echo John's comments about the Fire Departments with members donating their time, and our Highway guys were the best. They worked really hard to take care of the issues around town.

**Rec Department:** started this week with approximately 750 kids having a great summer.

We have the water guys out doing hydrant repairs and flushing hydrants. There are a lot of great things happening in Halfmoon.

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

The Halfmoon Historical Society had their monthly meeting last evening. They had a presentation of the artifacts that were found when building the Lighthouse Park on the Hudson River. The display has Prehistoric artifacts dating before the 1600's

from our Native American Inhabitants including Arrowheads that date back to 2000 BC, and up to Historical artifacts from the early settlers.

If you missed it, the display will be at the Library in October and then coming to Town Hall in the near future, giving us all a glimpse in to our past.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Just a couple of items that I have this evening, The Legislative Gazette did a special feature article on the Town of Halfmoon. We have several hundred copies of them, so please come up and take one. It talks about a lot of things going on in the Town of Halfmoon.

Secondly, I do want address one item with respect to the flooding. There have been a number of different areas affected by flooding and the town has been working very diligently with respect to flooding. For those folks in the Northwood Development, I had a meeting at 4:00pm this evening with our Town Engineer, Peter Belmonte, his engineer, our Town Planner, and Assistant Planner. As part of the Princeton Heights approval, Mr. Belmonte was required at some point to install a culvert pipe to be placed in an existing area. He has agreed to do that now instead of waiting a year. So tomorrow morning they are going to start the replacement of the culvert pipe. With the rains today, there was flooding in the area, significant flooding for those residents. We believe that this needs to be replaced now and based upon that, our Town Attorney's Office has done up some easements that are necessary to begin the work. So that large 24 inch pipe will be replaced with a 36 inch pipe. We are hoping that will take care of it. I am told that his will alleviate the concerns over in Northwood. There are some other areas that we are also addressing. There are some significant discussions regarding flooding and where water is going. We are getting a significant amount of runoff from the Northway. These are issues that we are addressing and I will use whatever resources we have available to us. I did declare a State of Emergency at one point with respect to the area. We do have a state pump on site right now and we will be keeping that for the interim as I am concerned about rains this evening. This is an ongoing effort to address these concerns. If anybody has concerns or if anybody needs anything, please feel free to call my office, I am certainly available to help. We have utilized every single resource at our disposal. Town wide level, our Planners and our Highway Department has been astronomical. Our County Emergency Management and we have the state folks involved as well. We are doing everything that we can, and we want to help as much as we can.

## PRESENTATION: LINDEN VILLAGE PDD: Ivan Zdrahal and Donald Zee

**Donald Zee:** I apologize for being late; there was a little traffic on the Northway. What my client is seeking is a PDD zoning for a 38 acre parcel which is currently zoned R-1. The property is located off of Dunsbach Road near Exit 8. Under the permitted zoning, given the constrained lands and everything, the property could be developed as 41 single family homes. My client is seeking is a PDD to increase the density to 48 single family homes, but they would be designed as a conservation density subdivision, meaning, that we are seeking lots that are approximately 10,000 square feet in size, with homes ranging from 1,700 to 2,300 square feet in size. This is a product that is currently being built in the Town of Halfmoon at the Brookfield Place Homeowners Association Subdivision. We believe that this is a product that is very desirable because it is gated toward seniors, people who are looking to downsize. With regard to the project in of itself, this has gone through a lot of review by your Planning Board and your Planning staff. When it first was submitted to the town, it was a completely different type of application. At the time of the public information meetings at the Town Planning Board level, there were two public information meetings, we has a substantially larger project. Initially, it constituted in excess of over 302 housing units of which 260 were apartments. I just want to put up a chart so the residents can see how this project has progressed. Initially, we had 260 apartments and 42 single family homes. The residents of the town as well as the Planning Board had indicated that they didn't like the project because there were too many apartments. We eliminated all of the apartments totally. So we are not proposing any apartments what so ever. In lieu of the 42 single family homes, and as a right of 41, we are proposing 48 single family homes. Obviously, with a project of over 300 housing units, there were concerns over traffic, especially impacting the intersection of Dunsbach and Crescent Roads. Obviously, we are reducing the number of peek trips based on our traffic count of 254 to 48. In addition, we talked about reduction of impacts to the school district. With the Brookfield Place project, using that as a baseline with the smaller homes, I just want to show the residents the homes themselves. Just for the Board, these homes are not gated for having a lot of children. In fact, based on the number of school aged children in the twenty some odd homes that are already in existence in our carriage homes, we estimate that out of the 48 single family homes, there would be twelve school aged children. That is just based on the Halfmoon project Brookfield Place. It should be noted that the Marini homes, and that is the builder who built the Brookfield project, they also have a project known as Lake Ridge in the Town of Colonie. If we were to use the numbers of school aged children there, in fifty five homes that are carriage lots, there are only two school aged children. We didn't do that in this analysis, we used the Brookfield Place which is in the Town of Halfmoon and we estimate twelve school aged children. Obviously, there is a substantial reduction in impact to the schools and decrease in impact to the sanitary sewer system. There was a discussion about our initial proposal there was a lack of a play area. Now we are proposing 55% of the property to be maintained as green space with a recreation facility amenity located in this area which would all be owned and maintained by a Homeowner's Association. With regard to this project, with regard to the cluster lots and the 48 single family homes, we would in fact reduce the lineal feet of roadway from 3,100 if we had 41 single family homes to 2,500 lineal feet. As opposed to a conventional layout to this development layout, we would increase the amount of green space from 38% to 56% because of the lot sizes.

With regard to the public benefit, there would be none with a conventional single family subdivision. With this project we are proposing public benefits totaling \$125,000. We obviously would still be paying park fees and that is based on a per house unit. With seven more homes we increase the park fees from \$61,500 to \$72,000. With regard to the public benefit, there would be a construction of a west bound turning lane at Dunsbach Road and Crescent Vischer Ferry intersection. We would also propose to make improvements to the existing drainage facilities at two locations along Dunsbach Road, as well as making some clearing of vegetation for site improvements along Dunsbach Road. These public improvements are not required with regard to the project in itself, it is a benefit over and above any improvements that would be required for the development of the 48 single family homes based on the analysis that had been presented.

As I said, we are seeking a PDD and under your PDD ordinance, the town looks to PDD's to achieve various objectives. One of which is to increase the number of housing types. Obviously, cluster homes on carriage lots with this type of housing, is not something that you have traditionally. Normally, you have the half acre lots or so, 10,000 square foot, but the home sizes are less from 1,700 to 2,300 square feet. The homes however would be priced in the \$350,000 to \$400,000 range. They are not reducing the amenities within the home, it is just that the lot sizes are smaller and the amenities within the home are substantial.

They talk about in your PDD, varying lot sizes; obviously this is what we are proposing here. On your Code, it talks about having useable open space and recreational area; we are having more green space. It also talks about having recreational and common area amenities in this project. They also talk about an efficient use of land resulting in smaller network of utilities and roadways. As I

said, initially, with a 41 lot conventional subdivision, you would have 3,100 lineal feet of roads and this project, even though we have more lots, 48, we would have 2,500 linear feet of roadway, so that would ultimately be less roadway for the town to maintain, less sewer and water lines for the town to maintain than with a conventional subdivision. But at the same time, ultimately, revenues from a tax standpoint for the county and the town and for the school district would be comparable if not more with the 48 lots versus the 41 lots.

That is pretty much our presentation. Obviously, we are happy to answer any questions that the Board may have.

**Councilman Hotaling:** I have a couple. Under your cluster development and you are going to smaller lot sizes, what about the road size?

Donald Zee: The road size would be the same.

**Councilman Hotaling:** It would be standard?

Donald Zee: Yes.

**Councilman Hotaling:** OK. Are there sidewalks or anything throughout the development?

**Donald Zee:** No sidewalks. The reason why we don't see the necessity of sidewalks because these are all dead end roads so there isn't going to be through traffic.

**Councilman Hotaling:** Do you have any 2,300 square foot houses on this lot?

**Donald Zee:** Yes, as I said, in Brookfield Place there are homes of this nature and in Lake Ridge which is in the Town of Colonie, off of Route 155 going toward Shaker High School, there is an entire development of 80, 90 homes that is being built that are a variety of this type of home sizes.

**Councilman Hotaling:** As far as you drainage upgrades and culvert replacement, where did you come up with that idea?

**Donald Zee:** I will let Ivan who is the engineer speak about that because he specifically had discussions with your Highway Department

**Ivan Zdrahal:** Good Evening. My name is Ivan Zdrahal, the project engineer. I have contacted John Pingelski, the Highway Superintendent and we have view a couple

of areas where we have discussed that improvements are needed and that is what we have proposed.

**Councilman Hotaling:** The build out of the development, is it going to cause any drainage toward this area?

**Ivan Zdrahal:** The drainage from this project will follow existing drainage pipes.

**Councilman Hotaling:** Is it going to go toward this culvert?

Ivan Zdrahal: Yes

**Councilman Hotaling:** OK. So you are going to expand the drainage from the project and you are using it as a public benefit

**Ivan Zdrahal:** We are actually improving the drainage in that area and there is a sink hole next to the pavement that has nothing to do with the project. The sink hole is due to deteriorated pipe underneath, so we are repairing that. In the other area, there is an existing culvert which is beyond capability of repair and being repaired by the town, forces the size of the equipment that they have, it is a substandard size culvert which has been patched up in the past on several occasions and we agreed that we will replace that culvert.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I think the question to clarify is you have drainage amenities on site that is going to take all of your drainages. It is not going to flow off of your property. You have storm water or management basins to take care of your water.

**Ivan Zdrahal:** The storm water management will be prepared to comply with town requirements and DEC standards. We have to present and development a storm water management plan which would increase the rate of the flow.

**Donald Zee;** I think that the answer to your question is that the improvements that we are making are not required by reason of the proposed subdivision. Yes, as the Supervisor had asked, we will have storm water management systems on our property in addition to the culverts that are going to be improved. Under the storm water regulations, the flows that come off the property now ultimately flow to those drainage areas, but those drainage areas are deteriorated. They could still handle the existing flows that come there, but we foresee that there are going to be long term fixes that are going to be necessary. They are fixes that I believe the town

would have to make and we are proposing to do it now at our expense, even though it is not necessary.

**Councilman Hotaling:** Are you increasing the size of the pipe?

Ivan Zdrahal: That really hasn't been established yet.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I think with respect to the size of the pipe and all that, I think we can include that in our legislation that it has to be approved by the Highway Superintendent.

**Attorney Murphy:** There will be formal language that is in most of your PDD's whereby you have to abide by the recommendations set forth by the Highway Superintendent, the engineer and Planning, because Planning does the minutia's so to speak when it comes to appropriate storm water management.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I think the goal is that we don't want any more drainage on any other developments or anything like that. That is the key question here.

Donald Zee: Understood.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Any more questions from the Board? Any questions from the public?

**Herbert Hatter, 118 Klamsteam Road:** The Planning Board, they approved plans with my driveway as a fire entrance. That is about 300 foot frontage on the swamp side of his land which the water from the development will be coming down that way.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Could you point that out on this map where we are talking about just as a point of reference for us?

Herbert Hatter: Hatter Road

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I think what we can do is to set a public hearing to address that comment and to make sure that that is taken care of. See me after the meeting so we can address this and if the board wants, we will schedule a public hearing as well. Does the Board have any other questions?

**Councilman Hotaling:** I have one other one. This community recreation area, who is that going to be maintained by?

**Donald Zee:** A Homeowners Association of the residents, the 48 homeowners. In the past, we have worked with your council's office with drafting those homeowners association documents to make sure that everything that is required by the Town Board through the Planning Board process that this is included in the declaration.

Councilwoman Jordan: I have another question. I know that you are marketing this toward empty nesters, and when I read the Planning Board minutes, it seemed that there was some doubt by certain members of the public that why wouldn't it be a good starter home for somebody. I know your comeback was with the price of \$350,000 to \$400,000 and that did not seem like a first time house for somebody. So my question then is how many bedrooms are these smaller homes because that often times dictates who is going to live there.

**Donald Zee:** The majority of them are 2-3 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms with a den, 3 bedrooms. A lot of the times with seniors, they have the extra bedrooms because of the grandchildren, not the children, the grandchildren are there. We think that

these homes are desirable because a lot of people, who currently reside in the Town of Halfmoon, want to stay in the town because their children are now living in their own homes. They buy something newer and smaller which requires less maintenance, the lots are smaller, but they are near to their children and grandchildren and they have the extra spare bedroom. They have a spare room and they have a media room and that is why they have the ability to have 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Councilwoman Jordan: Thank you.

**Attorney Murphy:** I am sorry Supervisor. In recent times when this project has been up for public informational meeting or public hearing, they expanded the notification beyond what is legally necessary

**Superisor Tollisen:** It would be my recommendation to do what we have in the past that we do it again. Miss Jordan, do you want to amend that motion to include the expanded notice?

Councilwoman Jordan: I think that I need that expanded notice explained to me

Attorney Murphy: Legally, when you are doing a public hearing and you only have to give notice to the parcels that actually touch the parcel that is being developed, but in this case it is because of the nature of the project, they have done what is called an expaned notice. It notifies people who weren't required to be notified legally, but who they thought would have some interest in the developing of this parcel.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 231**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board set a Public Hearing with expanded notification for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm or as soon as the agenda allows for the Linden Village PDD.

# PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

**Joe Christopher, 96 Werner Road:** I was just wondering if this board was voting tonight on a resolution to amend the Krause PDD to all apartments.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I believe that it is moving forward. Yes.

Joe Christopher: I would just like to say that I asked a few questions at the last meeting about that amendment, and I had time to think about it and your answer to my question Mr. Tollisen, you say that the applicant was merely seeking a change in language for financing purposes. I believe that a change from privately owned condominiums to apartments is significant. I believe it changes the character of the project. You also pointed out that this project passed the first time with a negative recommendation from the Planning Board. Now it's earned two negative recommendations. Many residents like the Planning Board itself, were against this project when it consisted of privately owned properties. The Board, it looked a little different when it passed the first time, Mrs. Wormuth was Supervisor and the project passed and now it is back again, this time as apartments. I hope that you take this opportunity to vote it down. Thank you.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Mr. Christopher, what is your address for the record?

Joe Christopher: 96 Werner Road

Cindy Zodal, 35 Dunsbach Road: I want to second what he just said about Krause's and the apartments and the condos. I also want to reiterate what I said last meeting about the speed and the traffic at the end of Vischer Ferry and Dunsbach Road and whether there would be a light or a roundabout installed there to help with the flow of traffic.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I will tell you that on our agenda there is a request that a speed limit study be done at Dunsbach and Crescent Road. So that is going to go tonight. I have also been in contact with Senator Marchione's Office for a more global fix over there, so that will be in process. Yes, thank you for asking us to do this, it is on the agenda and we will be addressing that

Cindy Zodral: Thank you.

Stephanie Nolet, 3 Cambridge Avenue, Northwood Development, that was the fabulous State of Emergency this last weekend and flooded yet again today. I wanted to publically thank Supervisor Tollisen and I know John Pingelski as well came on their own volition and their own time, I believe that I heard that you actually brought your children to help with cleanup efforts, pizza and water. I am

also, with one of my neighbors help; have compiled a list of all of the area companies that donated food and goods, for the lack of a better word. The neighborhood has been phenomenal in rallying around these folks.

What I am concerned with though, today, it wasn't even just that area. Our neighborhood is prone to flooding regardless, but the other end of Dover, on the low end of Cambridge, total other end of the neighborhood and a lot closer to Linden Village, that road flooded. I mean, it receded quickly and I know that we got 2.5 inches of water in a very short amount of time, but that is half of the amount of water that we got last week when we had the much bigger issue. I am just very concerned about water drainage. We are not engineers, we are just residents. I know that you guys are not engineers either and I know that we have a town engineer for those purposes. I am wondering if there is some way that the town engineer could just kind of look at that whole area before anything else is built and figure out what is going on. Neighbors down on the other end of Manchester who have been there forever, said that on the night last weekend when the big flood happened, their storm drain was actually shooting up 2.5 to 3 feet for over an hour. Our garage flooded again today, we flood every time it rains heavy, and we are used to it. A little water in your garage that you can get up with a wet vac, is a lot different than feet of water in your home or your entire lawn being destroyed. I am sure that people saw in the news, Dana's kids ran a canoe in the middle of New Castle Road.

So, I guess that is really my main comment. The first and most important to me is obviously the thank you. But then for going forward, can we look at this, the whole area, the topography of it, how it works before we clear anything and take away vegetation that may slow the water runoff, which I don't, I just assume it does, and figure something out before things are changed even more.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** First of all, thank you for your comments. Thank your husband. I know that he was there working hard, so thank you to him, He's here and looks a lot cleaner than he did the other day. There were also a lot of volunteers that came and helped. I know that there was a teacher from Shatakon that came and some other people. I know that the community is great and we appreciate all of their efforts.

Secondly, I will tell you that this is heavy on my mind. Our engineer was onsite today at the flood and at our meetings this afternoon. After that, we are looking at the global drainage of that area through the town. We are looking at that very

seriously. We do believe that we are getting a significant amount of drainage and runoff from the Northway and so the issues that we have need to be addressed not only at the local level but at county and state as well. So, we are looking at that. There is no easy fix at least that I can see at this point. I am not an engineer and don't even pretend to be one. It is being looked at and there are other areas as well that are further on in the drainage chain that are getting hard hit as well. I know that there is a resident here from Ponderosa & Tupelo and other areas that have been hit. We are looking at all of that. So, thank you.

# Stephanie Nolet: Thanks.

Marianne Geleta, 128 Dunsbach Road: To kind of hitch on to what she was just saying, just before I came here tonight, I took some pictures. I am on Dunsbach where this culvert for Linden Village is being talked about replacing. The creek is right alongside of my house and my backyard always floods. It is to the point right now on the other side of the road, which is Kathy Kowski's Dad Paul Gregor's property, I have pictures of it on my phone, and it is pretty close to the road. So that whole side of the road right now is getting bigger and bigger and it is coming from Northwood. The other side of the culvert is my house and it is a raging river and it is blasting underneath the road right now. I have the culvert that is coming from Northwood and what happens is it comes over the road and my whole back and cellar gets flooded. We worry about the runoffs and all of the developments. It's really getting bad right now. I just figured that I would bring that up right now since we were talking about Northwood. I can show you the pictures after if you want. Thanks.

# Supervisor Tollisen: Thank you.

Pam Dorwin, 13E Tupelo Drive: I know that Kevin and John have been in contact with my neighbors who are all here. I have lived in my town house for 18 years. We flooded once, in December about 14 years ago. Water has come high in the past; it has never come into the house. This is an unprecedented event for us. Not only did it come in but I had 5 inches of water in my basement. It is a finished basement. It is my home office. It affects my business, my livelihood and it is completely unprecedented. We never had these problems before Marini did his development in Shebourne Hills or Ellsworth Landing, whatever that development is. We never had any of these problems. So my request would be for the town to take a serious look at the drainage. I have no idea what is going on, but something completely unprecedented has been happening. The water came up today but it stayed within

the embankment. Our backyards had water in them, but it didn't come into the house. So, I do not know what is going on, but something is drastically wrong. My neighbors are calling me and saying you have to come home right away because the stream is getting ready to crest the embankment. Drop everything, stop working and come home. So, please, what's happening? Does anybody know?

Supervisor Tollisen: Ma'am, I can tell you that we have looked at it. I have had the Planner out there; we have the engineers looking at it. The particular property behind your house is Homeowners Association owned. We are reaching out to them. Again, we need to look at this part of the drainage stream. We are looking at that. I was out there Saturday and I saw the sediment that was up to your houses and I know that it was in your houses. It is a real issue where you guys are at that part of Tupelo. The County is looking at it from a different perspective and we are hoping that this will be a better fix, a more immediate fix and looking at making some improvements in that area with the sewer district which will include some better drainage to that area. So, we are looking at it and certainly I can give you my card and we can talk some more about that, absolutely.

**Pam Dorwin:** It really is a concern. Like I said, I have lived there for 18 years and we got flooded once 14 or 15 years ago. We haven't had anything, Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Sandy and we had huge amounts of rain and it never came anywhere close to the houses. So, if you have a card, I would love to have it. Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: Yes. Thank you.

Scott Ramsey, 20 Ponderosa Drive: I live on the other side of the stream from Pamela. There definitely is a drainage issue, where the stream can't handle what's being poured into it, like from storm drains and all of the runoff. The way the stream goes, it all dumps into the stream, goes around the bend and then goes and straightens out. When a lot of rain happens at once, it rises and then it just goes over the bend and goes right through my backyard. It did today. I sent photographs to Mr. Tollisen. Last Wednesday, I wasn't home, but my tenants, it is a duplex that I own, if it rained one more inch, it would have gone into my basement. I have dogged a bullet twice this year, a handful of times last year and I have photographs from last year. But there is definitely a drainage issue and that stream can't handle that runoff. It is just coming in there and flooding my property and my backyard. I keep dogging bullets, but I am not going to dodge bullets forever. I looked into flood insurance, I don't qualify. So if something happens to my property, I have to pay out

of my pocket, not just one unit but two units as I own a duplex. I am sorry for my neighbors, they got flooded. Something needs to be done. You are saying that the HOA in Mapleridge Development off of Grooms Road, you are saying that they own the stream? I know that there is an easement

**Supervisor Tollisen:** That is what our understanding is that that is actually owned by the HOA, Yes.

**Scott Ramsey:** The whole stream that goes all the way down? Ok. I know that there is an easement because I take care of the easement

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Let the Highway Supervisor clarify that.

**John Pingelski, Highway Superintendent:** The area behind Tupelo and Ponderosa is owned by the HOA for a bit, and then the rest to Brookview is owned by Darrell Bell.

**Scott Ramsey:** Like the one lady said, I am not an engineer; I am just a resident and a concerned resident. Isn't there anything that can be done if the Association owns the stream or the property the stream runs through? The infrastructure you have for the storm drains pours into the stream. Obviously, it can't handle the capacity. Isn't there something like eminent domain where you step in and I know that you said that you are going to take care of things with the drainage, but it really needs to be addressed?

**Supervisor Tollisen:** I am not saying that we are passing the buck because the Home Owners Association owns it, what I am saying is we are looking at it and we will try and make every effort to remedy it. But I cannot promise it's going to be a quick fix or an easy fix

Scott Ramsey: No, I understand as long as it is being addressed

**Supervisor Tollisen:** We have to rely on our engineers and what they are telling us in order to make these fixes and that is definitely what we are doing. We appreciate you coming in and I appreciate you sending me that text to my phone. As soon as my battery gets charged, I will send it off to the Highway Superintendent and our engineers.

**Scott Ramsey:** Thank you for your time.

Supervisor Tollisen: Thank you.

John Lear, 4 Cambridge Avenue:, Northwood: I want to thank Mr. Tollisen and all of the Highway Department who showed up for the problem that we had down at the other end and our volunteers that helped out so much with the houses there. Some of the observations that I have had, and I have lived in other places in the world and I have seen new houses built. One place in Hawaii, they always said, "Well we will know where to put our drainage after we find out where the rain is." They always find out the hard way when house got flooded out and you have some manhole covers and things like that installed. One thing that I noticed, I heard Mr. Belmonte was going to put in a 3 foot pipe. I really don't think that is enough. We have elevated water shed in Northwood, it's on a plateau. Then you have the artificial dam called the Northway. The water doesn't end around then you have the runoff. So, we are going to increase about a factor of 1/3, this is a layman here, but someone who has dealt with weather, meteorology all of my life. I figure you are going to have a factor of about 1/3 extra water. You also have something in the atmosphere that has been going on for the last 10 or 20 years. The Earth has been slowly warming a little bit. I am not going to delve into that. We are extracting more water in the northeast; it's just a simple thing. So our storms seem to be a little bit more intense at times. So, basically when we build, we need to have over capacity now. That has got to be built into the system for the long term. I would like to say a 4 foot pipe would suffice or a redundant 2 pipes system or something like that or for at least one area in Northwood. The other half in Dover is terrible. We have that winter freeze thaw and because it is a swamp, the roads are falling apart there. It is saturated even in the best of times in the spring. This has been a terrible spring, obviously extended summer water wise. I do not know what the answer is, I know that we are going to get some money for the town which is good from the public benefit, but I just foresee so much money having to be spent here. I was thinking hundreds of thousands, maybe even a half a million to fix the water problem and that's just a layman's estimate. I just don't even know how you can solve it. That's my comments. I say reserve capacity, stick it to these engineers. Try to get them to understand that, grill them the next time. You want over capacity. You have to build it into the system. We can build the houses, we got to deal with the water. Thank you.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Thank you. I will tell you in the meeting this afternoon I had with Mr. Belmonte and his engineer, our engineer and our Highway Superintendent. I believe the existing culvert pipe is 24" there. The discussion was a 30" pipe. I do not know anything about culvert pipes, but that size, I was

surprised to hear, with an existing pipe from 24" to 30" that actually doubles the capacity of water that can be taken in by that pipe. So, just a 6" difference in pipe doubles the capacity. Looking at it long term, we felt that since we are doing it, we might as well make sure that not only do we do the 30" pipe but we do the 36" pipe. I am not saying that that is the fix forever, but I am relying on the advice that I am being given that this is adequate and will take care of that situation. I made it abundantly clear that the last thing that I want is that flooding to occur there again. Alright? So, thank you for your comments.

Dana Gould, 6 New Castle: one of the houses that was severely damaged last week and again today. I want to thank you Mr. Tollisen for everything that you have been doing for us over in the neighborhood and also John Pingelski. It has been wonderful BUT, that being said, how are you going to address the claims of the residents for everything that we have lost?

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Basically with respect, and I believe that we have gone through this; we have put our insurance company on notice for this. We have taken all of your information, the insurance carrier is reviewing the claims now and I do not know if we have any updated information from the insurance carrier. I know that there was a call, I was going to take it but I did not want to leave a meeting

**Attorney Murphy:** The carrier is reiterating that any additional losses that you have or as much itemization that you can provide to the town and we will provide it to them, would be helpful. They put it under an expedited review. The adjuster is actually being appointed tomorrow to start doing everything. So, you should start seeing someone in the neighborhood in the next couple of days.

**Dana Gould:** Being that I have two almost 13 year olds next month, my one child is highly allergic to mold and everything out there that is growing. Are we going to be waiting for months? I mean, I need to have a handle on this.

**Attorney Murphy:** I do not know the timeframe and I can't give you legal advice with regards as to how you should proceed, I get in trouble if I do that. But obviously, you have to do what is right for your family and your kids as quickly as possible and deal with the other issues later.

Dana Gould: OK

**Supervisor Tollisen:** We have made it abundantly clear to the carrier that we want responses now and as much information we will get, we will provide it to you. They go through their own process, so as much information that I have and we have given you what we have, we will continue to do. OK?

Dana Gould: Thank you.

**Peggy Straight:** I am part of the Tupelo building that got flooded out. What will be the timeline, I am curious, for the engineers to give us a report on their conclusion and also for the Homeowners Association that you are contacting. Because right now we have, as I have pointed out to John today, we have a lot of debris that came down from the creek that is blocking things. I mean, he even tried to get things out of it today. It is causing more of a problem, so I guess we would like to know what we are looking at because there is going to be more rain and more flooding.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Not to be vague but the timeline is, I am working on it as quickly as possible and as soon as I have answers, you will have answers. Everyone knows that this is an imminent problem and as soon as I have more information I will be relaying it to you, I promise. If in between, you are frustrated, you can call me, I will be happy to talk to you. I do not want to give you a timeline that I can't meet. But, it is an imminent situation and we are working on it. I do not mean to be vague but I can't tell you its tomorrow

**Peggy Straight:** Can we have a copy of the letter that you sent to the Association so that we know when you started the process?

Supervisor Tollisen: Yes

Peggy Straight: OK, thank you.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of June

1. Town Justice Wormuth

Total # Cases – 231 Total Fees submitted to the Supervisor - \$26,713

2. Town Justice Suchocki

Total # Cases - 276 Total Fees submitted to the Supervisor - \$28,833

3. Senior Express

Total # Riders – 289 Total # Meals - 503

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Sign Application for Prudential, 21 Executive Drive, for Change of Tenant/Use Applications for Cutting Edge Barber Shop, 1602 Route 9 and for Dental Care Services, 1407 Route 9, for a Change of Use/Tenant and Sign Application for Capitaland Services/Capital Roof Coating, 457 Route 146, for Site Plan Approvals for Verizon Wireless for Co-Location at the existing Telecommunications Facility, Elizabeth Street Extension and for Verizon Wireless for Co-Location at the existing Telecommunications Facility, 7 Vosburgh Road, for an addition to Site Plan Approval for VRS Fire Equipment, 183 Ushers Road, for Approval of Anna's Place Lot #20 & Lot # 13 Minor Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment, 13 Kelly Lane, and for Final Approval for the Addition to Site Plan for Oak Brook Commons LLC, Planned Development District.

Received & Filed

**2. Received** from the concerned citizens of Rolling Hills Estates, a letter and signatures that have been obtained to date on their petition in opposition of the proposed Asphalt Batch Plant.

Received & Filed

- 3. Received from several residents of Rolling Hills Estates, letters stating their opposition of the proposed New Castle Asphalt, LLC plant on Liebich Lane.

  Received & Filed
- **4.** Received from the Clifton Park Halfmoon Fire District #1 their Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Received & Filed
- 5. Received from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, the report for the month of May, 2014 for the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Patrols and the Halfmoon Patrols. *Received & Filed*
- **6. Received** from the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library a letter stating that at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting, they voted unanimously to support the refunding of the Series 2005 Bond for the Town of Halfmoon portion of the Library debt.

Received & Filed

7. **Received** from the Town Supervisor, Notice of a State of Emergency declared due to major flooding on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The affected area is Northwood Development and Woodin Road south of Grooms Road.

Received & Filed

**8.** Received from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, notification of their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on July 12 from 1-5 at the Town of Colonie Landfill. A donation will be made for every pound of waste that is accepted to benefit the Humane Society.

Received & Filed

- 9. Received from the Halfmoon Waterford Fire District #1 their Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Received & Filed
- **10. Received** from the West Crescent Fire District, their Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Received & Filed

11. Received from the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Public Library, a letter stating that ALL residents of Halfmoon, whether or not they live in the library tax district, will be able to borrow items from feature films, TV series collections and any New & Popular books that were previously restricted.

Received & Filed

12. Received from the Summer Feeding Program Snack Drive, a drop box located by the Town Clerk's Office for snack donations to supplement children's lunches. They will be collecting from June 26th through August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Received & Filed

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 232**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid Vouchers numbered

1182 through 1291, as detailed.

# ========== FUND TOTALS ===========

10 GENERAL FUND	\$97,829.32
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$28,304.40
25 SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,109.16
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$131,542.91
35 MISC. CAPITAL FUNDS	\$27,852.59
ABSTRACT TOTAL:	\$287,638.38

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 233**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, June 18, 2014, as presented.

## POLL OF THE BOARD:

Councilwoman Jordan: Abstain
Councilman Hotaling: Aye
Councilman Wasielewski: Aye
Supervisor Tollisen: Aye

# **RESOLUTION NO. 234**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board approves the Halfmoon Village & Yacht Club PDD amendment for 244 residential condominium or apartment units, as submitted.

# POLL OF THE BOARD:

Councilwoman Jordan: Aye Councilman Hotaling: Aye Councilman Wasielewski: Aye Supervisor Tollisen: Aye

**Councilman Wasielewski:** All we are changing is the word apartments, correct, one final time?

**Supervisor Tollisen:** With respect to the change that is requested that the Board is acting on tonight, is only for the existing PDD that was approved, it only changes the word or apartment.

Councilman Wasielewski: Just to be abundantly clear.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** There are no other changes at all.

**Attorney Murphy:** The only other, because you are being so specific, it talked about condominium homeowners association and I said a condominium homeowners association OR the owner of the apartment building will be responsible. So those are the only changes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 235**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the renewal of Mobile Home Park licenses for the 2014-2015 licensing year per inspection and approval of the Director of Code Enforcement as follows: Midway Mobile Home Park, Martindale Mobile Home Park, Gregoire Mobile Home Park, Hollner Mobile Home Park, Springbrook Mobile Home Park, D&R Mobile Home Park, and Rome Mobile Home Park.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 236**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a one year service agreement with Hach Company for testing equipment at the Water Treatment Plant, in the not to exceed amount of \$5,659.12, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 237**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Summer Youth Employment Program 2014 Worksite Agreement, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 238**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the revised Refunding Bond Resolution and revised Refunding Plan of approximately (I)\$630,000 1984 USDA Rural Development Serial Bonds, (II) \$266,148 1996 USDA Rural Development Serial Bonds, (III) \$2,780,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2005 of the Town and (IV) \$3,640,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds – 2006 of the Town, stating the plan of the Refunding, appropriating a maximum aggregate amount of \$7,750,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of a maximum \$7,750,000 refunding serial bonds-2014 to finance said appropriation and the costs related thereto, and making certain determinations all relative thereto.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Again, this is a refunding of bonds for existing debt. It is expected to save the town approximately \$600,000 in payments and part of this is the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Library bonding. Even though it's part of the Library district debt, the Town of Halfmoon actually has to do it on our side of it. The approximately savings is \$600,000 and in my mind is well worth doing the refinance.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 239**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to make a joint application with Supervisor Barrett of Clifton Park for a turn arrow at the traffic light at the Intersection of Route 9 & Farm to Market Road & Kinns Road.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Again, this is part of our ongoing effort on the town to address some traffic issues and Supervisor Barrett and I have had numerous conversations

about this area of our towns, Route 9 being the common core. On Farm to Market, if you live use that area, it is common at peak times to stack up pretty good. So, we are looking for the state to come in and review it and hopefully give us some assistance with some turning arrows and/or turning lanes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 240**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes a speed limit study be performed to reduce the speed limit at Dunsbach and Crescent Roads.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** This request from a resident and although this is a first step in the process. Again, there will be more significant steps taken with the Senator's Office. I was going to meet with one of the Senator's Aide's today, unfortunately an emergency took over so it will be next week that we will be meeting and hopefully will have more things to bring forward.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 241**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement and sign any and all documents with Solar City for placement of solar panels on Town property which will save the Town significant electricity costs, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** With respect to this, what the Town Board is looking to do is to actually put some solar panels on property owned by the town down by the water treatment facility. We have done a lot of research on this and the proposed savings to the town just on the first year alone is \$170,000 in utility bills. Over a twenty year period, the projection is over \$4,000,000 in savings to the town. To me, this again, was a no brainer. We are looking for ways to cut costs and save and this is a significant savings. It is not an actual check that the town would receive, it is an actual reduction in our utility bills once this happens.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 242**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes renewing the Professional Services Contract with GCS, General Control Service, for (1) year, in the not to exceed contract amount of \$9,995.00, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney

## **RESOLUTION NO. 243**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorize the Town to renew membership with the New York State Town Clerk's Association for the 2014-15 annual membership amount of \$75.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 244**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes appointing Paul Hotaling as Permanent Deputy Supervisor and include the salary prorated through year end for \$1.349.00.

#### POLL OF THE BOARD:

Councilwoman Jordan: Aye Councilman Hotaling: Abstain Councilman Wasielewski: Aye Supervisor Tollisen: Aye

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 245**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board set a Public Hearing for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm or as soon as the agenda allows, for the new sign ordinances amendments. 165-48 Sign Definitions

N. A-Frame signs – A self-supporting, portable sign with one or two faces that are adjoined at the top and displayed at an angle, which is not permanently anchored or secured and designed to be placed upon a private sidewalk, plaza or other area where pedestrians walk or gather. The signs shall be constructed of durable, weather resistant materials such as wood, steel, chalk board, white board,

aluminum and PVC. The use of cardboard, paper, fabric and non-rigid materials is prohibited. The signs shall not be illuminated or reflective. Construction of the sign shall be of professional quality.

# 165-49 Permitted Signs

(11) A-Frame signs: provided they are no larger than three (3) feet tall and two (2) feet wide.

No sign shall be placed in such a manner as to obstruct the entrance or exit from the building or the pedestrian use of the sidewalk. Signs shall not block or interfere with ADA accessibility nor restrict pedestrian movement. Sign shall be displayed during advertising entity's business hours only. Signs shall be brought indoors at the close of business each day.

# 165-50 General Regulations

D. No rotating, projecting or animated sign shall be permitted. LED signs that change content every ten (10) minutes shall not constitute a violation of this section so long as there is no animation/movement other than the content change.

M. (*shall be omitted*) Mobile, portable or any vehicle mounted signs are not permitted in any district, except as otherwise permitted herein.

# 160-52.7 Replacement Signs

A replacement sign for a previously-approved sign and tenant and which is similar in size, location, height and any other requirements of this chapter shall not require review and approval by the Planning Board. To replace signs in an existing business, an application for a building permit must be filed in conformance with this chapter.

**Attorney Murphy:** It is my understanding that this time; the board is also declaring themselves lead agency pursuant to SEQRA so they would be sending out the lead agency notices

**Councilwoman Jordan:** These are the ordinances that I spoke about earlier from the Business and Economic Development Committee and I believe that we have copies on that upfront here if you would like to take them.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 246**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon waive the fees associated with the use of the Town property to access the docks for the West Crescent Fire District for 2014.

**WHEREAS**, the West Crescent Fire District serves the residents of our community by providing fire protection, prevention, rescue and emergency medical services for those in need including water rescue services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes not only the importance of the services provided by the West Crescent Fire District, but also the necessity and benefit of reducing the costs associated with those services; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Crescent Fire District utilizes a dock on the Mohawk River to provide water rescue services; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee associated with the use of the property to access the docks by the Town is currently sixty dollars (\$62.00);

NOW, it is hereby

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby waives the fees associated with the use of the Town property to access the docks for the West Crescent Fire District for 2014.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 247**

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

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the attached Transfer between Appropriations and 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 \$2.109.16

Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home &

Community Services \$2,109.16

Credit: Appropriations 25-960 \$2,109.16

Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering
Contractors Inspections \$2,109.16

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

NAME	AMOUNT
Krauses PDD	\$536.00
Stone Crest Ph III (Barbera)	198.16
Jack Byrne Ford	259.00
Exit 8 Senior Housing	450.00
Sheldon Hills Ph III	450.00
Dahoda Subd (Sandy Rock)	216.00
Total	\$2,109.16

Transfers between Appropriations

Tanelere between Appropriations					
From	To Account	Amount	Reason		
Account					
10-5-1355.10	10-5-1356.10	\$455	To cover expenses within		
Assessor	Assessment Bd of	of	own budget		
Personal Services	Review-Pers Serv				

A resolution is necessary to close out the Champlain Canal Trail Construction Project grant from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Money left over will be returned to General Fund.

DEBIT: Appropriations 35-960 \$250,000.

Subsidiary: Parks - Capital Outlay

Culture & Recreation 35-5-7150.25 - \$250,000

CREDIT: Estimated Revenues 35-510 \$250,000

Subsidiary:

**Culture & Recreation Capital Grants** 

35-4-4889 - \$200,000

Interfund Transfers 35-4-5031 - \$50,000

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Transfers between Appropriations

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1355.10	10-5-1356.10	\$455	To cover expenses within
Assessor	Assessment Bd of		own budget
Personal Services	Review-Pers Serv		_

A resolution is necessary to close out the Champlain Canal Trail Construction Project grant from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Money left over will be returned to General Fund.

DEBIT: Appropriations 35-960 \$250,000.

Subsidiary: Parks – Capital Outlay

Culture & Recreation 35-5-7150.25 - \$250,000

CREDIT: Estimated Revenues 35-510 \$250,000

Subsidiary:

Culture & Recreation Capital Grants

35-4-4889 - \$200,000

Interfund Transfers 35-4-5031 - \$50,000

A resolution is necessary to close out the Brookwood Road Project. Project was funded by Federal, State and General Fund Money. Money left over was used to toward debt payments.

DEBIT: Appropriations 35-960 \$3,700,000.

Subsidiary:

Highway Improvements 35-5-5112.21 - \$3,700,000

CREDIT: Estimated Revenues 35-510 \$3,700,000

Subsidiary:

Transportation Fed Grant 35-4-4589 - \$1,052,800
Transportation State Grant 35-4-3589 - \$246,750
Serial Bonds 35-4-5710 - \$2,400,450

A resolution is necessary to create additional appropriations within the Water Fund 2014 Adopted Budget. The purpose of this creation is to provide adequate budgetary appropriations thru December 31, 2014 for the legal fees due to the EPA dredging in the Hudson River.

DEBIT: Appropriated Fund Balance 30-599 \$250,000

CREDIT: Appropriations 30-960 \$250,000

Subsidiary: Administration-Contractual Legal Fees – 30-5-8310.42-\$250,000

# **PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)**

Councilman Wasielewski: Mr. Supervisor, I would like to make a resolution.

Supervisor Tollisen: OK

Councilman Wasielewski: Pursuant to the announcements that were made at the first board meeting of January this year and numerous Town Board meetings thereafter. We have had three candidates come before us to interview for four positions on the Ethics Committee. Yourself and I have interviewed all three of the candidates and at this time I would like to make a resolution to appoint Kevin Getnick, Carrie Payton and Deanna Stephenson to the three available positions on the Town Ethics Committee.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Is there a second?

Councilwoman Jordan: I do have discussion on that

**Supervisor Tollisen:** We need a second first, otherwise there is no discussion. Is there a second? (Hearing nothing) Alright, that is tabled for now. Miss Jordan, you wish to make a comment now?

Councilwoman Jordan: It is held up and it is because I had requested to interview the candidates as well. I believe that all candidates must be objective and politically motivated. I feel that is important to the position on the Ethics Committee. So I wanted to make sure in interviewing the candidates that have applied that they indeed are objective and not politically motivated in perusing this position. I had given my availability schedule after the last meeting and I guess nothing has been set up yet, but I am eager to interview the candidates with Mr. Hotaling, who did not have the benefit of interviewing either.

Councilman Wasielewski: Mr. Supervisor, as Chairman of that committee, the bylaws of that committee state that any vacancy should be filled within 90 days of such vacancy. That vacancy occurred in November of 2013. The announcements were made promptly in the first board meeting of January of this year. It is now the first board meeting in July. I feel my duty as Chairman of that committee is to put forth that motion tonight.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** OK. Mr. Hotaling, do you wish to be heard? As far as I am concerned with respect to this Mr. Wasielewski, you and I did interview and I do agree that there are three qualified candidates. However, I based upon the issues with respect to flooding and loss of our Deputy Supervisor, I will agree to allow this to go one more meeting and at that point I would then move your motion. That would be my personal opinion. Does anyone else on the board wish to be heard? (Hearing nothing) Alright.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)**

Deanna Stephenson, 7 Cindy Lane: First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Tollisen and Mr. Wasielewski, for taking the time, numerous amounts of times, to interview the candidates for this Ethics Committee. I will say, and thank you Mr. Hotaling, Councilman Hotaling for your side comments as well along the way. I would like to say, and would like to comment tonight, I would like when I sit down again to be interviewed I meet a fair playing field. That means Councilman Hotaling, I appreciate that, Miss Jordan, I am not quite sure that I am going to get that fair shot, but I am going to put it on the table. I am going to make an open comment tonight; I have done all good things for this Town of Halfmoon thus far, not just sitting on this side of the dais. So, therefore I will look forward to a fair playing field sitting in that room and being interviewed with you.

Councilwoman Jordan: I can tell you, I am always fair in my decisions, but I do not like to make decisions when I don't know all of the facts. Having never spoken to you, I feel that I don't know you and that's why I would like to interview you. I only know what I have read in the newspaper in the last four or so years and it doesn't show me that you are absolutely an objective person and that you are not politically motivated, which I believe are qualities that someone on the Ethics Committee must have. I didn't name you before, but you stood up and spoke. So, I do look forward to interviewing you and getting to know you in the interview.

Supervisor Tollisen: Anyone else? Yes, sir.

Larry Koniowka, 15 New Castle Road: Thanks for everything that you are doing for Northwood. I wasn't going to speak today, but this Ethics Committee thing, this town has two parties and many different people. Whether she tried to run for a seat, tried to run for anything, I did not even know she was going for the Ethics

Committee. We need by-partisanship throughout the whole entire world, let's start with this town. Thank you.

**Supervisor Tollisen:** Thank you for your comments. I look at it a little bit differently. I look at it in a local town, its non-partisan. We are all a community together and that is what we have seen this week, people coming together. That's what it is all about. So, thank you for your comments.

John Lear, 4 Cambridge Avenue: I have one more comment. I notice that we are addressing the light on Farm to Market and Route 9, excellent. Also, I have to go there quite often. The Farm to Market Road itself, there is a lot of entrances that are rather oblique, very difficult, telephone poles that are so easy to hit. It has to be one of the most dangerous roads in the state. I imagine it has been evaluated that way. I think the next thing is those poles. Some of them have to go. They have to be on the other side, buried, I do not know. Some of those roads, I just don't know why they are built that way. It is an accident ready to happen. It's a death trap road. I just wish that you could look into it a little bit more. I would like to see the speed limit is 40, 45 max. I know it is rated 45 right now.

Another comment that I had on the roads, is Vischer Ferry Road. I am glad to see that you are addressing the speed limit there. Coming up from Dunsbach towards the Northway, we need to max the 30 mph, which is on the other side of the Northway in Clifton Park. It makes a lot of sense. I am glad that the board is addressing that. I just wanted to make those comments on Farm to Market Road being so dangerous. I have to go there quite often. The lights are a good improvement that I see coming. If we get the road a little bit better it would be even better. Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: Thank you.

Stephanie Nolet, 3 Cambridge Road: I also was not going to get up again, but with the Ethics Committee, being politically motivated or not being politically motivated, I would want us to have people who are ethically motivated on this particular committee. I do not know that political motivation should have anything to do with it, especially in this situation where we know that we are speaking about Deanna, that who is politically motivated for a seat on the board, and then I would think that she would want to make sure that everything was being done ethically. It's been a long time since we have had an Ethic's Committee in the town. I think that with everything that the town has gone through in the last year or two, I think that we need one. So, I appreciate it if we can get it resolved next time because I know it has been coming for a while.

Supervisor Tollisen: Thank you.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Wasielewski and seconded by Councilwoman Jordan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk