

The March 07, 2012 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:00 pm in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:

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

Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney - Excused

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

7:00 pm - Open Bids – Truck Diesel Fuel

The Clerk opened the following bid received for Truck Diesel Fuel from G.A. Bove Fuels, 76 Railroad St. Mechanicville, NY:

BID PRICE: Truck Diesel Fuel - \$3.3475 Plus Differential - \$.1750

The Supervisor referred the Bid to the Highway Superintendent and Councilman Polak for review and recommendation back to the Board.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilman Polak: Asked for a report from John Pingelski, the Highway Superintendent. We have had a lean snow year. The public has asked, “What are the Highway guys doing?” I have toured the town and seen the projects and the extra things that John and the guys are doing.

John Pingelski, Highway Superintendent: Some of the things that we have been working on are Stop Sign replacements. There are a lot of dead trees that we have been taking down. With the purchase a few years ago of our own bucket truck, we have even been able to go through live trees and cut the dead stuff off by the road that may break off and land in the road or into a car. We have been marking culvert ends, discharge ends, if there ever is an issue, beach ball or something gets in front of the culvert and the water builds up, and there is three feet of water over the top of the culvert, we know that to the right of every culvert there is a marker and know exactly where that would be. We have also started our roadside garbage earlier than usual. In the past couple of weeks we have picked up 276 bags of garbage throughout the town. Cracked sealing started much sooner, as part of our prevention program, which will free up our time when the spring comes. One of the biggest things is our detention areas, which hold water. One of the things we found is when the pipes are discharging into them, they are actually covered over with silt. Now that the frost has come out of the ground, we have gotten into these areas and cleaned them out and the water can disperse freely like they should. Those areas are Pine Lane, Stage Run, Stage Run Plantation, Kings Brook and Enterprise Drive. Within the next week we will start servicing the mowers and getting them ready for the spring. We also have our spring cleanup coming and is on the website, both Highway and Transfer. April 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, and 21st. The paper-shredding day will be May 5th from 9-11 at the Highway garage. The Hazardless Waste Day is going to be September 8th. Registration will not start until sometime in June.

Supervisor Wormuth asked if John had any idea of costs on that yet

Mr. Pingelski said that he did not. We have saved a lot of money in salt, but also we have been out 19 times this winter, and just keep in mind that it takes as much salt to melt a dusting of snow as it does 4 inches. There is still a savings there. If the Board or the public ever has any questions, please call the office.

Supervisor Wormuth thanked John and said that her office routinely does get a lot of calls with residents saying that they are very happy with the work that you guys are doing and are satisfied. The roads look as good as they ever have. You can definitely tell a difference when you cross over the bridges into another county. You guys do a wonderful job and we certainly do appreciate it, both the Board and the residents in town.

Councilman Polak said that John certainly does have a great crew over there. It is unbelievable that the things that they do in the shop, actually building some have their own equipment to make it easier. There are several things that they do that the public is not aware of because they are not in the facility. John, you have a great crew and it is because of your great leadership. I want to thank you for that.

I want to also thank Lindsay in our Building Department; she's in charge of all our storm water management in the town. She is also out on the sites with John on the water flows and controls and what he had to do out there. She has to report on any materials that are going to be taken out of those storm water areas. It has to be reported to DEC. I want to thank her for her extra time and effort.

I am proud to announce that Saturday morning I will be attending another Eagle Scout Ceremony for a Halfmoon Scout, Seren Lambertson III. His Dad is an employee of our Highway Department. It is another Eagle Scout from Halfmoon. I will represent the Town and the Board with the Proclamation and read it to him at the Eagle Ceremony. I will ask him to join us at a meeting so that we can present it to him in front of his own residents.

Supervisor Wormuth asked John to please pass on the Best Wishes from the Town Board to Mike Hickok and his wife Andre on the birth of their second son. Congratulations, we are very happy for him.

Councilman Polak finished by saying that if anyone wishes to attend the Eagle Ceremony, it is Saturday morning at 11:00 at the Holy Trinity Parish center on Simmons Ave. in Cohoes.

Councilman Hotaling also wanted to thank the Highway Department, I have seen them out there working hard and they have gotten a lot of stuff cleaned up already. I have seen the water guys out fixing hydrants and maintenance. Also the Parks guys have done a real nice job cleaning up already and stepped up to the plate.

The Halfmoon Historical Society has done a nice display in the cases; so as you leave tonight, please check out the displays. We are very lucky; we have a lot of people in town who add to the display. The display is on Farm kitchens, both before and after electricity. It's pretty neat to see some of the old items that were used over the years.

On Saturday May 19th, at the Historical Society, next to the Senior Center, they will be hosting an Open House. They have a quilt that was made by the Halfmoon Home Bureau in 1937 with 600 names on it. It was a fundraiser, and you paid 10 cents to have your name put on the quilt. It really is a work of art and will be on display at the Open House between 1:00 – 4:00, please stop by.

Councilman Hayner stated that the Halfmoon Trails Committee would meet at Town Hall Monday at 7:00 pm. They are always looking for additional people to join in so if you have a desire, please consider coming in on Monday night.

The Ethics Committee will meet next on, Thursday, March 15th. I would like to thank Lisa Perry for her work on the Towns Website, which makes it easier for people to navigate through and learn more about what the Ethics Committee is doing and the Summary of the meeting notes. I encourage people to check it out.

The Parks Department has worked along with the Town Board, for a Memorial Parks Bench Program. It is an opportunity for people if they wish to spend \$300.00, they can have a name put on a plaque on a bench in the New Town Park. Hopefully we will get enough applications and then be able to go to another area.

Supervisor Wormuth said that if there is an area that you like that is not marked on the map, to please feel free to come and speak to me and we will work with the parks Department to have that happen. We have them spread around the park where people have requested them, but there is certainly room for more and we are willing to accommodate anyone's wishes. Although we set it up initially by request as a memorial bench, it can also be a bench that a family wishes to donate and be part of the park.

Councilman Hayner stated that the Clerk's Office already had them out.

Madam Clerk stated that they are at the Clerk's Office along with a map showing the suggested spots, so as people do reserve them, we are marking them off the map so you do not get disappointed when you do fill out your application.

Councilman Polak said that they do a great job in the Parks, especially one of the bridges that loosened up due to the flooding and removing trees, brush, and garbage all over. They worked weeks down there cleaning it up. It really is an early start with the weather that we have been having. I can't thank them enough, PJ and I had a meeting with another potential Eagle Scout, and he is going to work with PJ on his Eagle project. So not only do they do their job, but they also assist the youth in the community. I think that speaks well with the group that they have over there.

Supervisor Wormuth said that they started with the New Town Park on Route 236, but there are certainly other areas where park benches can be placed. If there is something a little closer to where you live and would like to see benches, we would take those into consideration.

Madam Clerk mentioned the news at the Senior Center from their monthly meeting that was held today. They announced that this Monday they would be hosting a book discussion for the Two Towns One Book for The Book Thief at 12:30. On March 21st, they will have a Free Concert along with the Celebrations Committee. That will be featuring Bobby Dick playing all of the Oldies, the doors open at 6:00 pm. March 24th, Saturday from 9:00 – 2:00, they will be having their Spring Bazaar. They hold this twice a year as a big fundraiser for the seniors, and they welcome everybody to attend.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of agenda topics)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of February

1. **Town Justice Tollisen**
Total # Cases – 315 Total Fees Submitted to Supervisor \$34,690
2. **Town Justice Wormuth**
Total # Cases – 311 Total Fees Submitted to Supervisor \$36,845
3. **Town Clerk – Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$6,855.41**

4. **Senior Express Dispatch**
Total # Riders – 305 Total # Meals - 307

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Sign Application for AAA Car Care Center located at 1647 Route 9, and for Country Drive-In located at 1455 Vischer Ferry Road, Change of Use at Home Depot, 4 Halfmoon Crossing Blvd., and for Lana's Beauty Boutique at Crescent Commons Plaza, 1471 Route 9, and regarding Preliminary Layout of the Fairway Meadows Phase III Residential Subdivision

Received, Filed & Print

2. **Received** from US Army Corps of Engineers, copy of a letter to Richard Ambuske at the NYS DOT – Region 1, acknowledging the permit application requesting authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States for the stabilization of a slope along I-87 in Halfmoon.

Received & Filed

3. **Received** from US Army Corps of Engineers, copy of a letter to Amy DiModugno denying her request to extend the deadline for the restoration plan.

Received & Filed

4. **Received** from State of New York, Department of Agriculture & Markets, their Dog Control Officer Report completed on February 17, 2012 rated Satisfactory.

Received, Filed, Print & Copy for the Board

5. **Received** from Stewart's Shop #127, their alteration application form for the building change on their liquor license.

Received, Filed, & Print

6. **Received** from Carol Hotaling, The Yellow Ribbon Lady, announcing that April 9th is Yellow Ribbon Day in New York State with a Celebration at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks on April 13th at 11:00 am.

Received & Filed

7. **Received** from Paul McLoughlin, a concerned resident, stating a need for a traffic light on Route 146, in front of D&R Village

Received, Filed, Print & forward to Joe Ritchey Saratoga County DOT

8. **Received** for Hemingway at Halfmoon, LLC, 4 Liebich Lane, a copy of the Payment in Lieu of Tax agreement.

Received, Filed & Print

Supervisor Wormuth wanted to add that if anybody wanted to attend the Yellow Ribbon Ceremony, at the Wilton Elks, it really is quite an event honoring our young men and women. It is a wonderful opportunity if you are able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 52

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes holding a Public Hearing for the Crescent Village & Yacht Club for April 4th at 7:00 pm, for the proposed PDD legislation.

Councilman Hayner stated that the applicant submitted updated PDD legislation. I would ask that the Town Clerk keep it on file and also put it on the Town website.

Supervisor Wormuth said that will be available at the Town Clerk's Office and on the website if anybody is interested in it. If you have any questions you can ask at the meeting, and if you cannot attend, you can submit questions to the Supervisor's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and order paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated March 07, 2012 totaling \$595,730.31.

RESOLUTION NO. 54

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of February 15, 2012, the January 30, 2012, Public Workshop for the Halfmoon Village & Yacht Club, and the February 16, 2012 Public Meeting for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, as presented.

Councilman Hotaling said that he would like to thank this Board for the workshop for the Railroad, because there have been improvements.

Supervisor Wormuth said that they continue to work with both the Railroad and the residents. I know that some of the residents have expressed getting some relief and we are hoping to continue to move forward with the Railroad and they have been cooperative. We hope to continue with that process. They are only geared up to about halfway to where they expect to be. We are look to be as compatible as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 55

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves a proposal from the Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co., LLP, CPA's to provide annual audit and consulting services to the Town in their estimated amount of \$19,500.00 for auditing financial statements; \$2,800.00 for Justice Court report; hourly rates for accounting and consultations subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney and authorize Supervisor to execute.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this is the firm that we use for several years. They come and go through all of our books. We are required to do certain audits based on Federal dollars that we receive, wither it be FEMA money as well as a court audit. This is pretty much standard procedure.

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign contract with James Corsaro for the completion of the work on the 2011-2012 Local Government

Records Management Improvement Fund of the New York State Archives upon review and approval of Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 57

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to file an application for financial assistance from the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund of the New York State Archives, to advance the Town of Halfmoon records management and to act on behalf of the Town Board of the town Board in all matters related to this financial assistance and to certify the information contained in the application.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this allows us to apply for another grant. We have been successful in the past. It worked with our archiving and laserfische program in the Town Clerk's Office. It is their roll in managing that. We have been very happy with that, and are pleased with our grant department and grant writer who has been so successful so far.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board amends resolution # 2012-10 to read Scott Brennan instead of Allan Tedrow for the position on the Zoning Board.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this was a typo from our Organizational Minutes. Scott Brennan was the Board Member who was up and to decide to stay on the Zoning Board, the recommendation from the Chair of the Zoning Board was to keep him on the Board, and we agreed with him. When it got typed into the Organizational Minutes, it was typed as the resolution from the previous year, which included Allan Tedrow, who was appointed at that point. Scott has been serving and it was always the intent of the Board to have him continue to serve, it was just mistyped, as I understand it, Madam Clerk?

Madam Clerk said correct

RESOLUTION NO. 59

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Clough Harbour & Associates for Professional Engineering Services; 2012 Consolidated Water District Extension

RESOLUTION NO. 60

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes \$800 stipend for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon VFW Post #1498 for the year 2012.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this money is used to utilize to decorate the cemeteries as well as the work that gets done at the VFW Post for our deceased veterans.

RESOLUTION NO. 61

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town to provide Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition with financial support in the amount of \$600 for 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 62

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints the following employees as seasonal laborers for 2012 at their hourly rate of pay: Jacob Brooks- \$8.25; John Wojtowicz- \$8.31; Dustyn Barnum, Brandon Brooks, Jacob Cardinale, Matthew Coughlin, Mark Davin, Cody Miller, Ted Simmons- \$8.48 Frank Brammer, Jr. and Joe Novojosky- \$8.89, effective immediately.

Councilman Wasielewski asked why the difference in the pay rates.

Supervisor Wormuth answered that it is a 2% increase over last year, which is what we did for our employees. So it depends on how long they have been here. Some of them moved from our beautification program. Even though it seems that we are bringing them back earlier this year, it will allow them to work over the winter break and getting geared up doing some of the park work and things that we can do based on the weather.

RESOLUTION NO. 63

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to consent to the City of Mechanicville acting as SEQR lead agency for the South Street Reconstruction Project, per review and approval of the Town Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 64

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Linda Daley to fill the vacancy created on the Ethics Committee effective immediately.

Councilman Hayner stated that the Town is very fortunate as a Town Board and as a Town; to have 5 diverse people apply to fill this vacancy. Linda is here tonight (he asked Linda to stand), we chose Linda because she has a tremendous amount of experience with Human Resources, she has also taught Ethic courses on line as well as at Mildred Elly. She is able, basically able to hit the ground running. We are really fortunate that you applied and we are very fortunate with everyone that applied. It gives us a great opportunity for each person to continue to be involved.

Councilman Polak reiterated Mr. Hayner's comments saying that we are very fortunate to have great people, but also people that want to work on such a delicate job. Linda certainly does have a lot of great credentials, she is going to be an asset to the committee, and she better rollup her sleeves because now they are starting to put in all of these statistics together and work on them to come to a finalization of the rules and regulations for the Ethics Committee. It was great to serve with Craig

on the interviews. Scott also served with us and it was a pleasure to listen to everyone. It was a tough choice, but one that we felt was in the right direction.

Councilman Hayner stated that he had a packet of information for Linda, and what a great asset she will be. He told everyone the comment that Linda said when Craig called her, “You were never so excited to work so hard for free!”

Supervisor Wormuth thanked her and welcomed Linda.

RESOLUTION NO. 65

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Supervisor’s Report for the month of December 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 66

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Patricia Temple for accounting services related to the Annual Report in the amount not to exceed \$1,400.

RESOLUTION NO. 67

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorized the Town Board to enter into a Stipulation Agreement with Transport International Pool, Inc. SBL # 272.-2-63 reduced assessment from \$1,182,600 to \$960,000 for tax year 2010, and \$992,000 for tax year 2011 and authorize Cathy L. Drobney to execute agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 68

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board to establish SEQR Lead Agency status for the Historic Preservation of the McDonald Creek Stone Arch Culvert and Waste Water Weir project funded through the Environmental Protection Fund and administered NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and funded by 2011 Canal way Grant Program and administered by New York State Canal Corporation.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this was several grants combined that the Grant Office and the town Board have worked on for many years along with the Historical Society. This goes back to an idea that Jim Bold had, and to finally see this come to fruition, is a happy day for all of us.

RESOLUTION NO. 69

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes holding a Public Hearing to re-zone property west of 325 Route 146, from residential to commercial on March 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Wasielewski asked if there was a framework on the location of this.

Madam Clerk stated that it west of the Sunoco Station.

Supervisor Wormuth said that there are maps available in the Town Clerk's Office

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Lisa Parlow, resident from Vosburgh Road, in January when I was down at the Town Park with my family, there was an alarm going off in the bathrooms, which were locked. I did not know if there was a water problem or something else. I tried to find somebody to contact to prevent further damage, and there was nobody to contact. I eventually reached out via email to a Board member. I just want to know going forward, Holidays and other times when there is something that is going on, who do we contact?

Supervisor Wormuth said that we would make sure we put an emergency number on the main number here because we do have someone on call, and I apologize

Lisa Parlow, I tried the Highway and I tried the regular Town Hall and there were no numbers provided.

Supervisor Wormuth said that we would make sure that they are on both because there always is someone who has a cell phone with them and is on call. We will make sure that they are there. The other option, anytime there is an emergency anywhere in Town, you can call the Sheriff's Department, even if it is not an emergency, they have our contact numbers and they will get contact with us

Lisa Parlow, I didn't feel like calling the Sheriff's Office and telling them that there is an alarm going off in the bathroom at the Town

Supervisor Wormuth said that we would make sure that they are readily available on our phone system here and at the Highway garage.

Lisa Parlow, or the website may be good too. I went home and checked on the website and did not find any emergency contact numbers.

Supervisor Wormuth said that it is a great idea!

Lisa Parlow, the next thing was the Winter Rec program, my kids had a fabulous time. I hope that next year you will consider doing it again. They are very excited to do the summer program again, and I just wanted to let you know.

Supervisor Wormuth said that we are hoping for better participation. We came very close to having to cancel it and really did not want to.

Lisa Parlow, I think it was just word of mouth and it wasn't advertised well enough for everyone to know what it was. Winter is kind of hard because people go away. Once people heard and missed it, they were like, I didn't know about that.

Supervisor Wormuth said Great! We did have it on the website and on our bulletin board and we will continue to get that out there. I think that as people come back this summer, we will remind them that we will have it next winter too.

Lisa Parlow, Amanda and Shannon said that they were going to do a couple new things to it. My third and final point is just curious about what the update is on Vosburgh Road with the sewers. I know that there was supposed to be a meeting I thought tonight, at 7:00, trying to get people signed up for that little piece of land with 30+ homes

Councilman Hayner said that the meeting has to do with natural gas. Mr. Mike Duane had asked and is using the facility over in the Senior Center to hold that meeting. It is concerning natural gas and we are working on numbers as far as creating a sewer district or other options; we are looking at all of those things.

Lisa Parlow asked so is that going to be tied in with the new development that is going on across the street from Toll Brothers, or is going to be another wait and see process?

Councilman Hayner said that we are looking at it to find what would be the best options that we could present to the people.

Lisa Parlow asked so is that going to be something that I am going to see forth coming on a Board Plan Agenda for the future to let other people know

Councilman Hayner said absolutely

Lisa Parlow asked so is that going to be a behind the scenes type issue?

Councilman Hayner said it is a matter of running numbers, making sure that it is something that can be done, but it could also be included as a public benefit somewhere. So we are looking at all of those options.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that if it was created as a Sewer District, that the people who participate in, the NY State Comptroller's Office puts out a maximum number per household unit that it can cost. If the cost to do it exceeds that, it prevents it from being created as a district, but we will continue to look for opportunities with developers to try and have the developer do that as part of their project or as part of a public benefit for their project.

Lisa Parlow said that it seems a little absurd to have 30 homes between two major developments and more developers coming in to do work in that vicinity and we can't get gas and we can't get sewers. You just put in \$400,000 and \$500,000 homes that were approved by Toll Brothers and there is another development across from that looking to come in.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that what happens is that there are standards in subdivisions as opposed to Planned Development Districts, the Town can't mandate them to pay for infrastructure upgrades or infrastructure things that are not needed for their project. If they are done as Planned Development Districts, then we can require that to be part of the package. I know that Mr. Hayner has this very high on his radar and has been working diligently with the Planning Department

Lisa Parlow said that I know that Mike has been pushing for quite some time on it too.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that yes, he has.

Scott Gartland, 2 West Lawn Court; based on what she just said, maybe, me personally, I moved up here from NY City, and I do not like the fact that they keep putting up developments. I picked this town because of the amount of people that have been here, and as someone that did come in, I did not buy a in a development but I have sewage. If these developers want to come in here, maybe you can say,

“You know what, we have to take into consideration how your development is going to throw off the equality of the area and there may have to be a surcharge added on, and maybe that money eventually in time can fix these situations.” If they do not like it they can go build somewhere else. That is not even what I came up here for, I just thought of it sitting there, so I just think that it is something that you may want to think about. If they want to be in here so bad and build houses here, because we all know that this is where people want to live, and I can say that for myself, maybe they can help in their developments to help people in her situation. It is just a surcharge, but you can decide how to utilize that money down the road. I am just throwing that out there.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that we could look at that when we do have a Planned Development Districts, which allows either clustering of houses or a change in density, or a change in zoning, we do that, but the balance that we have to face if it is a standard subdivision is the farmer or the person who has owned that land for 20 or 50 years and has paid taxes on it, wants to have the rights to develop it and if the Town puts extra burdens on the developer, the developer then decreases the amount that they are going to pay that landowner. We have to balance out what our current zoning is. We can change our zoning and look at that and go through a public hearing and change zoning to include a sewer district fee, but it would be an expensive process in order to do it. We talked about doing it with traffic mitigation throughout town and we did do it in the northern part of town. We did a GEIS study. It is certainly an option and something that the Board will take under consideration.

Scott Gartland, and I have faith that you will. The real reason that I wanted to come up here and ask you is, I love the website by the way, and it is great that you utilize technology, but it is also antiquated technology. I have a smart phone that I live and die by. What I would like to see if you could possibly set up systems that you can set up alerts that we can subscribe, we sign up, here's my email. I would like an alert a week before a Town meeting and send me the agenda. Maybe knowing what is on the agenda, I would make an even bigger effort to be here. This room should be full and it is not. I think that you guys are doing great work but nobody knows it because half of the time nobody knows when the meetings are. I know it is on the website. I have two kids 8 and 9 years old, sometimes I have not touched my computer in weeks. They are on it, my wife, and I am the last one in the line. I would like for you guys to look into it because it does not cost anything. Emails are free; if you have computers they are free. You then bounce the ball back in our court. If you really want to be notified, you have to sign up. Here's my email, just give me an alert. Here's the next Town Meeting and here is the Agenda, it is all set. It is a proactive way to get the homeowners, the residents, more involved. I would like to try and have you guys look into that, try to develop that. I think that it would be a positive thing; the citizens would really appreciate it. We all have lives and we all get busy, and it is tough sometimes and then I remember the meeting was last night. But if I had gotten an alert on my phone, I would never forget it. If I lost my phone, I would die. I would like to see you guys go in that direction, I think that these are great meetings, and I do come to them when I do take the time out to look at them. I would like to see you help us to be more proactive.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that we could look at that and bring somebody in and internally on staff to our web master who currently does it. They host the site for free, so there are not a lot of bells and whistles on it. But we can certainly look at our budget and what it would cost to add that type of technology, information sharing, to it. We do realize that a lot of people are utilizing the Smart phones, Facebook, and the Internet a lot more. We can set up a group of people to review it and see what the costs to the Town would be.

Scott Gartland, I think that it would get people more involved and you are doing a great job.

Councilman Wasielewski said that from an Emergency Management point of view, we have talked about using something similar to the Smart phone app. Along the lines of what we do with the reverse 911 system when there is a Town emergency, water issue, other things, we talked about an application when there is a storm warring, roads closed because of flooding, etc. and letting residents know. I would like to jump on this from an emergency management point of view.

Scott Gartland, I think that it would be a real positive thing. I did not know about that winter program either. It is not your fault, it is probably on the website. Life is what happens when you are making other plans.

Supervisor Wormuth asked that if Mr. Wasielewski along with Doug, our IT guy, and our Emergency Service Coordinator, you guys could set up a small committee and do some research on that and talk to I Com and then get back to us if there is something that we can do, or if we should be looking at a different source to do that.

Councilman Wasielewski said that it is a great idea

Supervisor Wormuth thanked Mr. Gartland and Mr. Wasielewski for volunteering.

Deanna Stephenson, 7 Cindy Lane wanted to talk about this PDD for a second. I know that some of us know what PDD's are and some of us do not; Planned District Developments. I think that it is a word that we seriously want to discuss. I think that as a Town Board, you need to take it seriously now. So many developments have gone through and I think what Scott, and I know what Lisa sees and witnesses, you have infrastructure issues. I mean if they are going to put developments up, it needs to be appropriate and mindful. I cannot say that enough. You have to look at the infrastructure and the lack thereof in these areas, whether it be wetland, sewage, whatever it may be. The public benefit that comes from these, needs to benefit all the residents of Halfmoon. I think that it is very important, especially when you have so many of them going up and so many of them going through.

Bruce Tanski, Clifton Park, NY, I concur with the lady that was just up here about public benefits being agreeable to everybody. I just want to give the people in the audience the Reader's Digest version of the things that we've done and myself personally. We brought water to the western end of town so that the people in that part of town would have water instead of wells that don't work. I spent a \$500,000 on a realignment of the road on Fellows Road which benefits a lot of the town people, because I have heard from the people that live there that they think that the road realignment was the way to go. I know that there has been a lot of opposition for what I want to do up on Warner Road, but I want to go on record, as saying that one of my public benefits that I am negotiating with the town is to get people on Tabor Road water. These people do not have water, they are living with cisterns, and I want to go on record with Craig, that if there is a way that if my project does proceed, if I can hook up these 30 people on Vosburgh Road, I would be more than willing to do that as an additional public benefit. So, you are right, the public benefit should take care of everything, but you do have groups of people like the lady next to you that doesn't have sewer. You have people on Tabor Road who do not have water, so I think that the Board has been very mindful and their mindset has been, let's take care of as many people as we can, but on the same token you have these pockets of people that don't have services at all. So I want to go on record as saying that I would definitely consider hooking up those 30 homes. Thank you.

Beth Duggar, Monmouth Way; I just a general question about correspondence. There is 8 correspondences received, is that all from the last 2 weeks? So, you have only had 1 person from the public send a letter in the last 2 weeks?

Clerk Bryan said that it was the only one that I received, yes.

Matt Chauvin said that the Town receives correspondences in innumerable amounts, whether it be on a slight issue or things that are directed to this Board, or to whether they are directed to the Highway Department, to each individual department requests for records, building permit applications, etc. It would be impractical and impossible to list every single letter, email, and phone call, etc. that comes in on the agenda. These are the items that are presented to the town that require this board to take action or to review and that is why they are placed on the agenda to be heard at the meeting. Again, it would be impossible to put everything on here and make a list, however these are the ones that this Board is required to act on and therefore that is the reason why they are on the agenda.

Beth Duggar said so you do get a lot of letters.

Matt Chauvin said that we get a ton and it may not necessarily be from the public, it may be from someone asking how many building permits we have issued in a given time frame, it could be someone inquiring as to where the town is located, it could be any number, solicitations. I got 2 solicitations trying to get the town to provide business to some person who saw our names on a website. Everything from junk mail to things that require Board action.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Polak and seconded by Councilman Hayner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynda A. Bryan
Town Clerk**