

**The January 18, 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  
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk  
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney  
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney

**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.**

#### **REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY**

**Councilman Wasielewski** stated that he is seeking the Boards approval for Mrs. Partlow for the Board of Assessment Review.

**Supervisor Wormuth** said that we had advertised a vacancy on our Board of Assessment Review and Mrs. Partlow was the only applicant who came in and interviewed for that position. There were other people who called but did not send in their resumes or letter of interest after finding out what the position entailed. Both Councilman Wasielewski and our Assessor JoAnn Smith interviewed her and they felt that she would be a good addition to the Board of Assessment Review. She asked if everyone on the Board had received Mrs. Partlow's resume.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 28**

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 appoints Lisa K. Partlow as a member of the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately for a term through

**Councilman Hayner** stated that on January 23<sup>rd</sup> there would be a meeting of the Halfmoon Trails Committee right here in Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

Halfmoon Rec. Department is still taking applications for the Kids February Break. It is the first year we are doing this and it has been announced in the papers. It is for kids in Grades 1-6 and the cost is \$135.00 per child. They can sign their children up right here in Town Hall in the Recreation Office.

Lastly, tomorrow night will be the next Ethics Committee Meeting, here in the Board Room at 7:00 pm.

**Supervisor Wormuth** wanted to mention updates from both the Town and the County. This year I was assigned to Chair the Public Works Committee and deals a lot with the DPW, our Road infrastructure, and our Sewers. One of the things the committee has been charged with is the sale or lease of, the County Landfill in Northumberland in order to look at generating some revenue for the county because of the budget situation going on. So you will probably hear me talking about that as we move forward.

We also have interest from our sewer district, with the possibility of a Northern site expansion in the future on that same piece of property.

They also set up a review board, which I do not sit directly on, but a sub-committee for looking at the best options for Maplewood Manor because of the deficit. The County is moving through that and as I get more information, I will share that with you at meetings. I get copies of County meeting minutes and full Board minutes if anyone would like a copy Lisa can provide them for you.

Some exciting information is Pan Am Southern Railway in conjunction with Norfolk Southern has started to use a small portion of their tracks in the Capital District Automotive Rail yard. They notified us last week that they were going to be doing that and we've sent out the information to all of the Emergency Service Groups who are often required to provide mutual aid there. So they will not be doing they're full opening or up to capacity yet, but they are moving product through and that is exciting news for our area. I am happy to see it move forward and it is a project that we have been working on for a long time.

#### **PUBLIC PRIVILEGE** (for discussion of agenda topics)

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of December**

- 1. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$9,192.34**
- 2. Building Total # Permits 33 Total Fees submitted to the Supervisor \$14,270**
- 3. Fire Code Total # Permits 6 Total Fees submitted to the Supervisor \$270**

*Received & Filed*

**2011 Year End Annual Reports submitted by: Town Justice Tollisen, Town Justice Wormuth and Town Clerk**

*Received & Filed available for review at the Clerk's Office.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following:** Change of Tenant for Gadget Guys in the Towne Center Plaza at 1603 Route 9; Lot line adjustment for Country Dollar Plaza/Rayvas, Inc. at 217 and 225 Guideboard Road; Sign Application for Halfmoon Xtra Mart located at 1588 Route 9 and Homestead Funding located at 1407 Route 9;

*Received & Filed*

Final layout approval for Swatling Falls Planned Development, 162 Upper Newtown Road.

*Received, Filed and available to review at the Planning Department*

- 2. Received from Stephen Watts Jr.** a letter stating his retirement from the position of Building and Development Administrator effective February 29, 2012.

*Received, Filed & Print for the Board*

- 3. Received from the Town of Halfmoon Ethics Committee,** notice that they are now accepting applications for a position on the Ethics Committee. Applications will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office until February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please submit a cover letter along with your resume.

*Received, Filed and Lisa please make sure that this posted on the website. It is.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 29**

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 approves and order paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated January 18, 2012 totaling \$1,339,805.06.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 30**

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: 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 December 30, 2011 and January 4, 2012 as presented.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 31**

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 Water Report for January 2012 billing, as submitted by the Director of Water.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 32**

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 extend the Lease Agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and the New York State Senate for the year 2012, and permitting the Town Supervisor to execute any necessary documents associated with the lease.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 33**

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 enter into a Service Agreement for Heating & Cooling services with Midstate Heating and Cooling, 15 Hudson Avenue, Mechanicville for the Town Hall, Highway Department, Water Treatment Plant, Senior Center, Justice Building, Town Park and the Historical Building in the not to exceed amount of \$12,725 as approved by the Town Attorney

**Supervisor Wormuth** said that she would like to thank Mr. Tironi and his staff that put a lot of diligent time into researching this and saving the Town money with these agreements. Previously they were split up and we were utilizing other companies to do this. Through his research and getting quotes on these, we were able to provide better service to the Town with continuity, protect the safety and welfare of our building and save some money. So Frank, I thank you for your efforts and please thank your staff.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 34**

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 Town employees to attend the Association of Towns 2012 Training School and Annual Meeting in New York City on February 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and authorize payment of \$100.00 registration fee for each employees attending.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 35**

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 accept for dedication the road associated with the Rolling Hills Planned Development District, Liebich Lane Extension, as it satisfies the standard set by the Town roadway dedication procedure.

**Supervisor Wormuth** asked if both John Pingelski and Frank Tironi were comfortable with this-they are.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 36**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor administers the Event and Festival Sponsorship Program, and

**WHEREAS**, grants are available to promote or celebrate historic, cultural, scenic, or recreational resources, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Halfmoon seeks to hold a recreational event at the Halfmoon Lighthouse Park on the Hudson River,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Board authorizes the Supervisor to apply for an Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor – Event Sponsorship in the amount of \$500 in order to hold an event at the Halfmoon Lighthouse Park on the Hudson River in 2012.

**Supervisor Wormuth** stated that this was an opportunity for the town to apply for a grant. It is something that came up in fairly short order and did not have a lot of details on it. We are working with the Grant's Department as well as our Parks and Trails Department to decide exactly what that entails should we receive the money. It is not anything that will cost the Town money and it would be a nice way to show off the new park.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 37**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board approves the Supervisor's Report for November 2011 as presented.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 38**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute Water District Extension agreement for the Bethel Minor Subdivision, permitting expansion of the Halfmoon Consolidated Water District and to execute any other documentation that may be necessary to expand district and insure that the mandatory fees and infrastructure costs be paid, subject to the review and approval of Town Attorney.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Halfmoon recognizes the importance of providing municipal water to the citizens of the Town of Halfmoon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Minor Subdivision district is requesting permission to extend the existing water district to provide service to 4 single family residential lots requiring potable water from the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Lansing Engineering, has executed a contract to provide for the extension of the existing water district which details the payment of funds to the Town of Halfmoon for the receipt of potable water; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the terms and conditions set forth in the Water District Extension Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Water Regulations set forth the water rates charged on behalf of the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor for the Town of Halfmoon to execute the Water District Extension Agreement for the Bethel Minor Subdivision upon receipt of the associated fees as detailed in the Water District Extension Agreement.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 39**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board goes into Executive Session related to a Personnel issue at 7:20 pm.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 40**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board left the Executive Session with no action taken at 7:30 pm.

Regular Board meeting continued at 7:30.

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

**Councilman Polak** noticed that we had a member of the Scouts at the meeting this evening and invited him to come forward, introduce himself, and explain to us why he is here.

Joshua Lacey said he is a Scout from Troop 242 here to earn my Citizenship badge and Duty Merit badge. One of my requirements was that I attend a Town Board Meeting and take notes and to understand exactly how a Town Board works. I learned a lot of new things today.

**Supervisor Wormuth** thanked him for coming this evening, and that we appreciate it.

**Attorney Murphy** said Good Luck!

**Supervisor Wormuth** said that it is always good to see Scouting continue in our community. I know that Mr. Polak was our first Eagle Scout in town and it always makes him proud to see people following in the steps of Scouting. We know that it is a big commitment for both you and your family, so we are very proud of you in the community, stepping up and taking the responsibility that you do.

**Councilman Polak** said that he would like to see him back here as an Eagle! I'll bet his Dad does too.

**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 7:35 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lynda A. Bryan,  
Town Clerk**