

The July 15, 2020 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the Town Hall with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman
Eric A. Catricala, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESENTATION: JASON KEMPER ON THE ZIM SMITH TRAIL

Supervisor Tollisen: First item on the agenda this evening is a presentation on the Zim Smith Trail. I promised Jason earlier at the County Board meeting that he could go on first so he could make his trek back to Edinburgh to be with his family. Jason is our Director of Planning at the County and does an incredible job and with this project he has done an incredible job. Every little detail has been attended to and has managed this project beyond all expectations. Councilman Catricala, myself and a few members of the Open Space & Trails Committee were able to do a tour of the Halfmoon side of it last week. It truly is beyond all expectations. We asked Jason to come here and give us some progress pictures, the final picture and have some special individuals in the audience tonight who we have asked to be here who have contributed a good part of this Halfmoon project and to publically say thank you to Bruce and Carol Tanski for the incredible work that they have done with the county on this and also Jim and Joyce Floud for the incredible work that they have done in the donation of land. Thank you all for being here. This is a great thing for the Town of Halfmoon but it couldn't have happened without the Tanski's and the Floud's who were so kind and generous to make this happen. Jason, I will turn it over to you.

Jason Kemper: Good evening everyone! Thank you! This is my final progress report. I feel like we're getting divorced, I won't be back again unless some additional stuff comes up. This has been a phenomenal project from day one. When I first came to the County, the Zim Smith was a priority and four years ago we started looking at this. We walked it with a contractor and they said no way can you build it. Without the folks in the room that Kevin already acknowledged, this wouldn't have been possible.

Jason showed a Power Point of the Final Progress Upgrade. Some highlights are:

ELIZABETH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

- Parking spots 11 and 1 handicap
- Signage
- Future access to school district
- Contract extension to pave Elizabeth Street

GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

- Utility Coordination
- Golf Cart Path Construction
- Retaining Wall
- Fencing
- Night Construction
- Restoration

COONS CROSSING EAST IMPROVEMENTS

- 20 Parking & 1 Handicap
- 2 bathrooms, Bench, Picnic Table, Bike Racks

COONS CROSSING WEST IMPROVEMENTS

- 5 Parking & 1 Handicap

ROUND LAKE PARKING LOT

- 45 Parking & 3 Handicap
- Signage
- Infiltration Drainage System

NEXT STEPS

- Apply for future grant funding – Zim Smith Ext. North Feasibility Study
 - To continue to Saratoga State Park, Moreau & then to Champlain Canalway Trail
- Provide additional connections to trail in Town of Halfmoon
- Additional signage for thanking the landowners
 - Floud Memorial Park
 - Tanski at the side of the Golf Course
- Formalize connection to Champlain Canalway Trail
- Thank you to Town of Halfmoon, 2 large Landowners Tanski & Floud, & 11 others as well & DPW. Without them this would never have happened.

COSTS

- \$5.6 million in total costs
- \$5.2 - \$5.3 million in grant funding

Henny O’Grady: I am a member of the Open Space & Trails Committee and I want to thank you Bruce and the Floud’s for making this dream come true and of course you too Jason, thank you.

Bruce Tanski: I just have one complaint. When I walk through that cage, I felt like I was in Jurassic Park and I was waiting for a Pterodactyl to come down and take me away!

Supervisor Tollisen: That is exactly the way that I felt last week!

Jason Kemper: It is funny, when we were building and when the Golf Course opened, the guys were like, we don’t need hard hats out here, there’s no way anybody can hit a ball up here. The second day we are out there, they are all looking that way and they all got hard hats on! Those first couple loads that we took out of that hill, you would not believe the amount of golf balls were in there!

Supervisor Tollisen: That might be an idea for you to buy a monument of a Pterodactyl. Anyway, on behalf of the Town of Halfmoon, I publically want to say again, thank you to Bruce & Carol Tanski and to Jim & Joyce Floud and to all those who played a part in this, but we can’t underscore Jason, an incredible manager who has done an incredible job! Jason, thank you for the great job you’ve done.

Jason Kemper: No problem. Thank you guys. Here’s your key for the trail.

Jim Floud: On Facebook, I created a Zim Smith Trail blog. If you go on there, you can see a lot of pictures that I have taken before. There are a lot of wildlife pictures, Eagles that I have seen. It is pretty interesting. Thank you.

Jason Kemper: I am out there every day and I talk to people from Poughkeepsie and all over. They see it on Facebook or whatever, when you see the amount of people

that are using this trail and how the people all along the trail are benefitting from it, I definitely think that it was worthwhile and especially with the situation that we have going on right now, people are flooding the trails. The thing is they got out there, started enjoying it when the pandemic was very bad and the whole family is getting into it and staying outdoors and using it. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The “BUY A BRICK” program for the Halfmoon Veterans Walk of Honor at the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial in the Town Park is now accepting orders. Create a lasting tribute for your veteran. For more information please call 371-7410 ext. 2200 or visit our website www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.

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TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:30pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:45pm

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15pm (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor)

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor): (1) Chair of Town Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance), (2) Chair of Recreation and Character Counts, (3) Chair of Personnel Committee

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

John Wasielewski (Town Board Member): (1) Chair of Ethics Committee, (2) Chair of Committee on Emergency Services and Public Safety (Emergency Corps, Fire Department, Police, (3) Co-Liaison to Planning Board

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1) Co- Liaison to Planning Board; (2) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (4) Chair of Parks and Athletic Organizations

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

Eric Catricala (Town Board Member): (1) Animal Control, (2) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee, (3) Zoning Board Liaison, (4) Chair for Not For Profit Organizations

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor.

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

I have no report this evening, sir.

Karen Pingelski (Receiver of Taxes): (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney)

I would ask the Board's indulgence to pass a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to complete the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training 2020 Summer Youth Employment Program application and sign and necessary documents, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to complete the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training 2020 Summer Youth Employment Program application and sign and necessary documents, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney) I have nothing this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics) No one came forward

Supervisor Tollisen: Department Reports and the monthly Department Manager Reports are listed and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. We do ask our Department Managers to provide monthly reports in addition to having Department Manager monthly meetings that we all discuss the important things that go on in each of the offices.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

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| 1. | Senior Express | Total # Rides – 331 | Total # Meals – 586 |
| 2. | Building Permits | | |
| | Total # Permits -88 | Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - | \$23,685.00 |
| 3. | Fire Inspections | | |
| | Total # Inspections-40 | Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - | \$ 3,070.00 |
| 4. | Town Justice Suchocki | | |
| | Total # Cases – 84 | Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - | \$11,705.00 |
| 5. | Town Justice Fodera | | |
| | Total # Cases –75 | Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - | \$ 13,669.00 |

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Planning Department, Parks Department, Recreation Department, Building & Code Department, Grant Department, Water Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from NYS Department of State, notification of their filing of Local Law #3-2020 Impact Athletic Center, PDD on July 3, 2020.

Received & Filed

2. **Received** from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance their Certificate of Final Telecommunications Ceiling for town assessment roll to be filed in 2020.

Received & Filed

3. **Received** from Carm Basile, Chief Executive Officer of CDTA, an update on the CDTA service plan and changes they are making to keep customers and community safe as they begin to reopen and their schedule of routes.

Received & Filed

4. **Received** from NYS Agriculture and Markets, their Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on June 29, 2020 that was rated “Satisfactory”.

Received & Filed

5. **Received** from Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps Inc., a thank you letter to the Supervisor and Town Board for the recognition with a resolution in honor of EMS Week and for the delicious goodies that they delivered. They were very appreciative.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board Meeting of July 1, 2020 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests DOT to do a traffic study on Werner Road to determine if a speed limit reduction is necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby waives all fees associated with the issuance of a permit for a fireworks display associated with the Mechanicville High School Graduation Ceremony, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 207-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Halfmoon Softball for the 2020 season to provide for a

recreation softball program and to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Tollisen: Please add this to the Organizational Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2020

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Comptroller’s Report for the month of June as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2020

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

RESOLVED, d
A resolution is necessary 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	\$4,027.50
	Subsidiary: Home & Community Services		
	25-4-2189.00		\$4,027.50
CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$4,027.50
	Subsidiary: Engineering Contractors Inspections		
	25-5-1440.40		\$4,027.50

Information Only: The above was derived from the following breakdown of charges to be paid on July 16, 2020 Abstract for engineering and related fees.

NAME	AMOUNT
Mott Orchard	\$4,027.50
Total	\$4,027.50

Supervisor Tollisen: Just one quick report to the Board, we are waiting for the sales tax numbers. Obviously everyone knows that the town is on a spending freeze. I will note that one positive point is mortgage tax is continuing to exceed budget expectations. We just got a report in today for last month, we are on target and potentially we can make up some ground with the loss of revenue of sales tax. It is not going to balance it but between the spending freeze and the mortgage tax, we are trying to offset it as much as possible. Mortgage tax is still looking good.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Ed Kilmartin, 116 Staniak Road: I want to address an item related to the recent installation of water that was placed down Staniak Road and up Cary Road in relation to construction housing project. I had contacted the neighbor at 151 Cary Road who entered into an agreement with the company who completed the construction, Carver Construction to place, and I'm not a builder but looks like thousands of tons of fill on the land and the property behind my home. I contacted the Town Water Department, and I have never been treated with nothing but respect from individuals from the Town, I love this town and very happy that we moved here in 2008, and Frank was nothing but polite and respectful. The conversations that I had with him got me in contact with Carver Construction. There is a drainage ditch that runs from 151 through my yard and exits at the corner of Cary & Staniak Road. Due to the fill that was placed there, there were no barriers or protection from silt and deposit from flowing down (he has pictures from various dates). I was unaware of the activity going on and stopped at that address to talk with the contractor about where they were going to be placing the water line to my home. I know that the Town was aware that the fill was going in there because there were Town trucks stopping there periodically and the Town told me to stop there at that location when I asked where to have my water line placed. I spoke with Frank Tironi this past fall and was led to believe that there was something that they could work out with Carver Construction to help remove the fill/silt that has deposited within the drainage area, which is now completely filled. Carver Construction did recognize in the spring of 2019 that silt and deposit had built up in the drainage area behind my home. They did bring a backhoe in and dug about 6' back and refused to go back any further although the head of the site program recognized that it was silt coming from that area. He said that they couldn't bring their trucks back any farther. They dug about a 6' trench, put a water barrier down, put some rip raft down and then put a couple silt barriers down. With rains that have occurred, our property has now flooded on at least four occasions, my basement has flooded on two of those occasions. It has washed out my kids swing set and parts of my lawn. I feel bad because the Town has been nothing but good to me and they always do a wonderful job, but I am asking for some assistance. I don't have heavy equipment, I have talked to the neighbor who initially agreed he would take care of it and rectify the situation. I talked to the individual again (does not mention names to respect his privacy) but he said that he wasn't going to build a dam or anything like that, but I need some way to control the silt that continues to flow. There is a large buildup of silt, the barriers that were placed in there were like wrapped up straw that were placed before the culvert pipe. Those are now over filled with silt. The issue with the fill that is there now and I understand that someone has the ability to improve their land and make it usable and I respect that but the water doesn't have the ability to drain and collect the silt and the deposit from construction was placed and packed there and there were no steps taken to limit the silt flow from that. Over the course of many months, silt flowed down there and filled my entire drainage area. So really, before I was aware of the problem in April of 2019 we have had four torrents of water flowing through my yard. I worked extremely hard to improve the property as a good resident should.

Supervisor Tollisen: Mr. Kilmartin, obviously, this is going to require us to do some investigation, so if you could leave me your phone number, we will reach out tomorrow and get somebody out there to look at that and see what's going on and see if the Town is able to help.

Ed Kilmartin: Alright. Thank you very much.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Wasielewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk