

March 11th, 2021 Town Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held March 11th, 2021 at 7PM at the Greenfield Town Hall with the following members present: Kevin Veitch, Deputy Supervisor; MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso and Ty Stacey, Councilpersons. Supervisor Daniel Pemrick was absent. Town Counsel, Mark Schachner was present via Facetime. Also present were Justin Burwell, Superintendent of Highways; Mark Young, Deputy Superintendent of Highways and two residents.

On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Stacey, C. the minutes from February 11th, 2021 were approved as submitted by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Application was received from the Greenfield Lions Club for use of Middle Grove park the first Saturday in June, July, August and September from 8AM – 11 AM for Coffee and Cars to promote the Lions Club.

Application was received from the Town of Greenfield Historical Society for use of Middle Grove Park the second Saturday in June, July and September for events for the Historical Society.

Letter was received from 125 South Greenfield Road concerning the proposed Saratoga Estates on Bump Hill Road.

Letter and information was received from Corinth EMS regarding the NYS Funding Incentive Program.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION BROOKHAVEN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT HOLE 12- Justin Burwell states after Golf season we had a truck go through the bridge at the 12th hole. Our Town engineer looked at the bridge and gave us a couple options. One was to replace the decking, that would give us a rating for a small pick-up truck to go over it. The next was to do metal reinforcement which would give a 15-ton rating we could put a small piece of equipment on it as it is the only access to the back side of the Golf Course. The third option would be to do an open bottom culvert which would be hundreds of thousands of dollars and require DEC permitting. Charlie Baker solicited bids for the work and we have three bids. The lowest bid is J&K Trucking and Excavating for \$40,445.00 and that is complete. Mr. Burwell states he has reached out to Curtis Lumber but is not getting a response. Their truck did the damage but has not received a response. Deputy Supervisor Veitch states that his understanding is the truck went over the bridge because they were directed to by one of our employees. Highway Superintendent Burwell states yes,

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it is an expensive learning experience. Deputy Supervisor Veitch says we talked about repair to bring back to what it was and that would cost us \$20,000. Highway Superintendent Burwell states we know the weight rating we want to safely put a small piece of equipment over it. We would be pushing it with the weight of our winter groomer. There is almost a 2 foot cantilever where the 3 beams are underneath the main structure, for a golf cart that is fine. Deputy Supervisor Veitch states if we were to do the minor repairs for \$20,000 and wanted to do anything to be able to allow our vehicles to use it we would need to spend \$40,000, so it doesn't seem to make sense to do repairs we need to go forward with a complete improvement. So it is up to us tonight if this is the way we want to go. Capasso, C states we don't have a choice. We want to get trucks back there for cleanup and repair. Johnson, C states unfortunately we have to bite the bullet.

RESOLUTION #50-2021- ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM J&K CONSTRUCTION FOR \$40,445

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Capasso, C

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the proposal from J&K Trucking and Excavation for \$40,445 for repair to the bridge at the 12th hole at Brookhaven Golf Course. The funds will come from the Brookhaven account and will not affect the taxpayers. A budget amendment will need to be done, we did not have this expenditure when we did the Brookhaven budget.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION UDAG LOAN - GREENFIELD REAL ESTATE-DEVELOPMENT LLC James Lee, Greenfield's Economic Loan Fund Administrator and Kevin Joyce are present. On February 9TH, 2021 the UDAG unanimously recommended a Loan to Greenfield Real Estate Development LLC. Mr. Lee states that one of the partners from the company is present and would like to explain the project. Kevin Joyce states that the Greenfield Village Inn has been an eyesore over a decade. They feel Greenfield could use a good sit down restaurant for the community to gather. Unfortunately, over the past year COVID has slowed things down in regards to gatherings. The company they created is to beautify the downtown area. Complete renovation of the restaurant, tear down a majority of the old Inn for additional parking. It will be place where you can sit down with your family. The main dining room will be kept and separated from the bar area. It will not be a late night place, the hours will be traditional restaurant hours. The company feels this will dress up the community and he and the company is proud to be a part of this. Mr. Lee states the original application was submitted last year before the COVID hit. At that time, the UDAG committee members voted to approve the loan and stated that this is exactly what the UDAG loan was created for and be a great addition to the Town. Not only would it beautify an existing structure that has been run down for the last decade but provide a place for Greenfield residents to gather and for Greenfield residents to be employed. Because of COVID the owners asked to delay any approval of the loan but now that we are starting to open up it's the appropriate time to consider it. The committee met on February 9th and approved a recommendation to the Town Board for the loan. Mr. Lee states there will be 2 loans, the first loan will be for improvements to the property and the second loan will be for equipment for the restaurant. All necessary land use permits and approvals must be secured. Deputy Supervisor Veitch asks Mr. Joyce he understands that he was in front of the Planning Board who had some conditions on the permits you need to receive in order to meet the requirements,

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how is that going? Mr. Joyce answers everything is contingent on the septic approved by DOH as well as the water. To be transparent because of COVID everything has been slowed down with the State. We have most everything ready to file. He has communicated with UDAG committee that they are ready to go and he understands that everything is contingent with DOH approval. Deputy Supervisor Veitch asks Mr. Joyce if he understands that the Town Board has those same contingencies ? Mr. Joyce states yes and once we get the DOH approval we are ready to move forward. Again to be transparent we were ready to open last summer and it could be suicide now. As you know he has a restaurant and is in the health care industry and there are a lot of unknowns, when they do it they want to do it right. It feels like we are going in the right direction. Also the cost of materials are sky-rocketing. They are trying to make this happen and feels they will. Deputy Supervisor Veitch states he feels this will be an asset to the community. Town Board members agree.

RESOLUTION #51-2021 ACCEPT UDAG LOANS FOR GREENFIELD REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Motion: Capasso, C

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby accepts UDAG recommendation to grant two loans to Greenfield Real Estate Development to renovate, remodel and open a restaurant at 3230 Route 9N, Greenfield Center, the old Greenfield Village Inn property, contingent on meeting all requirements and acquiring the necessary permits set forth by New York State Department of Health and Town of Greenfield Planning Board.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

DISCUSSION- NEW TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS- Town Clerk , Louise Okoniewski, states that she would like to change the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office hours. Currently, the office is open M-F, 9AM-3PM, Saturdays 9AM- Noon. Saturdays are from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They have had little to no business on Saturdays. She feels that the community would be better served if the office opened earlier and close Saturdays. She would like to change the office hours to 8:30 AM – 3PM Monday to Thursday and 8AM -3PM on Friday. Close Saturdays, beginning after tax season. This would be for the Town Clerks Office only, other departments would not change and would stay 9AM to 3PM. Johnson, C. states that you would be open to appointments on Saturdays if necessary. Town Clerk Okoniewski states yes and before our Thursday meetings also.

RESOLUTION #52-2021 ACCEPT NEW TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

Motion: Stacey, C

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves new Town Clerk and Tax Collector hours as open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM-3PM and Friday 8AM -3PM. Closed Saturdays, beginning April 5th, 2021. This would not affect the other departments office hours which would stay 9AM -3PM Monday to Friday.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

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SURPLUS QUARRY EQUIPMENT- Highway Superintendent Burwell state that he would like to surplus outdated equipment from the pit on Lake Desolation Rd. It is cheaper to rent equipment for that site. Johnson, C. asks Highway Superintendent Burwell if Town of Ballston is surplus their equipment as well. Mr. Burwell states yes, it is on their agenda as well. It will be placed on Auctions International and will be placed in a joint account that's held by the Town of Ballston.

RESOLUTION #53-2021 DECLARE THE 1994 ROADRUNNER CRUSHER AND 1977 CATERPILLAR D8K SCREENER AS SURPLUS AND PUT THEM OUT TO AUCTION.

Motion: Johnson, C
Seconded: Capasso, C

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby declares quarry equipment 1994 Roadrunner Crusher, serial # 069 including all conveyors and screening equipment and 1977 Caterpillar D8K Serial #77V9465 as Surplus equipment and the Superintendent of Highways be allowed to put it out to auction.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

DISCUSSION TOWN WIDE CLEANUP- Highway Superintendent Burwell states that he has enough in his budget for one-time clean-up. Not saying that we will not have enough for the fall we will evaluate it then. Capasso, C asks what dates in April. Mr. Burwell states he would like it the 23, 24 and 25th of April, but would like to watch the weather because we can still have snow. It costs the Town \$20,000 per event. We get around \$5000 back in scrap, so it is about \$15,000 per event. He states that we should now in the next two weeks the definite dates for the spring cleanup.

RESOLUTION #54- 2021 AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SPRING TOWN-WIDE CLEANUP

Motion: Johnson, C
Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be authorize to advertise the Spring Cleanup. Dates to be announced when the weather is permitting.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey
Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

BRIDGE NEW YORK GRANT PROGRAM- Highway Superintendent Burwell states they would like to replace the Porter Corners bridge and submit to this program. It is a 90% reimbursement. In 2018 that bridge was a million dollars replacement. There is no cost to us. He has sent out solicitations to firms approved by the State. He sent out 15 inquiries and received 9 back. He, his Deputy Highway Superintendent, Clerk and Foreman have looked over the applications. They recommend CHA (Clough, Harbour & Associates) would be the best fit. They have been chosen by NYSDOT in the past to pre-review different region's applications and have had very good results.

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RESOLUTION #55-2021- ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FROM C.H.A. TO WRITE A GRANT TO THE BRIDGE NY GRANT PROGRAM

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Highway Superintendent's recommendation to accept C.H.A. to write a grant to the Bridge New York Grant Program to replace the one lane bridge on Porter Corner Road.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

Abstain: Johnson, C

Capasso, C states that he has spoken with Rebecca Sewell, our Recreation Director and the Brookhaven winter park is now closed for the season. Preparations will start for the Golf season.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Dept., Building Dept. and the Town Justices.

RESOLUTION #56-2021- GENERAL BILLS

Motion: Capasso, C

Seconded: Johnson, C

RESOLVED, That General bill #111 and bills from # 123-189 in the amount of \$81,286.23 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

RESOLUTION #57-2021- HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion: Stacey, C

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Highway bills from #43-68 in the amount of \$208,525.95 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

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RESOLUTION #58-2021- PARKS BILLS

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Stacey, C.

RESOLVED, that the Parks bills from #43-59 in the amount of \$7,743.29 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: Veitch, Johnson, Capasso, Stacey

Noes: None

Absent: Pemrick

In a motion by Capasso, C and seconded by Stacey, C the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

TOWN CLERK

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