

August 9th, 2018 TB Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Thursday August 9th, 2018 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; Daniel Cochran, MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso and Kevin Veitch, Councilpersons. Also present were Walter Barss, Superintendent of Highways; Duane Wright, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Mark Schachner, Town Counsel and approx. 5 residents.

At 7:00 PM the meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag.

UNSAFE BUILDING- 67 LINCOLN MOUNTAIN RD- Tax Map # 100.-1-64

Mr. Torchetti property owner is present. Supervisor Pemrick states that he has a report from Code Enforcement Officer McKenna that they have been in contact and Mr. Torchetti has applied for a demolition permit and just waiting for the contractors insurance certificates. Supervisor Pemrick asks for a schedule when it would be removed. Mr. Torchetti states that he has a window when he can fit him in to remove the building as soon as possible. He asks when the information is received by the building department if a permit will be issued. Supervisor Pemrick states yes, call the Building Dept. ask if they have received the information and you should get it that day. Supervisor Pemrick thanks Mr. Torchetti for coming in.

On a motion by Veitch, C. and seconded by Capasso, C. the minutes from July 12th, 2018 were approved as submitted by all members present.

CORRESPONDENCE-

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION- Town Clerk has received an application for Middle Grove Park from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to use the park as a rest stop for their CF Cycle for Life event on September 23rd, 2018. Certificate of Insurance has been provided. They will have a table, pop up tent and 4-5 people at the booth. The riders will be stopping at different times.

RESOLUTION # 108- Approve use of Middle Grove Park for Cystic Fibrosis Event

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, The Town Board hereby approves the use of Middle Grove Park by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the Cycle Of Life Event on September 23rd, 2018. Certificate of Insurance has been provided and the CF Foundation will provide the tent and table for the event.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

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NYS DEC LOGGER TRAINING- Town Clerk states that she received a call from Rich McDermott, Senior Forrester from NYS requesting the use of the Community Center to hold a logger training class on October 3rd, 2018. It will be for approx. 30 people from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

RESOLUTION # 109- Approve Community Center use for Logger Training Class

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

RESOLVED, The Town Board hereby approves the use of the Community Center on October 3rd, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM for NYS Logger Training Class for organizations, landowners and individuals involved in the practice and industry of forestry in NYS.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

COMMUNITY CENTER USE – GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3087- Town Clerk states she has an application from Troop 3087 Leader Katie Ploss to use the Community Center one Monday a month starting Monday October 8th, 2018 thru June of 2019.

RESOLUTION # 110- Approve Community Center use for Girl Scout Troop # 3087

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, The Town Board hereby approves use of the Community Center for Girl Scout Troop # 3087 one Monday a month from October 2018 to June 2019.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

CLOSURE OF MIDDLE GROVE ROAD - Town Clerk states the Town has received notice that Middle Grove Road, Co. Road 21, will be closing a section of highway where the road crosses the Kayaderosseras in the Town of Greenfield for bridge repair. The Road will be closed beginning August 13th, 2018 to approximately November 5th, 2018. Detours will be posted.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER- Supervisor Pemrick states that we've advertised for this position for 3 weeks with no response. Town Clerk states that Saratoga County Public Health has called and would like to be notified as soon as we fill the position. Supervisor Pemrick asks the Town Board members for names of people who may be interested in this position.

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DISSOLUTION OF LAKE DESOLATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. INC. - Supervisor Pemrick states he has been notified that the Fire Dept. at Lake Desolation is in the process of dissolving the organization. The Greenfield Town Board approved the Articles of Incorporation of the Lake Desolation Fire Company in September of 1948, and now we need to have a Resolution to recognize the organization will be dissolving. They have been active at the Lake for 70 years and have raised their own money to operate. Now, due to loss of members and help to carry on with fund raising they have decided to dissolve the Corporation.

RESOLUTION No. 111 - 2018

Resolution for Dissolution of Lake Desolation Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Introduced by: Capasso, C.

Seconded by: Cochran, C.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield on September 2nd, 1948 had approved a Resolution authorizing the Lake Desolation Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been petitioned by the Lake Desolation Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for approval of the Town Board to dissolve pursuant to the provisions Of the New York Not – For- Profit Corporation Law, and

WHEREAS, it is not essential to the health, welfare and safety of the Community That the Lake Desolation Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. continue to operate, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield does hereby Approve the filing of a petition for dissolution of the Lake Desolation Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. And it is further,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution may be transmitted to the Attorney General of the State of New York, the New York State Tax Department and any other entity as proof of the consent of the Municipality to the dissolution of the Corporation.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution Was duly adopted by the Town Board at their August 9th, 2018 meeting.

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MIDDLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- Bill Duket is present for the Church. Supervisor Pemrick states that the Church filled out an application to use the Middle Grove Park. Town Clerk states that it was to reserve the pavilion for a picnic. Supervisor Pemrick states that it seems there will be music, tents, parking across the street with people crossing the road and we wanted to get a better idea of what is going to be happening at the Town Park. Mr. Duket states they have a 20 x 40 tent from the Corinth Church they will use in case of rain and they will take it down the next day. Supervisor Pemrick asks if he has a guess on the number of people that may attend, if it would be under 150. Mr. Duket says it would be under the 150. They had a similar event in Middle Grove Park in 2003. People came and sat on the lawn, others walked there from the area. He does not remember any parking issues. They used the outlets that were there. Veitch, C. asks if this is a 3 hour event. Mr. Duket states it is 6-8 PM and hopes they will arrive at 5PM so the Church can sell hot dogs, chips and soda as a fundraiser. Supervisor Pemrick states there activities such as the Farmers Market where they use cones to slow down the traffic. If people are crossing the road that can become an issue, so that will be the responsibility of the Church. He reminds him it is a public park. Johnson, C states that as long as it stays under the 150 cap, the restroom facilities will be able to handle the people, there is not the need for extra porta-potties. Mr. Duket explains to the Board the group that is playing does not charge, but takes offerings that go to mission work. It's nice for the community. Johnson, C asks if they can provide a Certificate of Insurance.

RESOLUTION # 112- Approve use of Middle Grove Park for United Methodist Church Event

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby approves use of Middle Grove Park by the United Methodist Church of Middle Grove to hold an event on August 25, 2018 from 5-8 PM. The event will be under 150 people, they will sell hot dogs as a fundraiser and have a band. A 20 x 40 tent will be used if needed. The Church will have the responsibility of people crossing Middle Grove Road from the Church parking lot to the Park, and provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

DISCUSSION- DONATION OF PROPERTY SANDHILL ROAD- Discussion takes place on the Metzger property on Sandhill Road, near the intersection of Middle Grove Road. Supervisor Pemrick states that Mr. Metzger would like to donate this property to the Town. He no longer intends to develop. He would like us to provide an assessment of the property so he could deduct it off taxes as a result of the donation. These properties were divided in the 90's and is mostly swamp. The taxes for general and highway are around \$400. Johnson, C feels it should be more than that because there are many lots there. Mark Schachner asks what is his request? Johnson, C. states something from the Assessor on the value of the property. Discussion takes place on the assessment of the individual lots. Johnson, C asks what the value to the Town would be. Capasso, C states it would be no value to the Town, but what is he going to do with it. Johnson, C says that is his problem. He could sell it. Do we want to take it off the tax rolls, do we want another piece of property we are liable for? Veitch, C asks what is the value ? Is there a value that can be turned back to us. Capasso. C asks if we could sell the lots. Johnson, C. says no, Town Counsel concurs, it is not a lawful public purpose.

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Capasso, asks if it is all swamp. Johnson, C. states the part on the hill is dry, but the bottom is all swamp. Cochran, C. feels that if someone wants to give us land, we should look at it. Cochran, C asks Highway Superintendent Barss if he knows where the land is and if he sees a value in it from a Town perspective. Mr. Barss states personally, he sees a liability. If we use it as a park, it is all swamp and another liability. Cochran, C states he hears that it is a liability to the Town. Veitch, C. states taking it off the tax rolls is a detriment to out tax payers. Supervisor Pemrick states we are not interested. Town Board members agree.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION- Supervisor Pemrick states Environmental Commission Chair, Ken Blom recommended Carrie Minner to the Envir. Commission. She is a resident of Greenfield, has a BS in Biology and has worked in testing of soils, water and air. She has also worked with routing air quality testing, reviewing data and compiling reports of findings. Mr. Blom feels she would be an asset to the Committee.

RESOLUTION # 113- Appoint Carrie Minner to the Environmental Commission

Motion: Cochran, C.
Seconded: Veitch, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Carrie Minner to the Environmental Commission.
Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch
Noes: None

UPDATING RETIREMENT POLICIES- Supervisor Pemrick states that a sub-committee which includes himself, MaryAnn Johnson, Walt Barss and Joan Stunzi met to go over the Health Insurance Policies for Retirees. It has not been reviewed since 2005 originally written in 1996. The committee clarified years of retirement and define the 20 years of service. Paragraphs D, E and F would change. Johnson, C. states E was the largest change. Paragraph E, the retiree would need to pay almost the entire health policy. They would still pay, but make it more affordable. If someone is hired after 1997, they would pay 20%. Johnson, C. states they would need 20 years of service and be eligible for retirement. Veitch, C. questions that in Paragraphs D & E should reference paragraph B, which spells out the requirements for retirement. Even though it is assumed it would be the same as stated in B for eligibility for requirements, it should be stated in each paragraph so it is not misunderstood, or someone can say it doesn't say that here. Supervisor Pemrick states Paragraph F says that we provide a stipend for those who have insurance elsewhere. It was suggested that we raise the stipend so that the employee, who is insured elsewhere would stay with that insurance. Veitch, C asks if we ask the employee prove they have other insurance. Capasso, C. feels it is not up to us to do that. Veitch, C. states there is a law you have to have health insurance. Before we write a check for \$2500 shouldn't we verify if they have coverage. Supervisor Pemrick states there is nothing wrong with that. Capasso, C asks if there are people taking the stipend now. Johnson, C says there are a couple of people who do. Supervisor Pemrick would like this in a better form in the Health Insurance for Retirees section, completed and rewritten.

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RESOLUTION # 114- Accept the Changes to the Health Insurance Policy for Retirees

Motion: Veitch, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the changes to the Health Policy for retirees, raising the stipend for family coverage from \$2200 to \$2500; single coverage from \$1100 to \$1400; create a new category employee/ spouse and employee/child with a stipend of \$1950. Stipend to be paid in November after proof of health insurance is provided to the Town; employees hired after 1/1/97 with a minimum of 20 years of service and meet the requirements from NYS retirement system may continue health insurance for themselves at 10% of the premium cost and may cover their spouse for an additional 10%, making the total contribution 20% of the premium cost for retiree/ spouse. Upon death of employee, spouse may continue coverage at 20%. Employees who were hired after 1/1/1991 and before 1/1/1997 and retire from the Town of Greenfield with a minimum of 20 years of service and meet the requirements from NYS retirement system may continue to receive health insurance for themselves and their spouse providing they pay 5% of the premium cost to the Town. Upon the death of the retiree, the spouse may continue coverage by continuing to pay 5% of the premium.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

DISCUSSION CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOB DISCRPTION- Supervisor Pemrick states there has been a number of informal changes to this job description over a period of years from different Supervisors. It would be of value to us to look at it, see where we are now, compare it to how it has been in the past and the job description that is in our policy handbook, and decide if we want to make changes to the job description. He would like to make some changes. If you look at 1994, currently the Code Enforcement Officer is not working 35 hours a week. Then it required attendance to the Planning and Zoning Board's meeting without numeration. Our Town has changed. Capasso, C. asks if he is looking for a committee to review. Supervisor Pemrick states yes. Kevin (Veitch) is the Board's liaison, so he would like on to be on the committee along with himself. Capasso, C. states you can't have another Board member. Supervisor Pemrick asks the Board members to look at the job responsibilities and activities that go with the job. Let's make sure that the service and demand that the Town needs can be met. Cochran, C. states we should look at all positions over the next year or two. Veitch, C. asks the Board members, to give notes or ideas.

LOAN OF GOLF CARTS TO CORINTH- Supervisor Pemrick asks Highway Supt. Barss how many Golf Carts they would like to borrow. W. Barss states six to use to move their Fire Police and dignitaries around for Corinth's Bi-Centennial Parade. Supervisor Pemrick states that we have insurance coverage from Corinth because of the Parade.

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RESOLUTION # 115- Loan 6 Golf Carts to Corinth for Parade

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby loans six (6) Golf Carts to the Town of Corinth for their Bi-centennial Parade to be held August 19, 2018. The Town Of Corinth has insurance coverage.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

DISCUSSION SEPTIC SYSTEM BOOKHAVEN PAVILION- Supervisor Pemrick presents a map of the restroom area from Town Engineer, Charlie Baker. Mr. Baker would like to verify that the Town is satisfied with the placement of the facilities in relationship to the Pavilion so he can begin the design. Johnson, C. asks where are we getting the water and electric. Discussion takes place. Highway Supt. Barss states the power will be coming from the course behind the bathrooms. The Board is in agreement to have the Town Engineer start the design. Highway Supt. Barss states he can do the excavation and ground work.

Monthly Reports were submitted by Town Clerk, Town Justices, Highway Superintendent, Dog Control, Parks and Supervisor's Financial Report.

RESOLUTION # 116- Transfer of Funds

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to make the following Transfer of Funds:

\$ 732.00	From: A1310.2	To: A1320.4
\$ 4822.65	From: A7310.4	To: A7310.1
\$ 180.48	From: A7510.2	To: A7510.4
\$ 488.85	From: A8015.2	To: A8020.4
\$ 5146.77	From: A1990.4	To: A8160.4
\$ 100.00	From: A8015.4	To: A8020.110
\$ 3144.87	From: DA5130.4	To: DA5140.4
\$ 15,156.89	From: CR1990.4	To: CR7180.4
\$ 17,402.07	From: CR1990.4	To: CR7110.4

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 117- General Bills

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

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RESOLVED, That the General Bills from # 493- 584 in the amount of \$34,979.25 be paid.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 118- Highway Bills

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, that the Highway Bills from # 168-192 in the amount of \$197,336.26 be paid.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 119- Parks Bills

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

RESOLVED, that the parks bills from # 180-219 in the amount of \$50,376.11 be paid.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

Councilman Rick Capasso would like to commend Rebecca Sewell for the excellent job she did with the Summer Camp program.

On a motion by Cochran, C. and seconded by Capasso, C. the Town Board moves to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:55 PM. The Town Clerk was not present and no minutes were taken.

On a motion by Cochran, C and seconded by Capasso, C the regular meeting of the Town Board was re-opened at 8:35PM. Johnson, C. states that Charles Blodgett would like to resign from the Ethics Board. He has been a member since 1995. Supervisor Pemrick states the Town Board will be looking for two members to fill those vacancies.

On motion by Cochran, C. and seconded by Capasso, C. the meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

Town Clerk

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