

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Town Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; Daniel Cochran, MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso and Kevin Veitch, Councilpersons. Also present were Superintendent of Highways, Walter Barss; Deputy Superintendent of Highways Duane Wright; Recreation Director Rebecca Sewell; Mark Schachner, Town Counsel and 5 residents.

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Supervisor Pemrick with a pledge to the flag.

On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Veitch, C. the minutes from December 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 were approved as submitted by all members present.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Town Clerk states she received the fourth quarterly report for 2018 from Jessups Landing. The signed contracts for EMS services from Community Emergency Services, Wilton EMS and Jessups Landing have been received.

PALMERTOWN TRAIL - Supervisor Pemrick states that on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm Maria Trabeca will be present a discussion of the Palmertown Trail and how it fits on with the Town of Greenfield. About 24 miles of the Town of Greenfield will fit into this Conservancy and she will take questions from the Public.

#### **RESOLUTION #30- AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSOR TO UNDERTAKE A TOWNWIDE REVAL 2020/2021**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Town Board authorizes and directs the Assessor to undertake a Town Wide Property revaluation Project for the purpose of updating and correcting the Town's Assessment rolls for the years 2020 and 2021. Authorizing this project at his time will lock in modeling costs, extra hours for the Assessor Clerk, increase in postage, and amount the Assessor would be paid. Estimated total cost of \$33,000.00.

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

Noes: None

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DISCUSSION- SUMMER CAMP - Recreation Director, Rebecca Sewell submits a list of Summer Camp expenses from 2018 and projected expenses for 2019. The total expenses for 2018 was \$85292.55, projected budget this year is \$88,200.00. 2019 busing expense is in red as Saratoga Transportation Department has asked that Greenfield stop busing to and from camp. They will not support the busing because of an increase in Summer School and STEM programs and they need the buses for these programs. There is a shortage of bus drivers. They will provide buses for the field trips and she will be sharing 4 bus drivers with Camp Saradac. Together they will employ 4 bus drivers with Camp Saradac using them Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Greenfield will be Tuesday and Thursday. The \$4000 in red will be for the field trips and the bus drivers. She asks the Board to look at the weekly charges. 2018 was \$7 a week for Greenfield residents and \$25 for non-residents. For 2019 she is asking to charge Greenfield residents \$40 per week and non-residents \$70. She understands that this is a big increase, but looking at the hourly costs in 2018 it cost Greenfield Residents 32 cents per hour for camp and non-residents \$1.13. By raising the fees it comes to \$1.90 per hour for Greenfield residents and \$3.33 for non-residents. Camp Saradac's hourly fee is \$4.60 per hour for city residents. Director Sewell states the 2019 fee will include field trips. Our camp has a great reputation, qualified Camp Directors and Counselors, so it is fair to price it accordingly. She knows some people will not be happy. Capasso, C. asks if there will be scholarships. Director Sewell states yes. We had 23 last year to Greenfield residents. We have options to give full scholarships or possibly half price. Greenfield residents will have the full month of March to sign up first before the non-residents. The Town supplements 40% of the Camp costs. Johnson, C. asks how many took the bus. Director Sewell says about 40, however there were 17 who were scholarship recipients and she doesn't know how they will get to Camp which is unfortunate. She has been in touch with Corinth and others that provide transportation to explore options. Veitch, C. asks we went from \$7 to \$40 which includes Field trips, what would it be without the trips? Director Sewell states that maybe \$100. The average field trip is \$13. The five weeks will be \$200 which includes the t-shirt and all field trips. The kids are getting 3 hours of fun things to do. We have wildlife, water days with a giant slide, children's museum and we offer a free lunch program for any child. Her paperwork will be on the website February 15<sup>th</sup>, she will be making a presentation to the HSA and she needs approval for the rate increases before that presentation. Veitch, C. asks about the increase training. Director Sewell states that 2017 the whole staff was trained complete with CPR. 2018 was the Head Counselors. This year she will have the whole staff as the CPR training will expire. Supervisor Pemrick states that the increase also reflects the minimum wage increase.

**RESOLUTION #31- APPROVE RATE INCREASES FOR THE 2019 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM**

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Town Board hereby approves the rate increases for 2019 Summer Camp, due to the minimum wage increase, low cost of the program over the years, ability to provide a quality program and counselors for the children that attend the camp, quality and fun field trips, along with a lunch program that is available for all of the campers.

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

Noes: None

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BROOKHAVEN AGREEMENTS- Supervisor Pemrick states that the Town has agreements with a new Golf Pro at Brookhaven Golf Course, Anthony Therrien. Also we have an agreement with new restaurant operators, Tina Pethick and Jeffery Douglas, with the Full House Restaurant at Brookhaven.

**RESOLUTION #32- APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – GOLF PRO**

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Cochran, C

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves the employment with Anthony Therrien for the Position of Head golf Professional at Greenfield’s municipally owned Brookhaven Golf Course .

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION #33- APPROVE MANAGEMENT & OPERATION AGREEMENT FOR BROOKHAVEN**

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Cochran, C

**RESOLVED**, That the Town Board hereby approves the License, Management and Operation Agreement with Tina Pethick and Jeffrey Douglas for the operation of food, beverage and retail concessions at Brookhaven Golf Course.

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

Noes: None

SUPRPLUS GMC TRUCK- Superintendent of Highways, Walter Barss, states there is a 2008 GMS truck that he would like to put on the Auction sight. He adds you can make more money on the auction sight than trading it in.

**RESOLUTION #34- DECLARE 2008 GMS TRUCK AS SURPLUS**

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Cochran, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the 2008 GMC truck be declared as surplus and put on the auction sight. The money received for the truck will be put in the new equipment budget.

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION #35-APPROVE 2019 NUTRITION & TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS**

Motion: Johnson, C

Seconded: Capasso, C

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves for the Year 2019 approves the Senior and Transportation and Nutrition agreements with the Saratoga County Office for the Aging in the amount of \$713.00 per quarter, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Town Supervisor be allowed to execute the same.

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

Noes: None

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RIDGE ROAD EXT.- Harold Jones states he owns property on Ridge Road in the western corner of Porter Corners. He has presented maps and documents to the Town Board. He is speaking about the Northern section of Ridge road beginning at the western corner of Ballou Road and running south to the East end of existing Ridge Road. He refers to minutes from 1947 TB meeting where that road was closed. He recognizes property owners that are here with the same concern. They are asking the Greenfield Town Board and the Greenfield Highway Superintendent to authorize public access to the Northern portion of Ridge Road between Ballou Road and the new Ridge Road Highway turn around. This is the same portion of road that was abandoned at the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1947 meeting by Resolution #9 according to Section 205 of Highway Law, para. 1. Specifically he is asking to do one of three options; 1) Reverse the 1947 Town Board decision and reopen the Road based on Sect. 207 of the Highway Law, due to errors or oversights. A) No portion of the Highway discontinued should be greater than 1000 ft from the end. B) The 1947 minutes states that the closed portion is .85 miles, that is 4480 ft, well over the 1000 ft. The distance measures more than 1 ½ miles. C) There are no records of landowners requesting discontinuance. The landowners are relatives of those in the audience. 2) Based on Section 189 of Highway Law, the Highway Superintendent can open the highway to a width of 3 rods if the lands have been used by the public 10 years or more. 3) Sect. 205 para 2 of Highway Law the Town Board and Highway Superintendent at any time will designate the road to be a qualified abandonment. Qualified abandonment where it appears the highway has not become unused. They are asking for any of those items for the purpose of legally drive or walk in and out. Supervisor Pemrick thanks Mr. Jones and states there is a lot of information for the Board to consider and we will involve the Town Attorney. Mr. Jones does not expect this to be quick. Supervisor Pemrick asks Town Counsel, Mark Schachner for an opinion. Mark Schachner predicts that the Town will unlikely have an obligation to reopen, but you have been asked to exercise your discretion to reopen and it is entirely possible that you have the authority to do that if you wish to do that. Town Counsel states that he will look into it and give better advice. Capasso, C. asks if someone stopped them from using the property? Mr. Jones states yes, a stonewall and gate were put up. Supervisor Pemrick states we will wait to hear from the Town Attorney on how to proceed.

WAIVE 30 DAY NOTICE TO LIQUOR AUTHORITY- Town Clerk states she received a request from Tina Pethick, co- owner of The Full Course Restaurant at Brookhaven, for a waiver of a 30 day notice to the Town of Greenfield. She will be operating the restaurant and needs to apply for their liquor license to the State Liquor Authority. This would help her open the business as soon as possible.

**RESOLUTION #36 –WAIVE THE 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD FOR THE FULL COURSE RESTAURANT AT BROOKHAVEN.**

Motion: Johnson. C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED,** The Town of Greenfield hereby waives the 30 day advance notice to the Town of Greenfield for The Full Course Restaurant at Brookhaven so they can file a liquor license with the New York State Liquor Authority, at the Brookhaven Golf Course , 333 Alpine Meadows Road, Porter Corners, NY 12833.

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

Noes: None

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**RESOLUTION #37- AUTHORIZE FUNDS FROM UDAG FOR PROJECT LIFT**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

**RESOLVED,** That the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay the first installment of \$5750.00 from UDAG funds for Project Lift in the Greenfield Elementary School. The total cost for 2019 is \$11,500.

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

Noes: None

Thomas Murphy thanks the Town Board for their Resolution in support of armed monitors in the Saratoga School District. He states that 2018 was the worst year for school shootings, 24 school shootings with injuries or deaths, 114 people were killed or injured, among them 28 students and 7 employees were killed along with 79 injured. School Grounds Monitors programs have been in effect for 30 years. Over 1000 citizens have attended the Saratoga Springs School Board meetings. 300 have spoken opposed to disarming of School Ground monitors. Three Resolutions passed in the Town of Greenfield , Town of Wilton and the City of Saratoga Springs Council Board in response to the decision by the School Board to remove the firearms of the School Ground Monitors. There is one SRO in the Saratoga School District and if that person is off, at training or out sick there has not been any coordination with the Police Dept. to replace that officer on the School grounds. He asks the Town Board to support the increase of Mental Health Programs for all students, expanding the School resource officer program so all Saratoga Springs Schools have access to them. Re-arm qualified monitors, expand the program so every School has monitors. The Hadley –Luzerne School district has two full time SROs for a population of 721 students. Saratoga Springs School District with a student population of 6400 has one SRO. He asks the Board for their continued support .

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Parks Dept., Dog Control, Building Dept. and monthly and yearly reports from the Town Justices.

**RESOLUTION #38 – GENERAL BILLS**

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

**RESOLVED,** That the General Bills from # 1-50 in the amount of \$96,512.75 be paid.

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

Noes: None

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**RESOLUTION #39 – HIGHWAY BILLS**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Highway Bills from #1-17 in the amount of \$16,254.99 be paid.

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION #40 – PARKS –**

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Veitch, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Parks Bills from # 1-7 in the amount of \$1,266.82 be paid.

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION #41- UDAG BILL**

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, That bill #1-2019 in the amount of \$5750 for Prevention Programming, Project Lift at the Greenfield Elementary School.

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

Noes: None

On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Cochran, C. the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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