

May 12, 2016 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; Daniel Cochran, Walter E. Chandler, MaryAnn Johnson and Rick Capasso, Councilmen. Also present were Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, Walter Barss, Highway Superintendent and approximately 7 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and opened with a Pledge to the Flag. On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Chandler, C. the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were accepted by all members.

CORRESPONDENCE- The Town of Greenfield Historical Society & Farmers Market

**RESOLUTION #66** – Use of Middle Grove Park

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

**Resolved**, that the Town Board hereby permits the Town of Greenfield Historical Society to use the Middle Grove Park for the Farmers Market, from June 17<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

Noes: None

Supervisor Pemrick recognizes some members from the Planning Board in the audience and asks if there is something on the agenda or a new topic to be discussed. Tonya Yasenchak, Planning Board Chair, as PB Chair asks the Town Counsel for a Comprehensive Land Use Board meeting that would include the Planning and Zoning Boards along with Town Counsel to review items that come before them on a regular basis. Some members feel a disconnect with comments or referrals, but if the Boards were to meet they could straighten out any miscommunication, review the Town codes and that would help them review plans in front of them. Also, we are talking about changes to the Zoning Codes, the Planning Board has given the Committee items that they feel should be addressed and this would help with that dialog. Members who were on the Committee have researched items and would still like to be a part of that process. Supervisor Pemrick, states that he will contact the Boards to set up a date when all could meet. Nathan Duffney, Planning Board member comments that the Boards should be on the same page. He feels that the Town Board has distanced itself from the other Boards. Supervisor Pemrick states the Board Chairs could communicate with each other, but you don't want it to seem like influence. Chandler, C. agrees that you have to be careful how you approach this, you don't want it to seem that the Town Board is an influence in decisions. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, comments that

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many Towns do meet on a regular basis and is a great idea, but he feels that the Town Board maintaining a distance from the other Boards is not a bad idea for the same reasons that Chandler, C. has talked about. Town Counsel's suggestion is don't discuss specifics of pending applications. That's when undue influence can be perceived from the other Boards, because the Town Board appoints those members. T. Yasenchak, feels that at times the Planning and Zoning Boards struggle with certain codes and procedures. Meeting with Town Counsel would help the Boards.

**RESOLUTION # 67** - Resolution of Honor – Candace Merbler  
Submitted by: Chandler, C.  
Seconded: Johnson, C.

WHEREAS, **CANDACE MERBLER**, was first appointed to the Revolving Loan Fund(UDAG) in November 1994 and continued as a member until April 2016, and

WHEREAS, **CANDACE MERBLER**, during that time served as Chairman of the UDAG Loan Committee until April 2016, and volunteered her services to the Town of Greenfield, and

WHEREAS, **CANDACE MERBLER**, worked with individual businesses to achieve their goals,  
And,

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to express its thanks and deep appreciation to **CANDACE MERBLER** for her many years of dedicated service to the Town and its residents, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by this Town Board on behalf of the residents of the Town of Greenfield, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy be presented to said **CANDACE MERBLER**.

Dated: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor  
Daniel Cochran, Councilman  
Walter E. Chandler, Councilman  
MaryAnn Johnson, Councilman  
Rick Capasso, Councilman

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board at their May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting.

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Louise Okoniewski, Town Clerk

DISCUSSION SOLAR CODE LANGUAGE – Tonya Yasenchak, PB Chair questions the Solar Code language. She knows the Town would like to get something in place quickly asks Counsel what the procedure is as far as the reviewing of language. Whatever Zoning Law is passed the Planning board needs definition, are they accessory structures, etc.? If the Planning Board doesn't have definitions to review by they are left hanging. T. Yasenchak presents scenarios that the PB would need in order to review that type of

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project. She would like it to be the same for every applicant, and would give more tools for them to review. She reads from new Solar Language she has received. N. Duffney asks about the Fire Dept. becoming involved. Cochran, C. thanks Tonya Yasenchak for bringing forward topics that need to be discussed. He's glad to hear that committee members want to be involved. He wants to use caution and research because he has heard interest in 10- 20 acres of panels. He feels that the Fire Dept. should be involved because of the dangers of going on the roof to fight a fire. Discussion takes place on language that Cochran, C. has sent out. Johnson, C. asks for a copy of that as she has not received any of the proposed language. He wants the Planning Board to be involved. T. Yasenchak says that is good, but they still need that tools to make decisions, there are a lot of levels. Johnson, C. says that the PB needs maps of zones where these may be allowed or not. Discussion takes place on where they may be allowed. Cochran, C. states that this a review process and he needs review with the Planning Board. Chandler, C. mentions that the Fire Dept. has had training and classes for solar safety. Pemrick, Supervisor asks what is the next step? Cochran, C. says that he will get with T. Yasenchak and go over all the information and concerns. He would like to go over the Code Book and looks forward on working with all the next several months.

DISCUSSION OF WATER TANK - Pemrick, Supervisor states that the discussion has been that the Town will pay for a well to be driven at Porter Corners Fire House. This would be beneficial to the Town with the close proximity to the Town Garage. He asks W. Barss, Highway Supt. If the fire Dept. is ready to put in the well and if there is a dollar figure on what it would cost. W. Barss says that it could be up to \$8,000. Johnson, C. asks if that includes the pump. W. Barss says yes and he believes it includes the connections. Pemrick, Supervisor asks Barss, Highway Supt. to get a figure on what it would cost so the Town Board make a decision.

UPDATE ON BROOKHAVEN PARK PAVILION- Supervisor Pemrick states that he spoke with Curtis Lumber And he needs to get together with W. Chandler, C. and Highway Superintendent Barss and finalize the purchase of a Pavilion and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

DISCUSSION ON AED PURCHASE- Supervisor Pemrick asks Chandler, C. to get in writing the purchase of three AEDs, one for the Town Garage, Town Hall and Golf Course before the Board can proceed. Chandler, C. states that the Town saved a lot of money because we joined in with other Towns on a large purchase of the AEDs. He will get the contract.

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE- Supervisor Pemrick has received a request from Jeff Townsend, Manager of the Saratoga County Fair to put 3 signs around the Town for the dates of the County Fair. They will put the signs up from June 20<sup>th</sup> until July 25<sup>th</sup> and take down the signs. Chandler, C. says the Code says we can't have a big sign. Johnson, C. states that we have been putting these signs up for years and they are temporary. Capasso, C. agrees and if we have complaints then we'll have them remove the signs. The Board agrees to let the Saratoga County Fair place the signs on the same areas as in the past. Supervisor Pemrick states that the Board is in total agreement to have the signs. He will call Mr. Townsend and let him know.

HIGHWAY PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP- Highway Superintendent Barss would like to hire someone 18 years old, out of school for the summer.

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**RESOLUTION # 68-** Set rate of pay for Highway Part- Time seasonal help.

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the rate of pay for Highway part-time Summer seasonal help be set at \$10.00 per hour.

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

Noes: None

VETERAN'S PLAQUE – Veteran's plaque has been updated and ready to be picked up. Some names were accidently left off at the last update and now have been included in the new plaque. Within a year we will do the Town wide general update for the Veteran's plaques.

DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT AD IN THE PENNSAVER- Supervisor Pemrick states that the Town spends around \$2000.00 per year for ads in the Pennysaver. If we had an ad in that paper in the same part of the paper where people could look for Town information it may be cheaper. We could have any type of information in this ad. It would be another source to get out information about the Town. Highway Supt. Barss says the Highway could use it to let people know what roads they will be working on. Johnson, C. says that we can't put in Public hearings, they need to be a legal ad, but for other items it would be great. She said that in average we probably spend \$200.00 a month. Supervisor Pemrick will work with Town Clerk Okoniewski to put a permanent ad in the Pennysaver.

**RESOLUTION # 69** – Budget Amendment

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following budget amendment:

\$25,000.00                      From: DA5130.200                      To: DA0599

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 70-** Transfer of Funds

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following transfer of funds:

\$6,703.75                      From: DA5110.400                      To: DA5120.400

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 71-** Budget Amendment

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the supervisor be authorized to make the following budget amendment:

\$4976.32                      From: A1620.400                      To: A0599

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

Noes: None

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Monthly Reports were submitted by Town Clerk, Town Justices, Dog control, Parks Dept., Recreation Dept., Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor.

Capasso, C. states that he discussed with the Recreation Director that she feels that we need to collect fees from Saratoga National. They pay their funds in Saratoga to Saratoga National Little League and practice on Greenfield's Fields for free. Because of some circumstances, they will need to start playing games here. Pemrick, Supervisor, states that there are three groups that pay for the games, \$40.00 per game, and there is a lot of prep that goes into those fields, and the Recreation Director feels that the Saratoga National Little League should pay a fee for the games, they practice here for free. 15 years ago if Greenfield kids were playing in the league we did not charge. Johnson, C. asks how many Greenfield kids play in that league. Supervisor Pemrick states that Karyn is going to find out. From the perspective of the Rec. Director and Parks Maintenance there is a great deal of upkeep and maintenance that go into the fields. The fields are raked, lined and readied for the game. In addition they practice 3 times a week for free. Johnson, C. would like to know if the majority of the kids in that League are from Greenfield before any decisions are made.

**RESOLUTION # 72 – General Bills**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the General Bills from # 228-281 in the amount of \$29,048.21 be paid subject to audit.

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 73- Highway Bills**

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Highway Bills from 81-107 in the amount of \$113,707.22 be paid subject to audit.

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

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 74 – Park Bills**

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Park Bills from 66-100 in the amount of \$26,494.83 be paid subject to audit.

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

Noes: None

On a Motion by Capasso, C., and seconded by Johnson, C. the meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

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