

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Clarence was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Clarence Town Hall, One Town Place, Clarence, New York.

Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Meckler called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Members of the Town Board present were Councilmember's Bernard Kolber, Patrick Casilio, Peter DiCostanzo and Robert Geiger. Supervisor Hartzell was absent. Other Town Officials present were Highway Superintendent James Dussing, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Karen Jurek, Director of Administration and Finance Pamela CuvIELLO, Planning Board members Paul Shear and Steve Dale.

Highway Superintendent – James Dussing

Highway Superintendent Dussing was contacted by a resident on Old Post Circle regarding flooding. This has been an on-going issue for the last twenty years. Superintendent Dussing along with Town Engineer Lavocat are working on a Capital Project that they hope to begin in the summer of 2016. Town Engineer Lavocat has hired the firm Foit-Albert Associates to map out all the utilities, drainage pipes, phone boxes, cable etc. This project is in the review process under the Capital Project Committee. There is a unique situation where a twenty-four inch pipe goes through the middle of someone's driveway which empties into the creek. The road is lower than the creek, when the creek backs up the water flows out onto Old Post Circle. As an immediate fix, a flapper will be put on the pipe to keep the water out. Town Engineer Lavocat would like to have Foit – Albert come up with three different solutions. Currently the circle is tilted downwards, Superintendent Dussing suggested removing the road surface and the curbing and raise the circle up. Flooding is an issue whenever the creek rises. Mr. Lavocat has received a proposal for engineering totaling \$17,400. (Half the money will come out of engineering's-Professional Service Budget and the other half out of Town Wide Drainage). The proposal will provide three options to choose which bests remediates the problem.

Councilman Peter DiCostanzo

Motion by Councilman DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilman Casilio to set the annual Public Hearing for the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for October 28, 2015 at 7:45 PM to provide an opportunity for public input to the citizens of the Town of Clarence to express community development and housing needs and possible projects that would benefit low and moderate income persons residing in the Town of Clarence. On the question: the meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Anyone wishing to attend that needs special arrangement should call 741-8938 prior to the hearing date. Upon roll call – Ayes: Councilman Geiger, Councilman DiCostanzo, Councilman Casilio, Councilman Kolber; Noes: None. Absent: Supervisor Hartzell. Motion carried.

Councilman Robert Geiger

The roof on the garage at the Senior Center has been replaced, including the fascia and soffits. In the future, the Senior Center would like to build a shelter next to the garage to keep the senior van in.

Over the weekend, several Eagle Scouts painted the garage at 10375 Main Street (McIver House).

Councilman Casilio stated that the Preliminary Budget submitted by the Supervisor cut programs and wages. \$300,000 was allocated for a problem that may not even exist and \$80,000 was allocated for a consultant for the Parks Department. Councilman Casilio found this unusual and unnecessary.

The Town Board reviewed the revised preliminary budget line by line reinstating some of the requests made by department heads and elected officials. A revised budget will be distributed to each department for review and comment.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Darcy A. Snyder

Deputy Town Clerk