

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Clarence was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at the Clarence Town Hall, One Town Place, Clarence, New York.

Supervisor Scott Bylewski called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Members of the Town Board present were Councilmember's Peter DiCostanzo, Patrick Casilio, and Bernard Kolber. Councilman Joseph Weiss was absent however; Supervisor Bylewski stated that he will be at the scheduled 11:00 AM meeting at the town pool. Other Town officials present were Town Attorney Steven Bengart.

#### **Supervisor Scott Bylewski**

The Work Session will continue at the town pool at 11:00 AM to discuss Capital Improvements. At 12:00PM the Town Board has been invited to the dedication of Russell's Park (Russell Salvatore) in Depew.

Supervisor Bylewski circulated the letter he received regarding the NYS Grant Program. Unfortunately the Town of Clarence was not selected as recipient of the grant. However, given the three projects that were selected, Supervisor Bylewski could see why they were selected given their financial and economic status. The town was encouraged to apply again if funding becomes available.

Supervisor Bylewski reminded the Board about the televised production of "Our Town" scheduled for September 25, 2010 on WNED at 6:30 PM.

Supervisor Bylewski has one item to discuss in Executive Session regarding the employment history of a corporation.

#### **Councilman Patrick Casilio**

At the August 11<sup>th</sup> Work Session, Councilman Casilio brought up the request by Clarence Hollow for possibly narrowing Main Street, the high traffic volume and the speed of traffic is hurting business. Bob Lenz took pictures in East Aurora where they narrowed the street by installing a dedicated bike lane using colored striping. East Aurora's Main Street is not a through street like Main Street in Clarence. Supervisor Bylewski stated that he has not heard from the Erie County Consortium regarding this year's CDBG monies however, Jim Callahan and Brad Packard have been discussing making sure an application is made regarding the Hollow and the streetscape as to whether there are other improvements to put in there that may help attract businesses and people.

Councilman Casilio stated that the Clarence Hollow is at a crossroads as to what their primary purpose is. They hold 24 meetings a year besides several social events. They do a great job at everything they do but it is wearing people out including distributing \$17,000 worth of pamphlets to areas as far away as Rochester. Senior Building Inspector David Metzger is meeting with representatives from Clarence Hollow to discuss some of the distressed properties in the area.

Councilman Casilio was approached by the owner of 10589 Main Street relative to her car dealership that the Town Board denied in 2009. She made accusations about several Board members and stated that she should not have been denied. Councilman Casilio informed her that her roof was in need of repair and has gotten worse since she first applied for a Temporary Conditional Permit. Further, she was asked to clean up the area behind her building and remove some of the junk vehicles which she still has not taken care of.

There was a discussion regarding parking along Harris Hill Road in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuesday nights. Town Attorney Bengart suggested the overflow park in the school parking lot. Councilman Casilio will talk to a representative from the church to see what can be done. There are safety issues with cars parking on the sidewalks.

Parks Crew Chief James Burkard has been talking to Highway Superintendent Donner regarding paving repairs in front of the Clubhouse. Next year we will be celebrating the Clubhouse Bi-centennial and it would be nice if we could get the parking area repaired and sealed before then. Jim thought he could

buy the blacktop direct and have the Highway Department provide the labor instead of going to an outside source.

**Councilman Peter DiCostanzo**

Motion by Councilman DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilman Kolber to approve Town Assessor Christine Fusco request to attend the NYS Assessors Association annual meeting and seminar to be held at Lake Placid, NY September 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and reimbursement for any necessary and reasonable expenses. On the question, Supervisor Bylewski stated that the NYS Planning Federation Conference is scheduled for the same weekend. He will be attending both the NYS Assessors Association meeting and the NYS Planning Federation Conference. Upon roll call – Ayes: Councilman DiCostanzo, Councilman Casilio, Councilman Kolber, Supervisor Bylewski; Noes: None. Absent: Councilman Weiss. Motion carried.

**Councilman Bernard Kolber**

Councilman Kolber and Councilman DiCostanzo will meet with members of the local fire companies to discuss their budgets and find out where they can cut back before they present their actual budgets requests.

**Town Attorney Steven Bengart**

There was supposed to be a trial today on the Article 7 however it is not going forward. They are picking a trial date today.

Councilman DiCostanzo attended a party and several residents asked why the Town of Clarence does not have a garbage district. Out of the four people that inquired three of them said they did not vote for it when it went to referendum because they thought “it was a no-brainer” and it would pass.

Motion by Supervisor Bylewski, seconded by Councilman Kolber to enter into Executive Session pursuant to §105(1) F of the Open Meetings Law to discuss the employment history of a corporation. Upon roll call – Ayes: Councilman DiCostanzo, Councilman Casilio, Councilman Kolber, Supervisor Bylewski; Noes: None. Absent: Councilman Weiss. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Bylewski, seconded by Councilman Kolber to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:02 AM. Upon roll call – Ayes: Councilman DiCostanzo, Councilman Casilio, Councilman Kolber, Supervisor Bylewski; Noes: None. Absent: Councilman Weiss. Motion carried. No action taken.

The Work Session reconvened at 11:00 AM at the Town Pool at 10405 Main Street. Those in attendance were: Supervisor Bylewski, Councilman Kolber, Councilman Casilio, Councilman DiCostanzo, Town Attorney Steven Bengart, Town Engineer Joseph Latona, Parks Crew Chief James Burkard, General Crew Chief Robert Linde, Parks employee Paul Allen, and Recreation Directors Chip Trapper and Chris Durr.

**Capital Improvements:**

- New locker room facilities and guard house
- Expansion of upper deck
- Pool lining
- Slide
- Parking and access

**New Locker room facilities and guard house**

One entrance to complex

Larger locker room and bathroom facilities

Include a family locker room

Separate/private guard room

Upper observation area and office

Upper observation deck for users  
 Maintenance and cleaning  
 Storage of chemicals and cleaning products as well as lane lines, deck furniture etc.  
 Automatic showers and toilets (conserve water)  
 Possible recreation storage

#### **Expansion of Upper Deck**

Larger area to include both shade and sun for non swimming patrons  
 Provide secure area for parents and families during swim lessons  
 Overall increase of shade area in pool complex

#### **Pool lining**

**Cost** 2008 = \$5710  
 2009 = \$8721  
 2010 = \$11,791.50

Town Engineer Latona has latest estimate of pool lining replacement figures  
 Water loss from an undetermined source  
 Opening day is contingent upon the timing of fiberglass repair each year  
 Corners and some bottom areas are in need of major repairs  
 Approximately 60 – 70% of pool is repaired each year

#### **Slide**

Located next to diving board  
 Increase deep end deck area  
 Expand fence area to enclose filter and heater house (security issues)  
 Expansion of deck area to the south and west of deep end  
 More new people coming to the pool than before

#### **Parking and Access**

Need for organized parking in a lot (paved)  
 Restricting automobile traffic in front of building  
 Flow of traffic through park  
 Safety (from parking lot to complex)

The Work Session adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Darcy A. Snyder  
 Deputy Town Clerk