

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

AUGUST 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Adamski
Councilwoman Pautler

RECORDING SECRETARY: Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Len Weglarski, DCO
Chris Snyder, CEO
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Attorney for Walden Ave. project
Residents

Walden Ave. site plan

Jennifer Strong noted the only thing we are waiting on is DOT approval then the site plan can be approved at next week's Regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Adamski added that more ornamental trees were requested than what was shown on the last plan. Mr. Romanowski noted that adding more ornamental trees should not be a problem. Supervisor Adamski added the Town Board may have a Special Meeting Friday morning, for something else, and if everything was submitted before then, the approval could be made at that meeting. Mr. Romanowski will follow up with the DOT, he also added that the Planning Board approved the sub division at their meeting last night. Supervisor Adamski asked if anyone else had more questions, no one responded.

Playground equipment - Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent

Has quotes from Miracle Playground Equipment, on State Bid, for 3 pieces of playground equipment. The three pieces are a sit-n-spin, a mommy-and-me swing and a peak climber. These additions will add diversity to the Town Park where we only have swing sets. All Board members were in favor of the purchase, Jennifer Strong will prepare the resolution for the next Regular Town Board Meeting.

Sewer Plant - Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

Distributed copies of the Change Orders to the Town Board; also noted there is about \$20k in reductions to be paid to the contractor. Jennifer Strong will prepare the resolution accepting the Change Orders for the next Regular Town Board Meeting.

Senior Center Roof Specs. - Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

Working on specs. Should be done in the upcoming weeks.

Ag & Markets Letter - Dean Adamski, Town Supervisor

A response to Ag & Markets letter needs to be made within 30 days, the letter is dated July 27th. Jennifer Strong questioned whose committee dogs was; Colleen Pautler responded that it was hers. Jennifer stated affidavits or statements from the neighbors should be collected. Supervisor Adamski suggested Lenny Weglarski, DCO be the one to contact the neighbors because they have dealt with him. Supervisor Adamski stated the resident, Orion Lamentagne at 12635 Reinhardt Rd. is trying to get the state to say his dogs can bark all night. Supervisor Adamski asked for statements to be collected from neighbors stating it affects their sleep, or anything else. Jennifer Strong added that they should include if the animals owned by Lamentagne have caused damage to their property. She also suggested they add to their statements that it is a residential neighborhood. Supervisor Adamski confirmed that Jennifer Strong will write the response. He wants included that they have 4 unlicensed dogs which is against Town Code, he wants what the barking code included, and anything else that builds a case against why he can't do it. Jennifer Strong added that this

information is needed sooner than later given the letter is dated July 27th. Supervisor Adamski wants a definition of a “start up farm” which is referenced in the letter. Supervisor Adamski noted that the letter states the land gets an agricultural exemption. Deputy Town Supervisor Rogers added that she pulled the tax record and the property does not have that exemption. Supervisor Adamski wants that incorrect information pointed out in the response. Jennifer Strong will draft a letter for the Board to review.

Move Night – Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman

Colleen Pautler handed out an email from Colleen Babcock, Alden Substance Abuse Coalition, outlining their format for Movie Night. She added that the Coalition will be getting the required insurance and also will be sending a letter requesting to use the Town’s movie equipment as well, in order to show 2 movies at once. Jennifer Strong stated they needed to fill out the NYS Safety Plan Template. Colleen Pautler stated it did not fit their organization or what they were trying to do. Jennifer Strong responded stating they would have to fill it out the best they could as it is a general template and not specific to one type of event. Supervisor Adamski said they need to submit a formal signed plan as requested at the last Work Session.

Local Law for Parking – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Just needs dimensions and where the new “no parking” zones will be. Bill Rogers will get Jennifer that information this week.

Residency Law – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

In order to replace the existing Local Law for residency requirements, we have to rescind that local law by local law then adopt a new local law. Supervisor Adamski requested we start the process and take it as far as it can go before we reach the Public Hearing portion.

Plan For school tax collection – Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

We need to come up with a plan for tax collection. Some municipalities are having attendants at their entrances to take temps, sign people in and control the number of residents in the building at once and/or limiting the hours for in person payments. Supervisor Adamski suggested including a letter with the tax bills stating appoints must be made to make in person payments. Alecia Barrett questioned Jennifer Strong on the legalities of that and Jennifer Strong said it was acceptable.

YMCA – Dean Adamski, Town Supervisor

After talking and thinking about it, Supervisor Adamski personally does not think it is a good idea because they would be bringing more people into the building. Councilwoman Pautler added that she did not feel there was enough space here with the construction that will be starting. Supervisor Adamski went on to say he did not believe it was in the public’s best interest to rent space to the program.

Planning Board – Dean Adamski, Town Supervisor

There is one member of the Planning Board who has not attended any meetings this year. Mike DeWitt has been asked to reach out to that member and tell them they have to start attending or submit a letter of resignation.

Cayuga Creek Water - Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor

Suggested that, based on the feedback from the informational meeting the other night, numbers be re-run based on number of properties in the proposed district. Mike Metzger stated numbers could also be re-run with lower rate percentages based on the information Jeff Smith relayed. Colleen Rogers went on to state that giving people better numbers will help them to make an informed decision. A lot of work has been put into this proposed water district and it needs to continue to move forward if the Town is going to take advantage of the historically low rates Jeff Smith referenced.

Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor

Continuing to get phone calls from residents who want to use the Community Center. Supervisor Adamski stated each organization will have to submit their own COVID compliant plan prior to approval for use. Max capacity will be 20 people.

Len Weglarski, DCO

Picked up an abandoned dog last week, held it for 7 days and surrendered it to the SPCA yesterday.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

Reached out to Jeff Smith with regard to the MWBE waiver for the sewage treatment plant and Jeff Smith replied that it was approved.

Alecia Barrett, Town Clerk

Would like to discuss staffing in the Town Clerk's Office. Supervisor Adamski stated an Executive Session would be needed to discuss that issue as it relates to personnel. Stated we can go into Executive Session as soon as the meeting is over.

Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman

Spoke with Haist Locksmith and materials needed for the re-key project are in and the project will begin with the Community Center. Bill Rogers added that the handing out of keys will have to be coordinated. Jennifer Strong added that the new key policy will have to be followed and all keys need to be obtained and signed for at Town Hall. Councilwoman Pautler noted the keys will be numbered.