

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Councilwoman Pautler
Councilwoman Waiss

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer
Chris Snyder, CEO
Colleen Rogers, Deputy Town Supervisor
Bill Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Residents

AJFC Park practice request – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

AJFC submitted a request to use the Town Park for practice; they have submitted insurance and a safety plan. Jennifer Strong asked if the Board had any restrictions they wanted to add, there were none. She stated a motion will be ready for the next Town Board meeting.

Alden Central School request to use Joe Panza Trail for XCOUNTRY – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

School has submitted insurance and a safety plan and would like to use the Joe Panza Trail for XCOUNTRY running. Jennifer Strong asked if the Board had any restrictions they wanted to add, there were none. She stated a motion will be ready for the next Town Board meeting.

Alden Substance Abuse Coalition request to use Joe Panza Trail for Halloween event – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Substance Abuse Coalition submitted a request to use the Town Park and Joe Panza Trail for a Halloween event. We have their insurance but no safety plan yet, the event is not until the end of October, so there is plenty of time for them to get their safety plan in. Deputy Supervisor Rogers added that no fires/torches. Jennifer Strong will have a motion ready for the next Town Board meeting.

Fire contract renewal – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Contracts were sent out to all 4 fire companies. Townline acknowledged receipt; nothing further. Crittenden is good with it as written. Millgrove would like the Town to consider doing a 3 year contract instead of a 1 year and also adjust the date their annual finances are due to the Town. Jennifer Strong added that they are the only one out of the four that made these requests. All four contracts are the same. Councilwoman Pautler stated that she cannot make any statement on that because she was not there for the negotiation. Councilwoman Pautler stated the same and added she's never seen the contract. Jennifer Strong went on to add that when she and Supervisor Adamski had met with the fire companies they had all agreed on the 1 year contract. Deputy Supervisor Rogers stated that the Board should see the contract. Jennifer Strong noted that the contracts have previously been shared with the Board. Deputy Supervisor went on to add that with none of the other fire companies wanting to change the contract that it should be left at what was agreed upon. Councilwoman Waiss & Pautler both agreed. Jennifer Strong stated she will communicate that to Millgrove.

Residency Local Law – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

We had introduced the text of a new law for residency requirements. The Board had some different ideas on that. A copy of Lancaster's residency law was distributed to the Board. Councilwoman Pautler stated she liked the way Lancaster's read. Deputy Supervisor Rogers went

on to add that she liked the part that was regarding part-time, seasonal employees who possess a certain skill set. For those types of positions, residency would not be required for employment. Jennifer Strong stated she could re-draft and circulate it again. Highway Superintendent, Bill Rogers, added that his concern is that it be worded properly as to not be used negatively during contract negotiations.

Tax Cap Local Law – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Draft has been circulated to the Board. Next step would be to have a Public Hearing. A public hearing can be held as long as the guidelines are followed. Deputy Supervisor Rogers stated that the 2021 Budget is complete as far as she can go with it. She went on to add that the Town is very responsible and just wants to have this in place with all of the uncertainty that is going on with the COVID pandemic. Jennifer Strong added that just because the Local Law is adopted doesn't mean the Town has to use it. She also added that this will be Local Law #1 because they have to be adopted in order. Previously Local Law #1 was the Integer Re-zone.

Filing a Domestic Partnership – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

Town Clerk Barrett has received a request from a resident for a domestic partnership. State Law allows for the domestic partnership to be done at the municipal or county level. There would need to be a local law giving the requirements to what would need to be done to apply for a domestic partnership. Jennifer Strong will research more to present more information to the Board to make a decision.

Record Retention Law – Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

A new schedule for retention of records has come out. We have until the end of the year to adopt the new schedule by resolution. More information will be requested from Town Clerk Barrett.

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney

CEO Snyder has submitted 3 new minor subdivisions, they are going to the Planning Board next week. Asked if lead agency resolutions could be prepared for the next Board meeting. Councilwoman Pautler questioned CEO Snyder as to the location of the properties. He responded with Countyline Rd, Two Rod and Main St.; Board gave Jennifer Strong the okay to prepare the resolutions.

Will be on vacation next week, but will be at both Town Board Meeting and Cayuga Creek Informational Meeting.

Chris Snyder, CEO

Trees fell on the fence at the sewer district. A contractor or maybe the Highway Dept. could go over and take care of them. Bill Rogers noted that the Highway Dept. is short staffed and would not have the time to get over there. CEO Snyder will contact Tree Care to take care of it. Deputy Supervisor asked about the pumping of the sewer plant, CEO Snyder stated it is being scheduled now.

Mike Metzger, Town Engineer

Contractor for sewer treatment plant indicated paperwork was in the mail. Added we're all on schedule for the community center roof project.

Colleen Pautler, Councilwoman

Kathy Wild called she would like to start ceramics October 1st; she'll follow guidelines set forth by the Town. She said she could do two classes if necessary. Jennifer Strong asked if everyone had to submit a safety plan or if the Board was going to create a blanket one? Deputy Supervisor Rogers stated she thought the Board had decided to do a blanket policy specific to use of the Community Center. Councilwoman Pautler said they would follow the plan like lunches, in one door and out the other. Jennifer Strong stated their policy had to be in writing. Councilwoman Pautler will follow up with Kathy Wild.

Colleen Rogers, Deputy Supervisor

Time again to put in the Resolution for the new CDBG grant and have the public hearing. The Board and Mike Metzger all have the new numbers for the proposed Cayuga Creek Water District; those numbers will not be mailed out ahead of time to residents. Next informational meeting is September 16 @ 7:30pm. We did apply for rural development and did get the waiver so we can apply for low interest loans.