

A Town Board Work Session meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on May 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Tony Gonçalves
Council Members	Andrea Rendo, Mary Shah, Richard Sklarin, Daniel Welsh
Town Clerk	Janet L. Donohue
Absent	None

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Gregory Folchetti, Deputy Supervisor/Comptroller Leo Masterson, Facilities Maintenance Director Joel Smith, Maintenance Assistant Shawn Johannessen, Police Chief David Alfano and Highway Superintendent Peter Ripperger.

Approximately 5 residents/observers attended the live meeting and approximately 17 participated via Zoom.

Supervisor Gonçalves called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Supervisor Gonçalves noted the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Five residents spoke during public comment period.

COMPOSTING

A resident applauded the Board for creating a food composting program.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION'S POCKET PARK

Two members of the Katonah Close Homeowners Association spoke about concerns that they had regarding parking and speeding around the pocket park. They also had concerns about drinking in the park and wondering if the park would be closing at dusk. They inquired if the town held insurance on the park and the answer was yes. The Chair of the GBHO did state the group will maintain any infrastructure that they install and will commit to periodic cleanups.

WOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL

A resident questioned the removal of the wood debris at the salt dome and would like transparency. They would like to know who on the board knows what and what the plan is moving forward. (This was an agenda item and discussed)

COMMUNICATIONSCONSOLIDATED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS)

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that the Highway Department received a letter from the NY State Department of Transportation regarding the annual Consolidated Highway Improvement Program funds. The town will receive \$192,422 in CHIPS money, which is almost identical to last year. The PAVE-NY component is \$51,565 and the Extreme Winter Recovery Program is \$41,816.

STORMWATER – MS-4 Reports

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that he is acknowledging the receipt of the MS4 Annual and Interim stormwater reports and did announce that both of these reports are on the Stormwater page on the website.

CONSENT AGENDAMINUTES & REPORTS - Approved

On motion by Councilman Welsh, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Town Board meeting and the monthly April Building & Police Reports were approved and filed.

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY FIRING RANGE – Authorize Supervisor to sign Agreement

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Rendo, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does approve the firing range agreement with Westchester County and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro does authorize the Supervisor to sign said agreement, as reviewed by counsel.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION – Approve & Authorize Supervisor to Sign Agreement

The Board did receive a revised version of the Goldens Bridge Hamlet Organization's pocket park agreement. They will look over the changes and possibly incorporate some additional items

after hearing from a few residents this evening during the public comment period. This will be included on an upcoming agenda.

ALS TRI-STATE BICYCLE TOUR – Authorize the Use of Town Roads and Town Park for Tour

This is an update to the resolution dated March 14, 2022 as the group would like to add the use of the Town Park.

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the use of the Town Park to be used as a rest stop area for an ALS Tri-State Trek bicycle fundraiser ride to take place on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in the Town of Lewisboro and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize use of Town roads for an ALS Tri-State Trek fundraiser bicycle ride to take place on Sunday, June 26, 2022, through the Town of Lewisboro.

HIGHWAY – MEO/Mechanic Position

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilwoman Shah, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro hereby creates the position of Motor Equipment Operator/Mechanic in the Town of Lewisboro Highway Department, effective immediately and subject to New York State Department of Civil Service approval.

SALT DOME – Wood Debris Removal Discussion (7:53 – 8:00 p.m.)

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that Hickory Homes has removed the majority of the mulch from the salt dome area, and they hope to clear the remainder of the mulch out by the end of June. He also stated that the objective is to put in place a new process for handling the wood debris going forward. Supervisor Gonçalves stated that the town did go out to bid twice for the wood debris

removal at the salt dome, however, the results were non-conforming. The bid results did give the town an idea of what the cost would be to the town for removal and to process the wood and with that in mind, they want to see how that would work with a lease agreement.

Councilman Sklarin, liaison to the Highway Department stated that after receiving input from both the Highway Superintendent Peter Ripperger and Hickory Homes, the current processor of the wood debris at the salt dome, it was determined that it would make the most sense for the town to charge monthly rent for the use of the property. There will be little to no cost to the taxpayers.

Councilman Sklarin stated that with the current draft of the lease agreement, activity at the salt dome would be limited to six times per year with a limit of 5 days per occasion. And two occasions during the year for soil processing operations and no more than 5 days for those operations. Also, nothing would go on from July 4th to Labor Day. It also needs to be compliant with DEC regulations and mulch regulations. This way there is predictability. Councilman Sklarin also wants to make sure that the town will get the benefit of any kind of storm related cleanup.

The Board will look over and discuss the draft lease agreement at an upcoming meeting.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$262,493.94.

POLLING OF BOARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRETCH NY

Councilman Welsh stated that Stretch NY made a presentation to the Board back in March and this is still an open item.

CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Councilman Welsh thanked the Building Inspectors for going to the code enforcement training and this was submitted for NYSERTA credits.

KATONAH-LEWISBORO BUDGET AND BOARD MEMBER VOTE

The Katonah-Lewisboro School District 2022-2023 Budget and Board Member vote is Tuesday, May 17 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

VISTA FIREHOUSE SPAGHETTI DINNER & OPEN HOUSE

The Vista Firehouse will be holding a spaghetti dinner & open house on Saturday, May 14th from 5pm - 8pm at the Vista Firehouse (377 Smith Ridge Road in South Salem, NY). Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and it's all you can eat. *All Tickets will be sold at the door*

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

The playground committee is holding a Food Truck event from 5-8 p.m. this Friday, 5/20/22 at the Town Park.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life will be held at the John Jay High School on Friday, June 24, 2022.

LEWISBORO LIBRARY

Upcoming events at the library include Coexisting with Coyotes on 5/11, Medicare seminar on 5/12 and an Earring & Design workshop on 5/17.

LEWISBORO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The LBA had a successful opening day on April 30. The Board thanked all that were involved.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION

The GBHOs improvements are underway at the pocket park on Fairmount Road.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that he attended NYS Assemblyman Chris Burdick's Women of Distinction awards on April 27, 2022, where the following Lewisboro residents were honored: Peggy Jett (Library Fair & Garden Club), Pam Veith (Senior Citizen Liaison), Dawn Brown Berenson, Cynthia Ryan and Lateesha Stapleton (Juneteenth).

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

COVID UPDATE

Supervisor Gonçalves stated that in February the town had 32 active cases of Covid. Currently we are at 93 current cases. He urged all to continue to be diligent.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive George Latimer and members of his staff met with the Supervisor and others at the Town House to show their support of Lewisboro. Bussing and cell towers were discussed.

OAKRIDGE WATER DISTRICT

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney held a press conference at the Oakridge Water Treatment Plant and presented the town with the \$1.8 million Federal grant. A State grant was also awarded to the town for 60% of \$1.9 million to be reimbursed to the town. Delaware Engineering was thanked for submitting this grant application.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

An upcoming meeting of the Town Board will include a meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Appointments & Real Estate

On motion by Supervisor Gonçalves, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss appointments and real estate.

On motion by Councilwoman Shah, seconded by Councilman Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 9:27 p.m.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - Appointment of Member

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Supervisor Gonçalves, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Robert Whittaker to the Sustainability Committee for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2023.

HOUSING COMMITTEE – Appointment of Member

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilwoman Rendo, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Sklarin, Welsh	(4)
	No	- None	(0)
	Abstain	- Shah	(1)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Greg Minard to the Housing Committee for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2023.

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On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Supervisor Gonçalves, the Board voted as follows:

HE VOTE:	Yes	- Gonçalves, Rendo, Shah, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Nedda Schoenfeld to the Housing Committee for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Sklarin, seconded by Councilman Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk