

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York

PRESENT: Supervisor - Peter H. Parsons  
Councilmen - Peter DeLucia, Frank Kelly, John Pappalardo, Daniel Welsh  
Deputy Town Clerk - Jennifer Caviola  
Absent - None

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Jennifer Herodes, Comptroller Leo Masterson, Facilities Maintenance Manager Joel Smith and Confidential Secretary/Benefits Coordinator Mary Hafter.

And approximately 2 residents/observers.

Mr. Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget 2017

Mr. Parsons called the public hearing to order. There was no objection to the time or form of the public notice (attached). Mr. Parsons called for comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the public hearing for the 2017 town budget is now closed.

Mr. Parsons stated the following:

The Total Amount to be raised by Real Estate Taxes for the Highway and General Funds would increase by \$274,860 to \$6,299,711. This increase will allow your Town to continue the steady improvement in Town services and facilities which is vital if we are to provide the quality of life

which is the raison d'être for living in Lewisboro. More than half of this increase is necessary to cover an 11% increase in health costs. It is worth noting that this is considerably less than many insurers are asking. In addition we plan to increase the combined Contingency Reserve funds by \$10,000.

The General Fund increase of \$260,836 will enable the Town to add one employee to be shared between Maintenance and Parks & Recreation. We have "got by" for some years by delaying a large number of small jobs which needed to be done plus using outside contractors. Delay only works for so long. Playing fields are invaded by mile a minute weeds and surrounded by poison ivy, buildings rot if not repainted and walkways become dangerous. Parks and Recreation's increasing revenue from tournaments at Onatru needs to be supported. We will continue to use outside contractors on the larger jobs but a multitude of smaller tasks on the "to do" list will be handled by the new employee. We need to replace our snow removal work force as some of its current members "age out". Finally this increase will allow our Tax Receiver to install new software to allow our residents to pay their real estate taxes electronically by check or credit card. This is a past due improvement for the benefit of our tax payers.

The Highway Fund will allow the Town to continue implementation of the road re-paving schedule recently updated by the Cornell Local Roads Program while providing sufficient funding to salt and plow our roads in a normal winter. Replacement of vehicles is being minimized by sharing agreements with neighboring Towns. Highway's budget has benefited from a \$50,000 saving in the salt budget due to the unusually warm winter last year so that the Fund increase is limited to \$14,024.

The Board commended all department heads for keeping the budget low.

#### LAUREL RIDGE (OAKRIDGE) – Water & Sewage

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Smith Ridge Housing, LLC, the developer of the Laurel Ridge (aka Oakridge Gardens) multi-family residential development has requested that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro accept the sewer main extension associated with Phase 2 of the Laurel Ridge Townhome Project; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Department of Health has issued a Completed Works Certificate dated September 7, 2016 authorizing permanent operation of the Phase 2 sewer main in connection with the Laurel Ridge Townhome Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro hereby accepts the sewer main extension for Phase 2 of the Laurel Ridge Townhome Project.

#### AUCTION OF IN REM PARCELS – Agreement

Mr. Parsons stated that he would like to have an agreement signed that would authorize the auction of a few parcels of land that the town has already foreclosed on. There is one property on Kitchawan Road (9827-122-45A), 2 small pieces of land in the Lake Katonah area (10794-2-9C & 10794-8-9C) and a larger parcel on Route 35 (10801-40-20) which is about 2.7 acres. Mr. Parsons stated that the later property is located directly opposite the East end of Mark Mead Road and the land is completely unbuildable. Mr. Welsh asked if an adjoining neighbor may have interest in purchasing this land and still retain a 10' easement and the answer was yes. The town attorney did explain that the Town Board would need to vote once the bids are in and the bids can be rejected for any reason or no reason at all. And one or more parcels can be extracted.

Mr. Parsons stated that before the property on Route 35 is put up for auction he wants to make sure that there is no way to put a cell tower on the property. He would also like to have a member of OSPAC walk the property and see if there is a sensible way to put a trail here.

Mr. DeLucia would like to have an updated list of properties that the town owns. He feels that Joann Vasi had created this list in the past and it just needs to be amended. The Board would like the current Receiver of Taxes Deirdre Casper and the Assessor Lise Robertson to work on this.

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

#### RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the town to move forward with the auction of a town owned parcel on Kitchawan Road (9827-122-45A), two parcels in the Lake Katonah area (10794-2-9C & 10794-8-9C) and a fourth parcel on Route 35 (10801-40-20) which is located on the opposite side of the East end of Mark Mead Road.

#### SEPTIC - South Shore

Mr. Parsons stated that he has been trying for some time to get funding for the septic system on South Shore Drive to put in a community septic. Mr. Parsons stated that Tom Snow from NYSDEC feels this is something that should be funded by New York City. Mr. Snow will work with Pam Young from NYSDOH. Mr. Parsons will give Mr. Snow a letter with the details.

#### ROUTE 35 - Several Accidents

Mr. Parsons stated that in the last 3 years there has been 45 accidents on Route 35 from the East End of Mark Mead Road to the Bedford line which is 1 ½ miles. Mr. Parsons stated that this is a

nightmare stretch and he is getting a lot of interest from the NYSDOT engineering department in doing something about this stretch of road. Mr. Parsons is going to ask them to repave this section and to also fix the sides of the road. Mr. Parsons stated he witnessed a cyclist go off the side of the road by the Meadows. Mr. Kelly asked if they were receptive to a bicycle lane and that is what Mr. Parsons is pushing for since he feels that the town needs to concentrate on pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Parsons stated that while he has been in office they have been successful with repaving Routes 123, 121, 138 and now 124. Mr. Welsh feels that if we need to piggy back on this repaving and if it means bonding additional money to make it safe and livable it is an expense with a huge return.

Mr. Parsons stated that he and the town's Comptroller, Leo Masterson will be looking at doing the capital budget a lot sooner in 2017 since they feel the interest rates will be going up later in the year. Items that will be looked at will be the Parks and Recreation electronic processing, the bathrooms at the Town pool, safety at the Town Park fields, etc.

#### BUDGET – Adoption of 2017 Town Budget

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

#### RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Town Budget be and hereby is adopted.

(Copy attached.)

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### MINUTES - Approved

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Town Board meeting were approved.

THE VOTE:	Yes	- DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

#### CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$225,427.00.

POLLING OF THE BOARD

VETERAN'S DAY – Events

Mr. Kelly stated that the Veteran's Day celebration was very successful and was well attended. Mr. Kelly thanked resident Doreen Nastasio for engendering this celebration six years ago and for all of her hard work this year. The flag display will remain up in front of the Town House for another week. The school also had a Veteran's Day celebration on November 10<sup>th</sup> which was very well attended and the flags look terrific on the front lawn of the high school. Mr. Kelly also thanked the Hadlock family who hosted the breakfast at the South Salem Firehouse.

Mr. DeLucia thanked Colonel Kelly for his fantastic speech directed at the Scouts and Veterans. Mr. DeLucia suggested that next year a microphone be used. He also suggested that all active and retired Veterans receive a letter and suggested creating a mailing list via the Tax Office.

POOL BUBBLE – Town Pool

Mr. DeLucia stated that a few of the PTA parents and swim team parents are involved with speaking with the school regarding bubbling the town pool. These same parents would also like to talk to the Town Board members in the near future.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING –

The Board wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

MEETINGS – Date Set

There will be a Town Board meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Legal Issues

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss legal issues.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue  
Town Clerk