

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON APRIL 11, 2011**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Supervisor
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember
Doug Clark, Councilmember
Karl (K.B.) Chittenden, Councilmember

Absent: Councilmember - vacant

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

Others Present: Matt Griesemer, Town Attorney
Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent
Bud Godfroy, Town Hall Building Committee Chair
Rocky Brown
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Robertson and the flag salute followed a moment of silence.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Robertson read her monthly report. A motion was made by Councilmember Chittenden, seconded by Councilmember Clark, and passed unanimously to accept the Supervisor's Report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Joan Phelps addressed the town board thanking them for moving privilege of the floor back to the beginning of the meeting and regarding the flooding issues along Lover's Lane and Route 20 due to the problems with the Canaan Road ditch and the additional problems caused by the PCB clean-up noting that both the cast house on Lover's Lane and the Theater Barn are being affected.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Building Committee Chairman, Bud Godfroy addressed the town board regarding the former Judy's Gifts building and requested that the town board approve up to \$2,500 for the architect to review the building as a potential site for the town hall.

There was a general discussion regarding the proposed site and the estimated cost (\$810,000).

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Clark, and approved to authorize the architect, Joe Iuviene, to conduct a feasibility study on the former Judy's Gifts building as a potential town hall for a cost of \$2,500. cost would

Upon the question of the foregoing motion, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" or "Nay" for said motion:

Councilmember Bruce Baldwin	Aye
Councilmember Karl B. Chittenden	Nay
Councilmember Doug Clark	Aye

Councilmember (Vacant) ----
Supervisor Margaret Robertson Aye

BIDS ~ 1995 International 2500 Series single axle combination dump, sander, and front one-way plow, "as is":

Town Clerk Teal reported that the bids were opened publicly in the office of the Town Clerk on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.. and the following two bids were received:

- 1.) Daren Kidney \$3,820.00
- 2.) JSSJR Enterprises, Inc. \$5,690.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Chittenden, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and passed unanimously to reject both bids and keep the 1995 International.

QUOTES ~ Lawn Care Services at the American Legion Building and the West Lebanon Cemetery:

Town Clerk Teal reported that the quotes were due in the office of the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.. and the following quote was the only one received:

- 1.) Taconic Caretakers

West Lebanon Cemetery: \$45.00 for mowing and trimming;

American Legion Building:

Segment 1 (property around the building up to and including 10 feet to the west of the parking area): \$45.00 for mowing and trimming

Segment 2 (the remaining property to Route 20): \$50.00 for mowing and trimming

All prices are minus sales tax.

Quote predicated on being awarded all parcels stated above.

All mowing and trimming will be done on an as needed basis.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chittenden, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and passed unanimously to accept the quote and have Taconic Caretakers perform lawn care services as noted in the quote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Chittenden, and passed unanimously to enter an executive session at 8:24 p.m. for the purpose of Attorney/Client communications and discussing current litigation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Chittenden to close the executive session and re-open the public meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Settlement DAR, Inc. vs. Assessor:

A motion was made by Councilmember Chittenden, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and passed unanimously to accept the proposed settlement between the Assessor and DAR, Inc.

Special Meeting of the Town Board:

The board set a special meeting for Monday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the landfill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Announcements:

Supervisor Robertson reported on several items including:

- appreciation to John Koepp for his oversight of the street lighting throughout town;
- the Town Supervisor's new page on the town website that will include correspondence from the Supervisor;
- the Columbia County Youth Recognition Awards ceremony that included two New Lebanon Students, nominee Lauren Sears and Youth Award winner Meredith Lucas; both students will be invited to the May Town Board meeting to receive board's appreciation; and
- a Veteran's Recognition ceremony at the High School on May 27th; the Vice Principal of the High School will be invited to the May Town Board Meeting to present information on this event.

Economic & Business Development:

Economic & Business Development Committee:

Councilmember Clark reported that the Economic & Business Development Committee is looking to expand their membership; their meetings are held the Thursday before the regular monthly Town Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Farmer's Market:

Councilmember Chittenden reported that the Farmer's Market will be open June 1st and he believe there are six (6) new vendors for this season.

Hannaford:

Supervisor Robertson reported that the Hannaford project is moving forward.

Highways, Buildings, & Town Property:

Shaker Road:

Councilmember Baldwin complimented Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent and the highway crew on the cleanup of Shaker Road. Highway Superintendent Jeff Winestock inquired if there has been any communication with Shaker Museum; he was under the impression the Town Attorney would be contacting Shaker Museum's Attorney with regard to the repairs of Shaker Road. Superintendent Winestock noted that he is tracking the costs of the repairs.

Zoning, Planning, CAC, Code Enforcement, & Assessor: ~ No report.

Education & Recreation: ~ No report.

Security, Fire, Law Enforcement, Justice Court & Constable: ~ No report ~

OLD BUSINESS:

LV Speedway Motocross Application to the Town of Stephentown:

The board asked the town clerk if any notices were received from the Town of Stephentown regarding the LV Speedway's application for a motocross and specifically if any notice of SEQR review had been received. The town clerk noted that she has received no notices from the Town of Stephentown to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Maintenance Superintendent requests:

Tractor Supply credit card:

Charly Sears, Park Maintenance Superintendent, requested a Tractor Supply Credit Card. Currently, as Park Maintenance Superintendent, he has a Home Depot Credit Card but Tractor Supply's pricing is often better.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Clark, and approved unanimously to authorize a Tractor Supply credit card for the Park Maintenance Superintendent with the same ceiling as the current Home Depot card to replace the current Home Depot Card.

Approval of new hire for park maintenance staff:

Charly Sears, Park Maintenance Superintendent, requested approval to hire another staff member, Stephen Mumford, for park maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Clark, and approved (Councilmember Chittenden abstained) to approve the hiring of Stephen Mumford for park maintenance to begin now subject to a background check with the summer youth staff background checks.

Overall Park Maintenance:

Councilmember Chittenden reported that Charly Sears is reviewing the park and is making a list of all of the maintenance that needs to be done. Highway Superintendent Jeff Winestock noted that he has the park sign and planned to repair and reinstall it; he will pull the remains of the footbridge out of the stream; and he planned to call Berkshire Fence to have the basketball fence repaired before someone gets injured. Additionally, he noted that the pavilion is a shambles.

Town of New Lebanon Signs:

Supervisor Robertson reported that Linda Hursa, Lebanon Valley Business Association, asked about the placement of the sign in Lebanon Springs. There is a problem with the original placement site and they are looking for a new site. They were considering the town park. The board suggested near the Indian Head next to the town hall. Supervisor Robertson will bring this suggestion back to Ms. Hursa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April:

Monday, April 25th ~ Special Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building

May:

Monday, May 9th ~ Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building

AUDIT OF THE BILLS:

General Fund Claim No. 112, in the amount of \$301.40;
As listed on Abstract No. 5, dated April 11, 2011; and

General Fund Claim Nos. 113 through 151, in the amount of \$29,471.17; and
Highway Fund Claim Nos. 63 through 78, in the amount of \$51,873.75; and
As set forth in Abstract No. 6, dated April 11, 2011; were audited.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and approved (Councilmember Chittenden abstained) to pay the above noted claims from their respective accounts

OTHER:

Lawn Cleanup Stipend:

Rocky Brown addressed the town board regarding the lawn care services noting that both sites need to be cleaned-up and requesting approval of a cleanup fee not to exceed \$150.00 as was done last year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chittenden, seconded by Councilmember Clark, and passed unanimously to authorize Taconic Caretakers to clean-up the American Legion lawn and the West Lebanon Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$150.00.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Chittenden to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC
New Lebanon Town Clerk