

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK
APRIL 11, 2018; 6:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY LEGAULT, SUPERVISOR
GAIL SCHNEIDER, COUNCILWOMAN
PATRICK CARROLL, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN THOMPSON, COUNCILMAN
DAVID MOULTON, COUNCILMAN

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PRESENT: VERN FENLONG

Supervisor Legault called the public meeting to order at 6:34pm.

This public hearing is for local law #1 Cold War Veteran's Exemption. It updates the Local Law #1-2008 by eliminating the 10 year time limit. It will read as follows:

Section 1.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is a "Cold War Veteran" as defined by New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-b shall be exempt from Town taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed valuation, except as limited by section 451-b, without regard to such ten-year limitation.

Section 2.

This Local Law, in every case, shall conform to the State Law. The exemption authorized by this section shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to such ten year limitation.

Section 3.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Public comment:

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to pass the updated local law and send it to NYS Secretary of State.

Supervisor Legault called the regular meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to accept the March 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

REPORT FROM COUNTY LEGISLATOR LISA BELL

St. Lawrence County has applied for funding for replacements of failing septic systems on waterways. They are waiting to hear the results.

REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE DEWEY LAVALLEY:

Ice season is over and the rental numbers may be down a little
NYPA is installing new mulch at Whalen Park
The handicap kayak docks have been delivered. The NYPA building permit will need an extension.
The new pick-up trucks have not arrived but the new trailer should be here in a month
After the ice is gone from the arena floor, the floors will be cleaned.

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Whalen Road (1.4 miles) needs to be topped this year. 14 years ago it was resurfaced with only a binder. The Patterson Road also needs work on it before it is lost. It has been 18 years since any major work was done on it, but it does not receive a lot of traffic. Also, Avery Lane could use stone and oil. The Chips total for the year 2018 will be \$74,111.67.

There was a discussion concerning the Willard Road shoulders. Highway Superintendent Fenlong advised the Board that the cost would be between \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00. He does not feel that CHIPS money should be used for this project. The CHIPS should be used to complete road repaving and repairing. We are behind already and building new shoulders on Willard Road would just set the schedule back more. It was discussed that we really don't know how many people on Willard Road are for or against the adding of a 4 foot shoulder on one side from SH 37 to the catholic cemetery. The building of a 4 foot walking shoulder would require ditching and culvert work as well. Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to hold a public meeting at 6:00pm on May 9th to see how many are interested in the shoulder work being completed. The meeting will be posted in the Courier Observer, the Town website, on the Board at the Town office and mentioned on Facebook. Individual property owners will not be notified about the public meeting.

Clean-up will be held May 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2018. Mattresses will be separated by the Town and will be no charge to dispose of.

Supervisor Legault asked if there were new regulations for the handling of brush at the old dump.

The upcoming highway work schedule was discussed: roof at the water treatment plant, finish work on elevator at the Community Center, and the parking lots at the arena and municipal building

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Guy LaPlante asked the Board for credit on his water bill. 505,170 gallons of water went through his meter during the first quarter of the year. This was due to a break in his line while he was away. The two inch water line goes to the milk house and then feeds two houses and there is an old line that once fed a mobile home. It is that line to the mobile home that broke. He has corrected the problem and will permanently discontinue that portion of the line when the weather permits. Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to issue Guy LaPlante credit to his water bill to be calculated as: Operation and Maintenance charges amounting to ½ of the extra gallons used. Clerk Orosz and Clerk Cameron will contact Mr. LaPlante with the dollar figure.

Larry Clark updated the Town Board on RVRDA. He has been on the Board for 4 months and has attended two meetings. Grant applications will be reviewed soon and most loans from past grant/loan awards are being paid.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Assemblywoman Addie Jenne, NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, SLC Treasurer, Enbridge St. Lawrence County Gas, Assemblywoman Addie Jenne, NYPA, Phil LaMarche, Eric Levac, NYS plowing February, March Supervisor report, report from Valley Water Solutions, Code Enforcement report

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The 2018 tentative Special Franchise Assessment/full values for the Town of Louisville total \$1,446,074.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to set the second notice fee for the January property taxes at \$2.00.

The logo design for the Grasse River Blueway trail was shared in an email from Phil LaMarche.

Eric Levac requested a 30 day leave of absence from the Town of Louisville. He has accepted a job with Arconic but is unsure if he will like the new position.

\$46,842.11 was received and deposited for NYS February plowing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Legault reported the annual task force/NYPA meeting will be next week. They will be discussing the energy efficiency projects and shoreline stabilization work amongst other things.

Supervisor Legault has completed the RVRDA grant application for an electronic sign at the Town Office in the amount of \$24,500.00.

The handicap access kayak docks have been delivered and will be installed when better weather arrives.

The Grasse River Blueway Corridor Committee continues to meet. Supervisor Legault will reach out to Pat Peets to ask him to join the committee to represent Louisville.

Councilwoman Schneider and Clerk Cameron have contacted Clarkson University/Shipley Center for a market analysis for the Mutton Ridge Property. The University may provide a professor who would use the analysis as a class project in the fall of 2018.

The next summer bash meeting will be held on April 10th at 6:30pm. Volunteers are needed.

The franchise agreement with Charter Communications has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Copies of the proposed changes will be forwarded to the Board by Supervisor Legault.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried reappoint Carl Bender to the Board of Appeals for a 5 year term, Dan Casey to the Board of Appeals for a 5 year term and Carol Pulley to the Planning Board for a 7 year term.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to request the buses from Massena Central School to transport children from the Louisville Summer Recreation Program at the same cost as 2017.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to appoint Sandy Robinson the Director of the Louisville Summer Recreation Program for the year 2018.

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Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to approve a check for Sandy Robinson in the amount of \$300.00 to purchase supplies for the Louisville Summer Recreation Program.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to advise Town Attorney Gustafson to return the down payment for the SH 131 property to the Mailhots.

Supervisor Legault spoke with the owners of In-Law Brewery located on CR 14. They want to expand the business and are wondering what grants/loans may be available. They also are looking to add Louisville Municipal Water.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilwoman Schneider is checking on the status of the SH 37 Grasse River boat launch with Arconic.

Councilman Moulton completed the court audit for the year 2017 and reviewed it with the Board. Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to accept the court audit completed for the year ended 2017.

Councilman Carroll questioned the negative number for SF in the Supervisor's report. Supervisor Legault stated that he is aware that the \$42,000.00 may have been allocated in the budget incorrectly and needs to review it further.

Councilman Carroll questioned if Waddington has decided how many tents will be needed for the BassMasters. Supervisor Legault will ask the Waddington Mayor again.

Councilman Thompson contacted Morristown Village Clerk concerning the boosters that they have in their village for cell service. Apparently, the problem with service for the Wilson Hill area is that Rogers's tower in Canada is stronger than the American towers. Morristown suggested that residents make repeated calls to the cell service providers for an extended period of time.

REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK:

Clerk Cameron reminded the Board that \$20,000.00 is still on hold for Marcellus Construction for Water District #3 Construction.

Flushing of hydrants will be completed in May after the summer help is working. Supervisor Legault will decide when.

The Town clerk will keep \$200.00 in her cash drawer and encourage employees to submit vouchers to the Board instead of getting reimbursed from the Town Clerk.

Julie Orosz submitted a request for relief from a leak between the house and barn when she was away. Her leak has been repaired. Her overage was 88,650 gallons. Moved by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to credit Julie Orosz \$119.68 for a leak at 168 Martin Road. This is a onetime credit.

Gerald Ware combined his properties by deed in September of 2017. When the Water Law is updated, the adjustments to the Edu charges will be such that Mr. Ware will only be charged one

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unit. Moved by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Thompson to credit Gerald Ware one edu for combination of lots which equals \$120.50. The curb stop will be taken care of by the Town when the weather permits. The vote was as follows: Supervisor Legault- Aye, Councilwoman Schneider- Aye, Councilman Moulton- Abstain, Councilman Carroll- Aye and Councilman Thomson -Aye. The motion passes.

A resident on Wilson Hill requested that doggy poop stations be added to the area. Clerk Cameron asked the Wilson Hill Association to make a note in the news bulletin to please pick up after your pet.

A Wilson Hill resident had an idea of adding solar panels to the land on Mutton Ridge to help lower electric bills.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to correct the March 14, 2018 meeting minutes voucher numbers: General Vouchers are #81R-119R and Highway Vouchers are #30F-45F.

The water bill for the Daggett property on SH 56 was discussed. The Daggett's have requested relief from the edu charge for a hotel/motel on the property. The Board suggested that they demo part or all of the structures but the Daggett's believe the cost to demo is too high. The Board continues to try to find answers to help the Daggett's but must work within the local laws. Attorney Gustafson will be consulted.

Tom Wilson, who owns property on CR 36, would like to return to his well water and does not want to be charged the water usage fee. The Board will not be changing the law concerning this matter and Tom must continue to pay even if he shuts it off.

Water District #4: Supervisor Legault recommends that the following areas be added to the potential water district: both sides of CR 36 after the bridge, Coles Creek Road- on both sides, to where it floods and CR 14 to the Anthony Hill property. In-Law Brewery is entertaining the idea of building on SH 37 and would like the Board to consider extending the proposed water district #4 water line to the Tredo property.

Supervisor Legault will meet with Engineer Kevin Feuka concerning the survey, mapping and intermunicipal agreements. He will then meet with Clerk Orosz.

The March town clerk report in the amount of \$ 4,748.66 was available for review.

Justice LeCuyer's March 2018 justice report in the amount of \$1,364.00 and February and March 2018 financial reviews were audited.

Justice Gettmann's February 2018 financial review and March 2018 Justice report in the amount of \$2,189.00 were audited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy LaPlante thanked the Board for their service.

Wendy Chapman addressed the Board about the ongoing complaints from Fred Foster. After a lot of discussion, the Board decided to have the Code Officer send a registered letter to Carol Chapman

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with a list of things that the Code Officer has inspected and considers a closed issue. A copy will be sent to the Chapman's.

Board discussion of the Codebook and property maintenance law also brought up the question of who can file a complaint. Must you be a resident and/or property owner?

General vouchers #120R-147R in the amount of \$17,568.26, Highway vouchers #47F-62F in the amount of \$34,959.02, and Water vouchers #410-520 in the amount of \$252,004.34 were reviewed and ordered paid.

Moved by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00pm and enter into executive session to review the summer help applications.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to end executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman Carroll to set up interviews with Stearns, Orosz and Sculley for summer park employment on Wednesday April 18th, at 6:00pm either by telephone or in person to fill one summer park position and re-hire Bender, Amo, LePage and Matthews as full time summer employees.

The advertisement for summer help may be reworded next year – Louisville resident.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Cameron
Town Clerk