

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 8, 2018

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: SHAWN THOMPSON, COUNCILMAN
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ABSENT: VERN FENLONG

Supervisor Legault called the public meeting to discuss the proposed extension of the municipal drinking water system survey was called to order at 6:35pm.

Supervisor Legault explained that the Town is considering extending the water system and creating water district #4. We are looking for input from the residents in the water district #4 area of CR 36 thru the Chase Mills Hamlet, down CR 14 and up and down SH 37. Survey letters were sent to 144 residents in the affected area. Candace Balmer from Resources for Communities and People (RCAP) will be helping the Town at no charge to collect and analyze the data.

Candace Balmer from RCAP explained the surveys that were sent to residents in the Chase Mills area. Her company is a not for profit national organization who works with USDA Rural Development. Since we are looking for information and funding for the water district, we need to ask confidential questions about homes and finances. The results of the surveys are returned to her office, not the Town office. We must have a very high percentage rate of return of the surveys and we will probably have to go door to door to reach our goal. Once the surveys are completed, we will have information that can be used to apply for Community Development Block Grants and the NY State Revolving Fund Program.

9 property owners were in attendance to ask questions. The questions ranged from cost to a possible time line. Supervisor Legault stated that the project is probably 3 to 4 years out. The survey itself will take 3-6 months. Clerk Cameron will get wording concerning farm exemptions and send it to Brannen's and Zysik's.

Once funding is determined, then the project must go to a vote. All property owners in the district will vote on the proposed "Plot and Plan" which must include a detailed cost for each property owner.

Supervisor Legault called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to accept the July 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

SLC Legislator Lisa Bell reported that Louisville's portion of Worker's Compensation will be increasing by about \$6,800.00 in the next budget.

SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE DEWEY LAVALLEY

The new trucks have arrived. The trailer is ready to be picked up. The Power Authority can now be invoiced for the mowers, weed eaters, leaf blower, truck, trailer and rack for trailer and trail cams.

The Community Center lift still needs finish trim to be completed.

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As per the SLC Chamber request, photos and mapping of our trail system have been completed and forwarded to them.

The handicap kayak docks are installed but due to the low water level, the dock at Sandy Beach needs a ramp to access it. Mr. LaValley and Supervisor Legault will review the situation with NYPA Representative Brian Terry. Clerk Cameron will submit the paperwork for grant reimbursement of \$50,000.00 from DASNY.

The Water Wise service agreement for the new state regulations concerning legionella testing of the artificial ice system cooling towers was discussed. The state has sited us with violations. The new coverage will increase the Water Wise service contract \$800.00 annually. LaValley will inform NYS officials that we have a new contract. Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to sign the new contract with Water Wise Water Treatment Service Contract for the service period 11/1/2018 – 10/31/2019 in the amount of \$2,550.24.

Park summer help will start back to school in a couple of weeks but there are two that may be able to help throughout the fall and winter on a part time basis- Bender and LePage. Stearns is currently off due to an injury.

RVRDA did not have their monthly meeting yet, therefore Representative Larry Clark did not attend the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, Association of Towns, NYS Dept. of Health, Association of Towns, NYSDOH, SLC IDA, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Kimco Steel, Barkley Safe and Lock Company, Local Government Conference, Clerk Cameron, water survey extension, Charter Communications franchise agreement, report from Code Officer, report from Valley Water Solutions

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has established the final state equalization rate of 89% for the Town of Louisville for the 2018 assessment roll.

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has set the 2018 final telecommunications ceilings for the Town of Louisville with an equalization rate of 89% equaling \$186,859 for the assessment roll to be filed in 2018.

The Association of Towns will hold an ethics seminar on Tuesday August 14th at the Town of Hopkinton.

The 2019 dues for the Association of Towns will be \$1,000.00.

A letter from the NYSDOH addressed the subdivision of properties on Wilson Hill. Land originally purchased from the Town by Kevin Bessy has been divided. Mr. Bessey received a general letter from NYSDOH which should have included a requirement for the review of engineering and specifications for the water supply and wastewater disposal. It did not. At this point the Health Department's primary concern is the soil characteristics and that all future lot owners applying for a building permit provide a NYS certified wastewater disposal system. The Board went on to discuss the lack of cooperation with the SLC Clerk concerning division of properties in Louisville. In the past a letter from the Code officer was required to record deeds with the County Clerk. That no

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longer seems to be the case and there are lots being recorded that do not meet Louisville Code. Clerk Carmon and Clerk Orosz will discuss the situation with Town Attorney Gustafson.

NYS Assembly member Addie Jenne has asked for materials related to existing or planned waterfront infrastructure, ideas that have been proposed but shelved and other material we may think would be helpful to them as they become familiar with the region. She is trying to work on improving and enhancing our maritime, hospitality and tourism economy. Clerk Cameron will send them information concerning the Fiacco purchase offer, handicap kayak docks, campsite proposal, Shiplee study, connecting of walking trails.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to allow Supervisor Legault to sign the 2018 Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program grant agreement for the town electric sign. The grant is for \$12,250.00 with a total project cost of \$22,250.00.

\$188.00 was received and deposited from KIMCO Steel.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to declare the 2002 Chevrolet Silverado highway pick-up truck as surplus. It will not pass NYS inspection and the Highway superintendent can scrap it.

Barkley's Safe and Lock estimate for the outswing door operator at the municipal building of \$2,695.00 has been signed and returned. Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to accept the estimate and pay for the automatic door opener from the general account.

The Local Government Conference will be held at SUNY Potsdam on October 9th.

The water surveys were mailed to the residents in the proposed water district #4 last week. Curran Logging allowed the Town to use their postage meter to expedite the mailing. A formal thank you will be sent.

The Charter Communications franchise agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Gustafson's office. Proposed changes were reviewed by the Board. Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to have Attorney Gustafson submit the changes to Charter Communications and provide the Town with a revised copy of the proposed agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no RVRDA meeting since our last Board meeting.

The Grasse River Blueway Corridor group has not had a meeting since our last board meeting.

Supervisor Legault has met with the Power Authority concerning the NYPA Energy Efficiency Program. They are currently seeking contractors and bids.

The summer bash was held the last weekend of June. It was very hot. Next year's bash will be held in conjunction with the NNY Fireman's Convention.

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Supervisor Legault has not contacted Tisdell Associates concerning the combining of surplus lots on Wilson Hill yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Legault explained to the Board that there is an ongoing problem with Massena Rescue Squad supporting our Town events such as the Summer Bash, Lion's Club functions and Turtle Trot. Most recently, they did not show up at the Louisville Turtle Trot. Supervisor Legault tried to contact them by telephone and went to the station numerous times with no response. A letter requesting their service was sent to them in the spring. As of tonight, he still has not heard from them. Councilman Moulton stated that he knew there have been issues at the squad. There is a MRS board meeting on Thursday at 7:00pm and he would like the Town Supervisor to attend the meeting with him. Councilman Carroll stated that he has reviewed the contract and there is nothing in it stating that they will attend our functions. Maybe since the functions are now over for the season, we can let the contract go until year end and add the requirement of them attending our functions. Supervisor Legault will attend the meeting with Councilman Moulton and the Board will discuss the issue again.

The transferring of funds from the water accounts to the general account as per the 2018 budget was tabled. It will be completed later in the year.

The Budget workshops will be held September 5th and 6th at 6:00pm.

NYPA upgrades to the Massena Intake may include the extension of Louisville water to the property. All costs would be taken care of through the project and they would then pay a debt repayment and water usage.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to declare the 2006 Chevrolet ¾ ton water pick-up truck as surplus and sell it on the online auction site.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to transfer the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck used by the Park Department to the Highway Department for a fee of \$1.00.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilwoman Schneider reported:

- She is looking for an update from Supervisor Legault concerning the court with dog and code issues.
- She spoke to the Arconic representative who stated that they are having problems getting the drawings approved by NYSDOT for the SH 37 boat launch.
- She is looking for an update concerning the heating of the municipal building. Brooks Washburn and Asplin were to give quotes for windows and furnace work.
- She is concerned about the use of golf carts from Wilson Hill to the local store and signage that is needed
- The water Towers electric bill is still unexplainable. She will review with Steve Siddon and Engineer Kevin Feuka before addressing with MED again.

REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK:

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The Wilson Hill Association annual Turtle Trot (5K) earned over \$4,200.00 for the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department.

The new owner of the Econc Lodge is unhappy about the 5% fee on the water bill for a late payment. When the property was sold, the water bill address was changed to his Carlisle PA address as the deed stated. He did not receive the bill in Massena until after the due date and would like his account credited. Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to deny the request for a credit of the 5% late payment fee to the two water accounts belonging to the Econo Lodge located on SH 37.

A resident called concerning parking on CR 14. The Clerk referred them to SLC Highway Department.

The town insurance increased from 2017 to 2018. Scott Manley from Nationwide Insurance stated that the increase was due to the \$260,000.00 increase in vehicles and buildings.

Supervisor Legault will purchase a "lot for sale" sign for the lots on SH 131 and Clerk Cameron will then complete the informational sheet to be advertised on the town notice board.

Supervisor Legault will contact the Code Officer to discuss the open burning law.

As previously discussed, the Massena Humane Society does not handle dogs with owners. NYS Ag and Markets have given us an unsatisfactory score on two recent inspections because we have no housing for dogs with owners that may need to be seized. Clerk Cameron contacted Java Veterinary Clinic and Dr. Perez agreed to take the animals for the Town. But having Java Veterinary Clinic handle the known owner dogs for the Town of Louisville is more involved than thought. NYS AG and Markets requires him to follow article 7. There are rules that Dr. Perez must follow such as allowing for surprise inspections and collection of impound fees. The Board discussed their options and decided that we will first ask the Massena Humane Society to change the contract to accept known animals for seizure. If changing the contract is not an option, then we will try to get the Doctor to accept the animals and all of the NYS Ag and Market rules.

Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried that due to the timing of the water law updates, property recently purchased by Warren and Lori Belile at 80 CR 39 will be combined with 800 CR 39 by the assessor and will be considered one parcel with one water bill. The water department will remove the curb stop.

The cameras that the Board talked about installing at the municipal offices are unacceptable for IT purposes. A quote from ADR has been received in the amount of \$2,398.06. Clerk Cameron will continue to ask questions and look for other quotes.

July 2018 clerk report in the amount of \$1,145.22 was available for review.

Justice LeCuyer's July Justice report in the amount of \$1,712.00 and June monthly financial review were audited.

Justice Gettmann's June monthly financial review was audited.

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General vouchers #253R-284R (void #276R) in the amount of \$13,021.54, Highway vouchers #98F-106F in the amount of \$40,325.31, Water vouchers #1110-1300 in the amount of \$50,864.20, Capital vouchers #22E-30E in the amount of \$42,099.19, Water District #4 Construction vouchers #1HSW4-3Hsw4) in the amount of \$176.53, and Summer Bash vouchers #26-33T in the amount of \$3,929.86 were reviewed and ordered paid.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Cameron
Town Clerk