

June 15, 2020

Zoom Workshop Meeting

Workshop meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:00pm. All Board members attended. Also attending were the Town Clerk, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Beach/Camp Director Jen Chase and Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and read her opening statement.

Becky Thorton, Karin Roux and Erin Hoagland were here from the Dutchess Land Conservancy to give a presentation on a proposed Conservation Easement for Cedar Ridge Farm owned by Gary and Sue Lundy on Route 82. Mrs. Lundy was also here. After giving their presentation they stated they can return or have a blanket conception for it as it is to accept this proposal. It was decided that the Board will speak to Burlinghoff and Dutchess Land Conservancy will talk with the owner of the Cedar Ridge farm. Councilman Jones stated she is totally in favor of this for the property in question. The Board will wait until everyone has been spoken to.

Highway Department Report – Heather stated the dumping issues and asked the Board what can be done. Deb Phillips wrote a letter that she has been pulling a lot out of the recycling that did not belong there. Councilman Jones and Zick said a camera is definitely needed. Supervisor said we need better signs. Councilman Bartles said he agrees a camera just for a while. Heather also asked about the tires being dumped and asked if the Board wants her to put up a sign stating no tires. Councilman Zick said we need to just get rid of them and Councilman Bartles agrees; he said to contact Jim to see about getting rid of them. Bartles also stated that there are signs on the dumpsters and it would be nice to reinforce with more signs. He said to contact Pat Byron and Councilman Chase said Pat would be thrilled if the money is there to do this. Councilman Bartles asked Heather how to accommodate the highway department for Phase II with the Corona virus. Heather said they are just following the same guidelines as Town Hall. Bartles also asked Heather where we are with our auction and she responded that due to the Covid virus everything with the auction and our new equipment is on hold.

Recreation Department Report – Supervisor said Phase II starts Tuesday. Basically, all team sports are allowed, no food and no spectators. Jen Chase reported that we are all ready to roll with Camp opening July 6th and the Beach opening June 29th. She added that work began today with the employees and that she will have classes for training the Beach and Camp employees. She stated she added another employee recommendation today for a lifeguard and WSI Swim Instructor. She said residents only first and then a lottery for non-residents. Registration can be done through Pine Plains Family ID. Michael Cooper stated the due to all of Jens work we are in a good spot with the Beach and Camp. He noted he is working on sports and a soccer camp. He asked if we want to charge for the use of our fields or just let groups use them free of charge. Councilman Zick feels if there are no extra costs and there are no conflicts with our programs than no charge. Councilman said it is a good program. Supervisor will ask if only groups of ten (10) are allowed for practice.

Supervisor stated she received the Lions Club agreement for 2020 from Jen Chase. And put it in the Boards mail boxes. Jen said that is it for this year and that 2021 may look a little different.

Motion by Cloud second by Chase to go to executive session regarding the Board of Ethics. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Zick second by Chase to return to regular order of business and adjourn. 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Jones _____

Councilman Bartles _____

Councilman Zick _____

Councilman Chase _____