

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SULLIVAN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sullivan was convened at the Town Office Building by Supervisor John M. Becker at 9:00 A.M.

Those in attendance for the meeting were: Supervisor John M. Becker; Councilors: Jeff Martin; Kerry Ranger; Thomas Kopp and John Brzuszkiewicz; Highway Superintendent Andrew Busa; Attorney for the Town John R. Langey; Town Clerk Charlotte A. Ferstler; and Deputy Comptroller Lisa Chamberlin.

Also in attendance were: Bridgeport Fire Chief, Jerry Honors and Members of the Public.

Pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Becker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

A motion was duly made by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of January 4, 2017.

MEZZO RIGHT OF WAY

Supervisor Becker updated the Board on his correspondence with the Mezzo Family and the possibility of transferring Town property to them. The Family would like to purchase at least fifty feet (50 ft.) of a property on Park Avenue in Bridgeport which belongs to the Town of Sullivan and borders their property.

Supervisor Becker stated that this lot has road frontage of one hundred and forty-two feet (142 ft.) and narrows toward the lake to zero frontage on the lake.

Attorney Langey told the Board that the buyer was informed that they would be responsible for surveying and any drawings that might be necessary for the transfer or sale of a portion of this property.

Supervisor Becker asked the Town Board Members if they are in favor of pursuing the sale of this property and they stated that they are interested in going forward.

ERROR ON SCHOOL TAX BILL

Supervisor Becker informed the Board that it was brought to his attention by the School District Business Manager that there was an error on a school tax bill for 2016 involving the Canal Museum property resulting in the School District losing \$10,000.00 of tax revenue.

Supervisor Becker stated that it was too late to do a Correction of Errors Application and the School is asking that the Town of Sullivan split the impact of the error with them (\$5,000.00).

A motion was duly made by Councilor Ranger, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and passed by the Board with Councilor Martin abstaining authorizing the Town to transfer to the Chittenango School District \$5,000.00.

The above motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

John E. Brzuszkiewicz	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Thomas J. Kopp Jr.	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Kerry Ranger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeffrey Martin	Councilor	Abstain	-----
John M. Becker	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DAN MILLERT - UPDATE ON STREETSCAPE GRANT

Dan Millert approached the Board and asked for an update on the Grant Application and is the Town going to accept the Grant. Also, what will be the procedure from the point of acceptance? Mr. Millert stated that the acceptance of the Grant must be done by next month.

Supervisor Becker explained that in order for the Town to qualify for this grant, there is a required 10% match of funds. This is an estimated \$900,000.00 project. The plan is to accept the Grant but the question is how they will come up with the matching funds.

Me. Millert asked if a Public Hearing must be scheduled and Supervisor Becker stated that it is not necessary to schedule a hearing at this time. Supervisor Becker also stated that Barton and Loguidice Engineers are working on the Grant at this time and they will be meeting with the Board in a few weeks.

Mr. Millert stated that if the BLCO can be of any help to the Board that they should not hesitate to ask.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously passed by the Board to go into executive session to discuss legal advice and invited Attorney Langey into the session at 9:08 A.M.

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Ranger and unanimously passed by the Board to close the executive session at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was duly made by Councilor Kopp, seconded by Councilor Martin and unanimously passed by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 A.M.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte A. Ferstler, Town Clerk**