

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SULLIVAN
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sullivan was convened at the Town Office Building by Supervisor Becker at 7:00 P.M. on May 1, 2019.

Those in attendance for this meeting were: Supervisor John M. Becker, Councilors: Jeff Martin, Kerry Ranger, John Brzuszkiewicz and Tom Kopp; Attorney for the Town John R. Langey; Highway Superintendent Andy Busa; Assistant Comptroller Kyle Coon; and Secretary to the Supervisor Emily Burns.

Also, in attendance: Members of the Public.

The Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Becker.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on April 17, 2019.

RESCHEDULE MAY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING

A motion was duly made by Councilor Kopp, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and unanimously approved by the Board to reschedule the May 15, 2019 Town Board Meeting to May 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Chittenango High School in the Auditorium for a presentation of the Town Survey results.

Attorney John Langey then advised the Board where the Meeting change needs to be posted and published to notify residents.

OPENING AND AWARDDING OF CEMETERY BIDS

Supervisor Becker opened 2 bids for cemetery lawn maintenance. The following bids were submitted:

- 1) Hodge Lawn & Landscaping Maintenance offered an official bid for mowing and weed-eating of the following cemeteries:
 - a. \$42.50 for North Road Cemetery
 - b. \$30.00 for New Boston Road Cemetery
 - c. \$40.00 for Smith Ridge Road(This bid includes the non-collusive bidding certificate).

- 2) Dirty Girl Property Maintenance offered an official bid for mowing and weed-eating each Cemetery at \$ 35.00 plus tax at a weekly or as needed basis.

After a review of the bids by Attorney Langey, a motion was duly made by Councilor Kopp, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and unanimously passed by the Board to accept the official bid for cemetery maintenance made by Hodge Lawn & Landscape Maintenance.

LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION

The Town received two proposals for converting Town streetlights to LED lighting. Councilor Martin expressed that he looked forward to this change for the Chittenango School District for some time being that it is more durable and financially sound. Councilor Kopp also explained that the Village of Chittenango recently converted and they are happy with that decision as well.

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and unanimously approved by the Board to accept the proposal from National Grid for LED Streetlight conversion for the amount of \$11,445.

BARTON & LOGUIDICE WETLAND DELINEATION

Barton & Loguidice provided an all-encompassing proposal to the Town for the Wetland Delineation of the Harbor Lights Business Park. This proposal is broken down into tasks with task one including the evaluation and delineation of the wetlands within the business park. Supervisor Becker explains that approving "Task One" of this proposal will get Barton & Loguidice started with the groundwork for a more detailed report the Town can then present to the Army Corps of Engineers ("ACE") to get the wetlands mediated.

A motion was duly made by Councilor Kopp, seconded by Councilor Martin and unanimously approved by the Board to accept "Task One" of Barton & Loguidice's proposal in the amount of \$6,800.

Councilor Ranger explained to the public that this report is necessary for the Town so that when a perspective business would like to build within the park this step would already be done rather than losing the opportunity.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 1) David Montroy addressed the Board with questions and concerns of how a situation was addressed with a particular Town employee. Attorney Langey explained to Mr. Montroy that by law, the Town cannot openly discuss personnel issues at public meetings. Mr. Montroy was asked by a member of the public what this was pertaining to and Mr. Montroy then proceeded to explain his experience with the situation to which he was referring.

- 2) Mr. Montroy then addressed the Board with concerns about the Town Budget and what he believes to be inaccurate information. Supervisor Becker stated that the Board has considered Mr. and Mrs. Montroy's concerns and have confirmed there are no inaccuracies. Supervisor Becker further explained that the Town of Sullivan is fully audited every year by either a private auditor or by the State of New York. The Town has also been audited by New York State and no inaccuracies have been found. Supervisor Becker noted that the Town Board believes the Town Budget Report is true and accurate and if Mr. Montroy does not feel as though it is then it is recommended that he be in contact with the New York State Comptrollers Office for further inquiries.
- 3) David and Carrie Montroy then addressed the Board with their concerns with the 2017 Budget and what they believe to be "misleading" information. Supervisor Becker explained that the Town Board has reviewed their concerns and after said review believes that the 2017 Budget Report is true and accurate as well. Supervisor Becker then recommended that any concerns that Mr. and Mrs. Montroy may have regarding the 2017 Budget Report be addressed by the State Comptroller's Office.
- 4) Mrs. Montroy addressed the Board with concerns about the Fund Balance from 2017 and what she believes to be inaccurate information. Supervisor Becker and the Town Board expressed that they understood Mrs. Montroy's concerns, however they believe the Town Budget Reports are accurate and follow generally accepted budget reporting principles. Attorney Langey explained that the Town is audited annually and believes that Mr. and Mrs. Montroy may be looking at the Budget Reports with a different perspective than the Town Board. Attorney Langey further explained that the questions being asked are appropriate and the Town Board is endeavoring to address these concerns and answer questions to the best of their ability.
- 5) Clayton Wilson addressed the Board with questions about the law pertaining to his concrete concerns. Supervisor Becker acknowledged Mr. Wilson's concerns by giving him a printed copy of the law to which he was referring to. Supervisor Becker explained that the Board is willing to amend the Town's Law for Mr. Wilson, however, he continued to explain that this law would be overridden by NYSDEC because it is affected by MS4 stormwater.
- 6) David Montroy addressed the Board asking what the Tribal Compact is. Supervisor Becker explained that it is an agreement from 2014 between New York State, Onondaga County, Madison County, and the Oneida Indian Nation. He continued to explain how the Tribal Compact works and the way that the agreement makes the Town "whole" on the Tax Rolls.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

- 1) A member of the Public addressed Supervisor Becker about his concerns with drainage coming from Sun Chevrolet into his property. The Board then addressed his concern by saying Sun Chevrolet needs to be reevaluated and it needs to be brought up to the Planning Board. Supervisor Becker stated that he will bring this concern to Planning Board Chairman Frank Park and have it addressed.

- 2) A member of the public addressed the Board with concern of a Special Use Permit that was permitted for a local business named "The Wild". He expressed his concern with the contingencies of that permit and he feels as though it is not being followed as it should be. This gentleman expressed he tried to speak with the Owner of The Wild with an attempt to resolve his issue before bringing it to the Town Board. This gentleman then asked if the Board can address this issue. Attorney Langey stated that the Town Board is unable to address this but the Codes Department could enforce the parameters of the Special Use Permit.
- 3) A member of the public addressed the Board asking how the Public Notices are available. Attorney Langey explained they are placed in the newspaper, on the Town's website, and the notice board by the Town Clerk's Office.

This gentleman addressed the Board asking if the proposed sidewalks for North Road in Bridgeport could go far enough to reach both the Library and the Church. Supervisor Becker explained that the sidewalks in the Bridgeport Greenscapes project are planned to go past the Library. Supervisor Becker also explained that two members of the public asked in a previous meeting the possibility of widening North Road and since then he has had a meeting with both NYSDOT and SMTC pertaining to this matter.

This gentleman also addressed the Board with concerns of a ditch on his property that he understands to be owned by the Town and County that needs to be cleaned out.

- 4) A member of the Public addressed the Board inquiring about disciplinary actions.
- 5) Councilor Ranger thanked the Town of Sullivan Highway Department for their assistance on Earth Day and the repairing of potholes in Bridgeport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously passed by the Board to enter into executive session for advice of counsel at 7:46 P.M.

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Ranger and unanimously passed by the Board to close executive session at 8:39 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was duly made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Kopp and unanimously passed by the Board to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Burns, Secretary to Town Supervisor