

WORKSHOP MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2016

The Pleasant Valley Town Board held their regularly scheduled Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00PM, at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.

PRESENT: Steve Albrecht Councilman
 Nick Becker Councilman
 Janet Gross Councilwoman
 Jon Nicholson Councilman
 Mark Figliozi Supervisor

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mark Figliozi, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Margaret Hart, Town Clerk

Item # 1 – Court Officers Vests/Replacement:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that protective vests have been ordered for the Town’s Court Constables. Supervisor Figliozi stated that one of our Court Officers has resigned and that he has spoken with the Town Supervisor of Hyde Park Supervisor about shared services with the Hyde Park Police Department. Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Town is currently using the Sheriff’s Office on court nights.

Councilman Nicholson has concerns regarding the jurisdiction of the Hyde Park Police would have in Pleasant Valley. Councilman Nicholson noted that the Town would have to hire them as a constable.

The Town Board had much discussion regarding the replacement of the court officer.

Item # 2- Fence Code Update:

The Town Board had much discussion regarding the proposed update to the fence code and as to where the residents would be allowed to place the fence, the height of the fence and if a stockade fence would be allowed in the homeowner’s front yard.

Town Attorney, Scott Volkman noted that the codes in most Town’s do not allow stockade fences in the front yard. Mr. Volkman also noted that the fence is part of the zoning code but the Town could make the fence code its own chapter.

Item # 3 – Sullivan Data Contract:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the contract for Sullivan Data is up for renewal with no change in the cost.

The Town Board will authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 4 – Set Date for Re-Organizational Meeting:

The Town Board will be setting the date for the Re-Organizational meeting for Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00PM with the Workshop meeting to follow.

Item # 5 – Review Lawn Mowing Bids:

The Town reviewed the lawn mowing bids and discussed the purchasing of a piece of equipment that could be used for lawn mowing and snow removal.

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Town would have to go for bids for the purchase of the lawn equipment.

Item # 6 – Award the Highway Material Bids:

On recommendation from the Highway Superintendent the Town Board will award bids for the Highway Materials at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 7 – Review Solar Moratorium:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that he has met with Planning Board Chair, Rebecca Seaman and Attorney, regarding the stand alone solar panels.

Item # 8 – Abstract/General, Building & Planning:

Supervisor Figliozi reminded the Town Board members to review all abstracts and sign them for approval for December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 9 – Approve Budget Amendment:

The Town Board will approve the proposed budget amendment at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item #10 – Local Law/Moratorium on Donation Bins:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Town has heard from the Dutchess County Planning and they have stated that it is a matter of local concern for the moratorium of the donation bins. The Town Board will approve the local law at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 11 – Modify Employee Handbook/Health Insurance Buyout:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the employee handbook needs to be updated regarding the insurance buyout. The handbook states that the employee is to receive the buyout twice a year but the employee currently receives it with each pay check. The Town Board will update the handbook so it states that the employee would receive their buyout in each pay check.

Item # 12- Review SPCA Contract:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that the Town would be staying with the SPCA. Supervisor Figliozi noted that he had been talking with another Town about shared services, but that Town is currently using a veterinary to house stray dogs but that is costing their Town money, they are currently looking at another avenue.

The Town Board will authorize the Supervisor to sign the SPCA contract at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 13 – Discuss Union Contract:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Union Agreement has been ratified.

Town Attorney, Volkman stated that he is in the process of finalizing the contract and hopes to have it completed and get it to the Town Board for their review, so it can be authorized at the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 14 – Discuss Cricket Valley Grant:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that Cricket Valley has agreed to re-vitalize field #2 after they have completed their work with the new power lines. The Town Board had discussion regarding the way the lines will run in conjunction with the ballfield.

The Town Board also had discussion regarding the roadway and the flooding that occurs at field #2. Supervisor Figliozi spoke about a grant that is available to help with erosion along the banks of the creek, he waiting to hear back from the DEC regarding the grant.

Item # 15 – Discuss Employee Handbook:

Councilman Nicholson had some concerns regarding section 807 page 800-9 in the employee handbook under medical insurance for retirees regarding premium payment. The Town Board had much discussion regarding this matter.

Town Attorney, Scott Volkman stated that this may have to be discussed further in Executive Session.

Item # 16 – Discuss Progress of Storage Shed/Helen Aldrich Park:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that the storage shed is about 90% done. Supervisor Figliozi spoke about a change order for the storage shed to enclose and paint the ceiling. The Town Board will approve the change order at the December 14, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Figliozi spoke about a study that is being conducted by PACE University on the demographics of the Town and it is being paid for by the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Supervisor Figliozi, seconded by Councilman Nicholson the Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 under Public Officers Law section 105.1 (D) pending litigation, 105.1 (F) personnel matter, 105.1 (h) proposed acquisition of real property, carried.

No action taken.

Motion by Councilman Nicholson, seconded by Councilman Becker the Town Board came out of Executive Session at 9:45PM, carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilman Albrecht, seconded by Councilman Nicholson the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 9:46PM, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hart

Margaret Hart, Town Clerk