

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 5, 2017

The Pleasant Valley Town Board held their regularly scheduled Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00PM at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.

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

ABSENT: Janet Gross Councilwoman

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mark Figliozi, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Margaret Hart, Town Clerk

Item # 5 – Collection Bins

Ron Walulak, Fund Raising Specialist for Textile Recovery Services Inc. gave a presentation to the Town Board regarding the placement of clothing recycling bins in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Mr. Walulak noted that the money from the recycling of the cloths will go to Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen’s Association. Textile Recovery Services will be hiring a gentleman from Ulster County to service the bins and Textile holds a 1 million dollar insurance policy.

Councilman Albrecht noted that the Pleasant Valley Fire Company is not interested in having any bins at the Fire House.

The Town Board had much discussion on the placement of the bins with Mr. Waluak and it was also noted that there is a temporary moratorium at this time on clothing bins in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Supervisor Figliozi suggested that putting the bins at the compactor would be a good place since the compactor is only open two (2) days a week and it would be closely monitored.

Item # 1 – Discuss the Vacation Carryover:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Town Board will vote to amend Resolution 75/2017 which was amending the Town of Pleasant Valley Handbook Section 802, because of a typo at the April 12, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 2 – Time Card Submittal:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that section 504 of the personnel policy will need to be updated changing the day and time when time cards need to be submitted to the bookkeeping office. The Town Board will vote on the amendment at the April 12, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 3 – New York Life/Life Insurance:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that representatives from New York Life stopped by and is offering a non-contributory benefit which is done thru payroll deduction for life insurance for Town employees if they choose. The Town Board will review and discuss more at a further date.

Item # 4 – Update on Pleasant Valley Weekend:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the planning for this year's Pleasant Valley Weekend is moving along and this year's theme is "We Are Family" and more rides are being added. It was also noted that the Town is in the process of getting quotes for the tent rental for the weekend and fireworks display for Sunday evening.

Item # 5 – Proposed Collection Bins:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the legislative committee will meet with Zoning Administrator, Mike White to discuss more on the placement of the bins and if the bins can be for non-for-profits only.

Item # 6 – Proposed Solar Local Law:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the Town has heard from Dutchess County Planning and they have signed off as a matter of local concern.

The Pleasant Valley Planning Board had one minor adjustment regarding the placement of solar panels in parking lots it was believed that the solar panels would be placed directly in the parking lot. Supervisor Figliozi noted that the adjustment would be made for placement of solar panels on a structure that is part of a parking lot, not placing them directly in the parking lot and using up parking spaces.

Town Attorney, Scott Volkman noted that the Public Hearing is still open, the Town Board will make a motion to re-open the public hearing at the May 10, 2017 Town Board Meeting and should be able to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Volkman stated after making the necessary adjustments the law will lay on the desk. The law should be able to be adopted either at the May 10, 2017 meeting or at a Special Town Board Meeting. The moratorium expires at the end of May.

Item # 7 – Solar Tax Exemption:

Supervisor Figliozi explained the PILOT Program (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) to the Town Board explaining that if a company is to come into Pleasant Valley and would like to put up a solar farm they could apply for the PILOT Program.

Supervisor Figliozi noted that when the gentlemen came in and spoke with the Town Board regarding solar farms, they also spoke about how the companies coming in and installing solar should be able to receive a percentage.

Supervisor Figliozi stated that he and the Town Attorney reviewed the percentage and feel that it should be negotiated and not restrict it to a percentage, the decision should be made between the Town Board and the company putting in the solar. The percentage will not be part of the Local Law but will be an addition to the code.

Town Attorney, Scott Volkman noted that there is currently an exemption for solar power equipment and wind generated equipment under the New York State Real Property Law, unless the Town chooses to opt out of it effectively. An option under the current law is to give notice to companies that we are engaging in the PILOT Program.

Mr. Volkman stated that if the Town chooses to do nothing there is a 100% exemption for 15 years. To eliminate the exemption entirely which a majority of Towns are doing it would then require the assessor to assess the improvements on the full value of the equipment.

Mr. Volkman stated that the vendor that came in and spoke about the situation with Hyde Park and the assessment being 75% of the value. The Towns are finding this is not working so they are coming up with new ideas for their local laws.

Some Towns local law require the notice of the PILOT Agreement with the Town. There are two (2) options that are being used.

*limit of the amount of the value in the PILOT Agreement not to exceed the value of what the assessment would be.

*assess a value on the energy dollars based on kilowatts used.

The Town won't have to establish the value of the piece of equipment, it will be assessed on the value of the kilowatts that can be produced.

The Town Board had much more discussion regarding the PIOLT Program and will set the public hearing at the April 12, 2107 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 8 – Purchase a New Backhoe for Highway Department:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that the backhoe at the compactor is very old and it needs to be replaced. The Highway Department has a backhoe that needs to be replaced, but it is in good enough shape that it can be used at the compactor. The Highway Department will purchase a new backhoe and give their old one to the compactor to use and then sell the backhoe that is used at the compactor. Supervisor Figliozi noted that there is enough funds in the Highway Reserve Fund to pay for the backhoe which will be purchased off of stated bid.

Item # 9 – NYS Retirement :

Supervisor Figliozi noted that this is a house keeping matter.

Item # 10 – Update on the Double Poles:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the double poles are coming down.

Town Attorney, Scott Volkman noted that he and Supervisor Figliozi will be meeting with a representative from Central Hudson and the companies Attorney to review the Town's Local Law regarding the double poles.

Item # 11 – Amendment to the Zoning Code/Special Use Permit:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that the amendment would be to stream line the process so the resident wouldn't have to go to both Boards, they would only have to appear in front of the Planning Board to obtain a special use permit. The Town Board will set the public hearing date at the April 12, 2017 regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 12 – Amendment to the Driveway Permit:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that he, Highway Superintendent and Town Attorney met would like to make an amendment to the driveway permit, but would like to meet with the Planning Board and Zoning

Board of Appeals to review the amendments. Town Board will set the public hearing date at the April 12, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Item # 13 – Lake Shore Drive and Route 44 Site Distance:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that he is working with the residents of Lakeshore Drive regarding the site distance at the end of Lake Shore Drive and Route 44.

Item # 14 – Utility Audit RFP:

Supervisor Figliozi noted that requests were sent to five (5) companies and advertised in the paper and one (1) request was received and that was from Troy and Banks Buffalo. Supervisor Figliozi would like the Town Board to review the request so the RFP can be awarded.

Item # 15 – Dutchess County Survey/Economic Development:

Supervisor Figliozi stated that a survey has been sent to each Town Board Member to answer questions regarding the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Supervisor Figliozi, seconded by Councilman Nicholson the Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:24 under Public Officers Law section 105.1(D) Pending Litigation, 105.1(F) Personnel Matter and 105.1 (H) Proposed acquisition of real property, carried.

No action taken.

Motion by Councilman Albrecht, seconded by Councilman Nicholson the Town Board came out of Executive Session at 9:33PM, carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman Nicholson the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 9:34, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hart, Town Clerk