Stillwater Town Board Meeting April 18, 2019 7:00 PM Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Councilman Artie Baker

Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
Councilwoman Ellen Vomacka

Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Also Present: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk

Mark Minick, Supt of Highways Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town James Trainor, Attorney for the Town

Absent: Councilman Chris D'Ambro

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> <u>Motion</u> by Councilwoman Vomacka and seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt the minutes of April 4, 2019. <u>Motion carried.</u>

Agenda Items Resolutions #26--#29

Resolution #26 Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Conservation Easement Assignment and Assumption Agreement

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. has been the co-holder of the interest in conservation easements affecting approximately 515.96 acres of real property located in the Town; and

WHEREAS Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. would like to assign and transfer their interest in the easements to the Town per the attached Conservation Easement Assignment and Assumption Agreement.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Conservation Easement Assignment and Assumption Agreement with the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc.

<u>Motion</u> by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 26 of 2019.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 26 of 2019 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski YES
Councilman Baker YES
Councilwoman Bruno YES
Councilman D'Ambro ABSENT
Councilwoman Vomacka YES

Motion carried. Resolution No. 26 of 2019 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution #27 Regarding the Historic Hudson-Rivers Partnership

Introduced by: <u>Supervisor</u>

WHEREAS, the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership is an entity formed of local municipalities, county, state, and federal agencies and not-for-profit community organizations which was created by New York State Legislation in 2006 and 2009 which evolved into a nonprofit organization;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Historic Hudson-Hoosick Rivers Partnership is to preserve, enhance, and develop the historic, agricultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership region;

WHEREAS, the Partnership advances collaborative projects with non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development, and the protection and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, The Town of Stillwater shares the Partnership's goals and supports fostering collaborative approaches to preserve a landscape supporting the historic, cultural and environmental assets of the upper Hudson Valley watershed, to protect its traditional land uses and environmental quality and to develop the economic potential of heritage and outdoor recreational tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership has invited our municipality to become a supporting member; and

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stillwater hereby join the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership and agrees to pay annual dues (\$200); and directs Edward Kinowski, Town Supervisor, to attend membership and Board meetings of the Partnership.

<u>Motion</u> by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 27 of 2019.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 27 of 2019 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski YES
Councilman Baker YES
Councilwoman Bruno YES
Councilman D'Ambro ABSENT
Councilwoman Vomacka YES

Motion carried. Resolution No. 27 of 2019 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution #28 Authorizing the Refurbishing of the SACC Gym Floor

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the SACC Gym floor requires some repairs and refurbishing; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Baker had solicited several proposals and found that \$4,400.00 of repairs are needed at this time;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to expend up to \$4,400.00 to repair and refurbish the SACC Gym floors with Forth Sport Floors, Inc.

<u>Motion</u> by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 28 of 2019.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 28 of 2019 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski YES
Councilman Baker YES
Councilwoman Bruno YES
Councilman D'Ambro ABSENT
Councilwoman Vomacka YES

Motion carried. Resolution No. 28 of 2019 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution #29 Authorizing the Highway Superintendent To Purchase a Truck Off the Onondaga County Contract List

Introduced by: Supervisor (Highway Superintendent)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has identified a need to purchase a Truck for Highway Department services as provided in the 2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has identified a Truck listed on the Onondaga County Contract as described in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, the item selected off the Onondaga County contract is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase a Truck per attached proposal off the Onondaga County Contract at a cost not to exceed \$79,000.00.

<u>Motion</u> by Councilwoman Bruno and seconded by Councilwoman Vomacka to adopt Resolution No. 29 of 2019.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 29 of 2019 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski YES
Councilman Baker YES
Councilwoman Bruno YES
Councilman D'Ambro ABSENT
Councilwoman Vomacka YES

Motion carried. Resolution No. 29 of 2019 was adopted unanimously.

Reports

Supervisor Kinowski: Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Town Hall would be closed tomorrow April 19th for Good Friday.

Councilwoman Bruno: Councilwoman Bruno reminded everyone that everyone clean-up day is Saturday, April 27th from 7am to 2pm.

Harold W, reporter for the Express inquired about the area for conservation easement agreement.

Supervisor Kinowski commented that it was the Griffin-Hanehan easement. He stated that with the open space agreement further inspection needs to logged and filed which the Town will take over and file the reports.

Dick D inquired on the status of Skidmore Horse Shows.

Supervisor Kinowski reported that they are able to have the event for May & June but not sure of August at this time. They have also been given a 5 year reprieve on the septic. Dick D also inquired on the status of the snack shack.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that things are moving forward.

Karen L thanked the Board for the great job they have done over the past five years. She stated her purpose for coming was in regard to the stipends and feels the Town Board casted a cloud over the work they have done. She felt the appropriate way to handle this

was to advertise and hire out. She questioned separating duties from council duties, keeping track of hours and ethical issues.

Supervisor Kinowski commented on the work load, budget and cost savings; Parks & Rec: Supervisor Kinowski spoke on the amount of hours and work that goes into the parks on a daily basis. Administrative: Supervisor Kinowski spoke on Councilwoman Bruno having the experience working at the capital and with dignitaries, she has also taken on the logistics of running the snack shack at Browns Beach. Supervisor Kinowski stated that hiring out would be a much higher cost and felt this was the best way to go.

Karen L inquired on the Historian position and if the records were being taken care of and commented on the concrete walkway at Brown's Beach.

Councilwoman Vomacka stated that she has met with a young lady who will be graduating with a 4yr degree in History this coming May. She has been talking with Linda Palmieri and will be working with Linda in the Historians Office, logging and identifying records. There is potential for her to apply for the Historian position. Supervisor Kinowski stated that they are also monitoring the amount of calls coming in.

Councilwoman Bruno commented that the Town Clerk's Office stepped up and took over handling the Historians Office and received a stipend, in the future there may have to be a Parks & Rec;s Dept. and as for Administrative she was available to help and had the skill set to accomplish jobs. When the time comes in the future it may be a permanent job.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that it could end up being a part time Supervisor and a full time Administrator.

Karen L understood the workload but looking at past history of the Town this was a cloudy line bordering ethical and unethical. Karen L also commented on Planning & Zoning Board positions, resumes, hiring and advertisements for any of the positions. Councilwoman Vomacka stated that she goes to many of the meeting. Public is always welcome to come but unless it is their own backyard they have no interest. Supervisor Kinowski stated that they do not advertise. They look to the community to see if anyone is interested or recommend someone and ask them to submit a resume. Councilwoman Bruno stated that they do not look at political parties or friends. They look for the most qualified to fill a position.

Dick D commented that he attends most meetings and sometimes he is the only one here.

Janet B inquired about the apartments at the end of Brickyard Road.

Councilwoman Vomacka stated they have completed 2 and the 3rd one is in progress. Councilman Baker commented that the 2nd one is not occupied yet so they have not started the 3rd one.

Janet B inquired about the Halfway House Rd. development.

Supervisor Kinowski reported that there have been no approvals from the Planning Board yet.

Audited Claims

<u>Motion</u> by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to pay the audited claims.

General \$9,552.45 Town Outside \$1,614.70 Highway \$18,851.78 Water & Sewer \$953.05

Motion carried.

<u>Motion</u> by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss a personnel issue. <u>Motion carried.</u> (Note: The Town Board will not resume the regular meeting).

Respectfully submitted

Sue Cunningham Stillwater Town Clerk