

**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.

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

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.

Motion 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: Supervisor

WHEREAS, the Historic Hudson-Hoosick 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-Hoosick 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-Hoosick Rivers Partnership and agrees to pay annual dues (\$200); and directs Edward Kinowski, Town Supervisor, to attend membership and Board meetings of the Partnership.

Motion 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.

Motion 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:

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

Motion 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.

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

Respectfully submitted

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk