

DATE OF MEETING: February 16, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor  
Trustee Dan Peters  
Trustee John Burweger  
Trustee Earl Slocum – via phone  
Trustee Gerald Locascio

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update RFP. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor reported the Clerk is working on getting quotes to update the website and would hopefully have them by the next meeting. She said she wanted to have a comment/question/concern form added to the updated website that can be filled out and given to the Board of Trustees for their review. Mayor Taylor said at the last meeting she had suggested taking the Facebook page down because it was not the Board's official way of communicating and was never officially approved to be created by the Board. She said it was taken down temporarily and would probably come back up at some point in some form. She said for now the website is pretty bad and she wanted to focus on getting that up to speed. She said she thought it would be good to look into hiring a part time person who would be responsible for updating and maintaining the website and the Facebook page (if it is brought back), the conference calls and the Metro North parking paperwork. Mayor Taylor said the weekly COVID update would be up on the website probably the next day. She also again suggested signing up for Dutchess Delivery because it now has links to a form for the COVID vaccination.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to approve the Chazen Proposals for seeking new well locations. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor brought up the topic of snow removal and the use of outside contractors for snow removal from the village after a large snowfall. She said she was looking into how to make the hiring of outside companies more equitable to all interested. She stated she was also concerned with the amount of money spent on snow removal from the last 2 storms. Trustee Peters said he hoped to be reimbursed some money from FEMA and maybe instead of hiring outside companies the village could look into a shared service agreement with the town to remove the snow after a storm. The Board was also going to research areas that the snow could be stockpiled for a day or two after a storm and then removed. Mayor Taylor also suggested the Board think about the idea of creating a Sidewalk District to fund the Highway Department removing the snow from the sidewalks rather than having it be the owner's responsibility.

Trustee Peters reported the village water system is still acting under an Emergency Declaration and the Board had asked for an extension. Mr. Dan Stone, an engineer from The Chazen Companies, gave an update on the water system. He said one letter presented before the Board was to ask Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health to extend

a deadline for 6 months on a required report. The second letter presented to the Board was to the NYSDEC regarding the Notice of Complete Application received thanking the DEC and requesting the DEC to move ahead with the issues of the permit.

**MOTION** by Trustee Burweger to approve the signing of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health letter and the NYS DEC letter. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close the meeting at 7:34 P.M. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close Public Comment, go into regular session and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:42 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close Executive Session and return to regular session at 8:29 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no decisions made in Executive Session.

**MOTION** by Trustee Peters to close the meeting at 8:30 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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Village Clerk