

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 21, 2012

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty held at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, the following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti
Councilperson Chris Austin
Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck
Councilperson Dean Farrand
Councilperson Maurice Gerry

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present:

Finance Director Earl Bertsch
Code Enforcement Officer Mark VanEtten
CDC Director Heinrich Strauch
Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague
Budget Accounting Coordinator Cheryl Gerow
Confidential Secretary Deborah Manley
Anne Hart
Milo Moore
Dale Vandenburg

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Barbuti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Town of Bethel regarding the removal of an unsafe structure located at 4714 Route 55, Swan Lake.
2. A copy of the CDC Minutes for 1/1/2012.
3. A copy of the 2012 membership renewals for the CDC.
4. A notice from the Village of Liberty notifying the Town of a public hearing to consider approval of a special use permit application submitted by Yeshivas Ahavas Israel LLC located at 66 Old Monticello Rd., Liberty, NY to construct a shul on said property.
5. A letter from Kelly Engineering, PC regarding AJM @ Swan Lake Estates.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Supervisor Barbuti asked the Board members to take a look at our comp plan and see how we can move it forward.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MINUTES

- Zoning Board 12/20/2011

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC

Dale Vandenburg - Liberty Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Vandenburg advised the Board of the upcoming events scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend which include the following:

Yard Sale O-Rama
Sidewalk Sale
Talent Show
1st Annual Sullivan County Soap Box Derby
Music in the Park
Parade

Mr. Vandenburg advised that only Sullivan County vendors will be used.

He also advised that depending on attendance both schools may be used for parking and people will be shuttled by bus to Main St.

He also advised that the Fire Dept., Ambulance, PBA and Fire Police have all been notified.

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF AUDIT

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Chris Austin**, the Town Board approved the following:

- February, 2012 Abstract:
Claims #148 to #365 totaling \$686,803.73
- Post, January 2012 Abstract:
Claims #128 to #147 totaling \$101,698.77
- January, General Ledger Abstract:
Claims #1 to #28 totaling \$1,205,076.67

5 AYES- Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry**, the Town Board approved the following minutes as submitted:

- Regular Monthly Mtg. 1/17/2012
- Dept. Head Mtg. 2/6/2012

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Supervisor Charles Barbuti**, the Town Board approved the following reports as submitted:

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report 1/2012
- Monthly report of revenue & expense summary as of 1/31/2012
- Supervisor's Report 12/2011

5 AYES - Carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. Non-conforming use policy
2. Approval of an offsite central sewage treatment system for the Lake Marie Homes subdivision. **TABLED**

RESOLUTION NO

RESOLUTION NAMING MARCH AS "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH"

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry** the Town Board does hereby approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the study of music is basic to a complete education, provides the competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and evaluative skills; and

Whereas, music education helps students acquire skills in the production and performance of music, as well as an understanding of history and culture; and

Whereas, the Town of Liberty is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status or their abilities; and

Whereas, the Town of Liberty strives to instill a higher level of awareness and knowledge of music; and

Whereas, the Town of Liberty strives to support fine musical experiences through the participation of over 1100 students in the school's music program; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Town of Liberty, with Supervisor Honorable Charles J. Barbuti, strongly support quality music education in the Liberty Central School District and that all students, kindergarten through 12th grade, should have access to a well balanced, comprehensive, high quality, sequential program of music taught by teachers certified in music education; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board recognizes and commends the Liberty Central School District for their concern and efforts to enhance the quality of music education in the Town of Liberty;

Therefore, the Town of Liberty Board and Supervisor Honorable Charles J. Barbuti hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012 as

“Music in our Schools Month”

and endorses this observance as an opportunity to support the purpose and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students and all citizens to participate.

RESOLUTION NO

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry** the Town Board does hereby approve re-appoint the following to the Town of Liberty Ethics Committee:

Tracy Merklin
Kevin Hopkins
Judith Haas-Siegel

5 AYES - CARRIED

2012 CDBG Grants

The White Sulphur Water District will be applying for the upcoming CDBG Grant. It was discussed that in 2013 they should apply for the Industrial Park in Harris.

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL TO PAY KELLY ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,125. FOR THE LOOMIS SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand** the Town Board does hereby give approval to pay Kelly Engineering \$1,125.00 for Engineering Services for the Loomis Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL TO PAY BLAUER ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550. FOR THE LOOMIS SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand** the Town Board does hereby give approval to pay Blauer Associates the amount of \$550.00 for administrative services for the Loomis Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL TO PAY BLAUER ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150. FOR THE LOOMIS SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry** the Town Board does hereby give approval to pay Blauer Associates the amount of \$150.00 for administrative services for the Loomis Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

ALBERT BITJEMAN DBA JENNIE "G'S" GRANTED 30 DAY WAIVER FOR RENEWAL OF ON-PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Councilperson Maurice Gerry, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby have no objection to an On-premises Alcoholic Beverage License renewal being granted to Albert Bitjeman dba Jennie "G's", located at 26 Route 52 E, Liberty, NY and do hereby grant the 30 day waiver.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF TOWING LICENSES

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve the following towing licenses:

Moriggia Inc, dba Mike's Tire Discount (3)
Robert Wilbur Auto Repair (2)
Jeffrey Miller dba Sam's Towing & Recovery (4)

5 AYES - Carried

APPROVAL OF REFUSE COLLECTION LICENSES

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve the following refuse collection licenses:

Sims Metal Management (1)
Jeff Sanitation (1)
Sullivan County First Recycling (3)
On Time Disposal (2)

5 AYES - Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION

Councilperson Chris Austin

- Wanted to know if Cheryl had gotten quote for concrete repair at the dog kennel. Cheryl advised that they can only be contacted by email and that she has not heard back yet.
- Wanted to know if Maurice has spoken with his brother regarding the dog kennel. He will.
- Asked if Dr. Schwalb had signed his oath yet. The Town Clerk advised that he had not and that she would bring it to him to sign.
- Asked the Supervisor's secretary to write a letter for Tanner Austin and Jeffrey Fredenburg regarding their request to clean the Town Cemetery.

Councilperson Maurice Gerry

- Wanted to know how the skatepark was going.

- Advised that we need to welcome & accommodate people when they come for the Soap Box Derby.

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

- Advised that Bill Cogswell will also help with the supervising of the cemetery clean up.

Dean Farrand

- Advised that the Town Board, Village Board and the CDC need to promote Liberty because first impressions are everything.

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti

- Each employee was given the firearm policy to replace in their books
- Created an e-mail blast form
- Still need names for the Pride Award
- Vacancies on both the Planning and Zoning
- Having a hard time finding people for the Ag & Farmland Committee
- Meeting 2/27/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Would like to hold meetings in the hamlets

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by Supervisor Charlie Barbuti, the Town Board adjourns the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk