

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY
April 20, 2015 6:45 p.m.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty held on April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, the following Town Board Members were present:

Present:

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti
Councilperson Dean Farrand
Councilperson Russell Reeves
Councilperson Brian McPhillips

Absent:

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

Recording Secretary:

Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present:

Town Attorney Kenneth Klein
Finance Director Earl Bertsch
Cheryl Gerow Budget and Accounting Clerk
Water & Sewer Foreman Thomas Kehrley
Confidential Secretary Angela Dalton
Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague
Mark Blauer
Josh Sommers

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from the Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development regarding funding for a community micro-grid that will create local power infrastructure.

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC

Josh Sommers- FOCUS MEDIA Marketing the Town of Liberty

Andrew Arias- Cooper & Arias LLC gave the board a presentation on 2014 Town of Liberty Internal Audit

RESOLUTION NO 82-15

APPROVAL OF AUDIT

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Motion by Councilperson Brian McPhillips, seconded by **Councilperson Russell Reeves**, the Town Board approved the following:

- April, 2015 Abstract:
Claims #531to #728 totaling \$396,253.88
- March Post Audit:
Claims #492 to #530 totaling \$151,084.32
- General Ledger Abstract:
Claims #60 to #92 totaling \$294,733.57

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent – Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 83-15

APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHER FOR DELAWARE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,703.50

Motion by Councilperson Brian McPhillips, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby authorize the payment to Delaware Engineering for Engineering Services for the Loomis Sewer District Phase 2 in the amount of \$50,703.50.

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 84-15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Russell Reeves, seconded by **Councilperson Brian McPhillips**, the Town Board approved the following:

- Department Head Mtg. 4/6/2015

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 85-15

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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Motion by Councilperson Brian McPhillips, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand**, the Town Board approved the following:

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report 3/2015
- Monthly Town Board Revenue & Expense Report as of 3/31/15
- Supervisor's Report 2/15 & 3/15

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

OLD BUSINESS

1. Revised 284 Agreement – CARRIED OVER

The Board asked Councilperson Reeves to approach the Highway Superintendent about ditching as opposed to pug milling the roads this year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Attorney was instructed to draw up a Capital Resolution for Parks & Recreation to spend up to \$15,000 for the following projects:

- *Install a federally required ADA lift for the pool. Approximately \$8,000 installed.*
- *Fix diving board stand & install new diving board. Approximately \$5,000*
- *CO2 hookup to regulate the pool PH. \$2,000 or less*

RESOLUTION NO 86-15

TOWN OF LIBERTY RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SULLIVAN COUNTY SHARE A PORTION OF COUNTY SALES TAXES WITH THE TOWNSHIPS IN THE COUNTY

Motion by Councilperson Dean Farrand, seconded by **Councilperson Russell Reeves**

Whereas a Casino License will be awarded to Montreign Resort Casino in the State of New York, County of Sullivan, Town of Thompson,

Whereas pursuant to the New York State casino enabling legislation, all counties in the region will share a portion of casino revenues annually,

Whereas pursuant to the New York State casino enabling legislation, the County of Sullivan and Town of Thompson are to share a portion of casino revenue annually,

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Whereas it is anticipated that the Montreign Casino Resort will have a major beneficial economic effect to the region,

Whereas it is reasonable to assume Sullivan County Sales Tax revenues will grow in future years as a result of increased economic activity generated by the casino,

Whereas the presence of a Casino in Sullivan County will have fiscal impacts on all of the Townships in the County,

Whereas there is no provision in the enabling casino legislation to return any revenues to any other Towns in Sullivan County, other than the Host Town of Thompson and the Host County of Sullivan,

Whereas 44 of 57 counties in New York State currently share their respective County Sales taxes with townships located within their respective counties,

Whereas Sullivan County property taxes are among the highest in the State of New York and

Whereas applying sales tax revenue to local budgets can allow reduction in property taxes,

Therefore the Town of Liberty joins the Supervisors and Highway Superintendents of the townships in Sullivan county to request that, beginning in 2017, that Sullivan County share 1/2 of any County sales tax revenue collected in excess of the county sales tax collected in 2016 with the towns in proportion to each town's equalized tax assessments.

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

The Town Attorney was instructed to draw up a local law to award purchases / contracts on the basis of best value criteria

RESOLUTION NO 87-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN HALL FRONT PORCH AT MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000.00, AND PAYMENT THEREFOR BY THE EXPENDITURE OF THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM THE TOWN OF LIBERTY TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town of Liberty Government Center, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, in said Town, on the 20th day of April, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Barbuti and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Charlie Barbuti
Councilperson Brian McPhillips
Councilperson Russell Reeves
Councilperson Dean Farrand

ABSENT: Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

The following resolution was introduced by Supervisor Charlie Barbuti, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson Russell Reeves, to wit:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN HALL FRONT PORCH AT MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000.00, AND PAYMENT THEREFOR BY THE EXPENDITURE OF THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM THE TOWN OF LIBERTY TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of the front porch of the Town Hall, at a maximum estimated cost of \$150,000.00, and the expenditure of the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Town of Liberty Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund to pay such maximum estimated cost is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. The action authorized has been determined to constitute a Type II Action as defined in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(18) and (21) of the regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which environmental review is not required.

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Section 3. The plan for financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the appropriation and expenditure of monies heretofore deposited in the Town of Liberty Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

Section 4. Within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, the Town Clerk shall post on the Town sign board and publish in the Sullivan County Democrat, the official newspaper of the Town, a notice in conformance with the requirements of Section 90 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

Section 5. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti voting	AYE
Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck voting	ABSENT
Councilperson Dean Farrand voting	AYE
Councilperson Russell Reeves voting	AYE
Councilperson Brian McPhillips voting	AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

4 AYES - Carried

1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 88-15

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL CLEANUP AGREEMENT W/ SULLIVAN COUNTY

Motion by Councilperson Brian McPhillips, seconded by **Councilperson Russell Reeves**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Municipal Cleanup Agreement between the County of Sullivan and the Town of Liberty.
(Agreement on file in Town Clerk's Office)

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4 AYES - Carried
1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 89-15

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT LOW PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950 TO REMOVE TREE IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL

Motion by Councilperson Dean Farrand, seconded by **Councilperson Brian McPhillips**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby give approval to accept the low proposal in the amount of \$950 for the removal of tree in front of Town Hall.

4 AYES - Carried
1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

RESOLUTION NO 90-15

APPROVAL TO GET PROPOSALS TO REMOVE TREE ON SIDE OF TOWN HALL

Motion by Councilperson Russell Reeves, seconded by **Councilperson Brian McPhillips**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby give approval to get proposals to remove tree from side of Town Hall.

4 AYES - Carried
1 Absent- Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

ADJOURN

On a motion by Councilperson Dean Farrand, seconded by Councilperson Russell Reeves the Town Board of adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk