

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 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:

Town Attorney Kenneth Klein
Finance Director Earl Bertsch
Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague
Budget Accounting Coordinator Cheryl Gerow
Jennifer Hokirk
Tennessee Gerow
Thelma McIver
Leonard Sparks
Joan Stoddard
Liago Mastrogiovanni
Warren Mastrogiovanni
Alan Frishman
Matt DeWitt
Cindy Geiger
Ann Hart
Devon Williams

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from Boy Scout Troop #95 inviting the Town Board to attend an Eagle Ceremony on 6/16/12.
2. Notification of a Liberty Town Hall Forum on "Our Taxes and The Importance of Mandate Reform" to be held on 5/31 from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Liberty Senior Center.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MINUTES

Planning Board 4/3/12
Planning/Zoning/Town Boards 4/24/12

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC

Sean Zigmund Cancelled
Ron Totten New Hope Cleaning Services-No Show

Alan Frishman Swan Lake Mikvah

Mr. Frishman advised the Board that the Swan Lake Synagogue would like to build a mikvah. A mikvah is a ritual bath or bathing place for purification in accordance with Jewish Law. Mr. Frishman stated that they would like to have it in place this summer. He explained that it would be a Jewish bathhouse with a 1000 gallon tub that would be changed once or twice a week. He advised that the Water Department could inspect at any time.

Councilperson Dean Farrand advised that he would like to see a design to be sure that it was a viable system and worked. He also would like to know where the water is being discharged to.

Finance Dir. Earl Bertsch advised that it would be one capital charge for each mikvah.

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti asked why if others fill from the well why not this one?

Mr. Frishman advised that when the rainwater comes down it mixes with the well water and takes on a higher degree of purity.

It is agreed that the board would like to see a site plan and discharge plan. Mr. Frishman will return to the 6/18 meeting.

County Legislator Cindy Geiger advised that there would be a mandate relief forum on 5/31 at the Senior Center and asked everyone to spread the word.

At this point in the meeting Supervisor Barbuti explained to the students how 90% of our County budget is spoken for through unfunded mandates.

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF AUDIT

Motion by Councilperson Dean Farrand, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck**, the Town Board approved the following:

- May, 2012 Abstract:
Claims # 767 to # 988 totaling \$442,529.95

- Post, April 2012 Abstract:
Claims # 748 to # 766 totaling \$177,224.27
- April, 2012, General Ledger Abstract:
Claims # 91 to # 127 totaling \$352,346.82

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Department Head Mtg. 4/2/2012
- Regular Monthly Mtg. 4/16/2012
- Planning/Zoning/Town Board Meeting 4/24/2012

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- Town Clerk's Monthly Report 4/2012
- Monthly report of Revenue & Expense summary as of 4/30/2012

5 AYES - Carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning & Zoning Committee updates.

RE-SCHEDULE BID OPENING FOR P&R SURPLUS TRUCK

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby reschedule the bid opening for (1) 1999 Ford Ranger pickup declared surplus equipment, on 5/31/2012 at 11:00 am at Town Hall, 120 N. Main St., Liberty, New York.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL TO HIRE WILL DEPAULO AS SUMMER HELP FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Motion by councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve of the hiring of Will DePaulo as Summer Help for the Highway Department.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF REFUSE COLLECTION LICENSES

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

- Thompson Sanitation
- Waste Pro

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL CLEANUP AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by **Councilperson Dean Farrand**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve the Municipal Cleanup Agreement with the County of Sullivan and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Maurice Gerry**, the Town Board of the Town of Liberty does go into Executive Session at 7:44 pm to discuss personnel negotiations.

5 AYES - Carried

RESOLUTION NO

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Chris Austin** the Town Board does hereby come out of Executive Session at 8:08 pm.

5 AYES - CARRIED

BOARD DISCUSSION

Councilperson Chris Austin

- Advised the board that he had set up the summer meeting schedule.

Councilperson Dean Farrand

- Wanted to remind everyone about the Soapbox Derby on this coming Sunday.
- Wanted to extend a thank you to Cindy, Cora and Kitty.

Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck

- Wanted to thank the two boys that did the work in the cemetery.
- Fiddles is open but is buried in dirt and mud.
- The bridge on W. Liberty St. is done in the guard rail is in.

Councilperson Maurice Gerry

- Would like everyone to try and support the Soapbox Derby.

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti

- The Supervisor went over the Memorial Day schedule.
- July 4 the Boy Scouts would like to use the front lawn to set up a camp.
- Working on the consent order with the D E C.
- Joint meeting on 7/30 with the Village.
- The bank building will be up for auction in June, if the town shows interest they may take off the auction.
- More information to come on windmills, zoning solar and geothermal.
- The sidewalk was repaired using shared services from the town.
- We are having the meetings in the hamlets.
- Due to the air quality report, have contacted a contractor to look at the roofline.
- Need air quality report for Park and Rec, Charlie will get a quote from H&H and Barton & Loguidice regarding the cost.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Chris Austin, seconded by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, the Town Board adjourns the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk