

TOWN OF LIBERTY BOARD MEETING
119 NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754
DATE: APRIL 18 2022
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty held on April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., the following were present:

PRESENT:

Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Councilperson Dean Farrand
Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
Councilperson Brian McPhillips
Councilperson John Lennon

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Attorney Ken Klein	Ari Fleishman
Finance Director Cheryl Gerow	Matt Shortall
Highway Department Matt DeWitt	Manny Steinberg
Confidential Secretary Nick Rusin	Brad Cobert
Andrew Arias	Nancy Levine
Marc Baez	Abraham Mizrahi
Michael Edwards	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Andrew Arias of Cooper Arias, LLP

Andrew Arias of Cooper Arias, LLP gave a presentation regarding the Town of Liberty Audit. At the conclusion, it was determined that no major internal control or compliance issues were noted. Overall the Town is in very good financial condition. Any minor issues were discussed verbally with appropriate personnel previously. No questions from the Board. Supervisor DeMayo thanked Financial Director, Cheryl Burgio for her good work.

Marc Baez, President of the Partnership for Economic Development

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I asked Frank to report to you because I guess the topic came up at the last meeting about what was going on, on the corridor. Studies that were done, monies that weren't being paid back, returned on investment and things like that. So I'm here today to bring you up today about what went on.

Let me go back a couple years and talk about the corridor study since that was the topic of conversation. The corridor study was to identify what properties on the corridor were optimal for economic development. The reason is we were trying to establish rateables in the Town of Liberty. Rateables that you desperately need in this town. I speak to that from the point of view of the Partnership. I also speak to that from the point of view of a resident here. We need tax rateables in the Town of Liberty in order to help get your revenue situation solid for the long term. With the development of jobs in the county, with the development of new rateables.

Let me give you an example of why we push rateables in that particular corridor. I'll step back a couple more years prior to that. There was a public process in the Town of Liberty, probably prior to some of the members that are on this Board. That public process was to go over your comprehensive plan. In that process, I think there were meetings all over the Town. As to where you wanted housing, as to where you wanted rural development, as to where you wanted agricultural development, as to where you wanted industrial commercial development. There was some contentious meetings. There was some debate. On and on we had public hearings all over the Town and it was decided that at the corridor was the best place that you all agreed, the Town, I say you, to put industrial commercial properties there because that's where there was least amount of residential properties, there was least amount of impact on residential values and that sort of thing. The duck farm down there, you had Sim's Metal, you had some things on the corridor that really wouldn't going to impact what's going to happen there. So in the interest of trying to bring new rateables this far up. I say this far up because the marketplace thinks we're way far away from them, so we have to make that argument pretty much daily. To bring investment into the Town we looked at the corridor for what it was that we could do that based on your zoning that's on play as a result of the comprehensive plan process. And in that zoning, we went and did this study.

First we wanted to raise the money so we went to the County and said, "We needed some money to do this, could you guys help us with this study?" We really needed to see what we can do on this corridor. We asked the County to put up the money, we asked the town to put up some money and you did. I think it was \$20,000, 14% of the overall cost of the study. Let me repeat that..... 14% of the overall cost of the study.

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The Town of Thompson also put in 14% of the overall cost of the study. The County put in 72% of the cost of the study. So the County puts in 72%, Thompson puts in 14%, you put in 14%, the town that's going to benefit the most as a result of the study is the Town of Liberty. There's one project which we're working on right now that we can do in the Town of Thompson only one. All the rest of the buildable property on the corridor lies in the Town of Liberty 98% of the properties on the corridor that could have a possibility of something going on.

That was three years ago. COVID got in there and messed things up a little bit. A study was done and we had been getting a lot of activity because of it because we had identified why a developer should go, or could go to the corridor. So from that standpoint, we had about four logistic inquiries that looked at the corridor that didn't work out. One of them is right now at the Planning Board with a substantial rate able about a million square feet which is going to make a significant impact on the overall tax base of the Town. To give you a comparable, in the Town of Mamakating, Kohls pays \$540,000 in taxes every year and its 500,000 square feet, half the size of what we're talking about in this corridor on one project. You could probably do two of those. In addition the sense is you do two large scale projects, the rest can be filled in with companies like Pestech or Lumitech or smaller tens and twenties that fit in like Schmidt's Wholesale Tech Company. Something that can fit into the rest of the property because it's physically impossible to bring in anything larger there. So part of the conversation has always been companies want water and sewer, they want gas, they want everything." We know that right? We have a solution for that. It's not a good one. We do LP, we do whatever we can to fill in that void and buy futures for that, but water and sewer has always been a discussion. There's no more optimal time right now to tap into water and sewer grant funds than now. The State has been given a significant amount of money for infrastructure projects, but as the saying goes, when they use that term, "but" you have to have a project before they're going to consider helping you. So now we have a project, right? We're going through the process and getting approvals on it, but it's significant and can catalyze bringing that investment into the corridor now we have a reason to do that.

Let me give you some stats so that you understand why the rateables are so important and why job creation is so important. We always look at from the standpoint of rateables which I think you all understand on how it works and how it functions, I'm sure you deal with that all the time. What gets lost in the conversation is jobs so let me give you an example. We'll look at some data that's inflow and outflow of jobs in the community. Let's look at the County. The jobs that are coming into the County from the outside, total number of jobs coming into the County are 13,862 jobs. It's not Marc Baez saying, it's a census. 16,000 jobs leave the County – everyday people leave the

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County to go work somewhere outside of the County. 14,800 people live in the County and work in the County. Great. How does that help you guys?

So we looked at the zip code 12701. 12701 is the Town of Thompson and the Village of Monticello. 9,460 jobs come into zip code 12701 every day to go to work. 3,296 jobs – people leave to go work somewhere else. 1,794 people stay in zip code 12701 to work there. So they have a net gain when you add it all up of 7,958 jobs positive that either come into the Town of stay in the Town to work.

Let's look at 12754. 2,513 jobs people from the outside come into work in zip code 12754. 2,514 people leave to go to work somewhere else. 714 people stay in 12754 to work there. So now you have a net total of 713 jobs.

Here's 12701, here's 12754. It's 10 times the amount. Two times is two times, five times would really be bad, ten times is unacceptable. It's out there. What's the reason? Rateables. So they brought in the rateables, the brought in the jobs and that's what you're getting. People coming in from the outside and working in.

What's significant about 12701 is that it represents 68% of all the jobs in Sullivan County. When I was a kid, Town of Liberty, Town of Thompson, part of Town of Fallsburg were the economic engines of this County. Now there's one town and that's Town of Thompson and Village of Monticello. So the goal is to bring some of that back here. To bring some of the job creation. That middle class income opportunity here and we can do that through industrial commercial development. Why? Because industrial commercial development costs the Town 30-40 cents to provide the costs of services. Residential costs \$1.30-\$1.40. It's what it is. It doesn't matter what town you're in, Tupelo, Mississippi, upstate New York Saratoga, Fallsburg, it doesn't matter where it is, that's how it functions. The drivers of that were an agency called the American Farmland Trust which was studying farmland. Farmland is actually pretty good it's around 40 – 45 cents as well. Because it's large areas and you really don't produce a need for costs of services. So you want a balance between industrial commercial development, some residential and some ag and other things for quality of life, but you have to have a foundation and the foundation has to be built on industrial commercial development to drive your revenues and keep things going.

As your report went tonight, that's great. Your numbers are good but we still have to drive people in to drive the economy further and get it going further. Because you can't sit idle either and just sit back and wait and wait and nothing's going to change. People are coming in, roads are going to be tough to be dealt with. Infrastructure breaks down. You can't always rely on grants forever. It's tough, so we really need to generate that revenue. That's why the Town of Thompson tax rate is around \$38. \$39 all in. It's an

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amazing thing when you think about it for a town that's a stone's throw away. And this is why we push for that. I would say this that is the area that is your economic generator. You only have a fixed amount of it. So, as projects come in, my advice to the Board is don't waste it on projects that aren't going to give you a tax rateable, that aren't going to give you jobs because you just wasted it. And there's going to be a lot of different types of projects that are going to be approaching the Town for one reason and one reason only. You have power there, you're close to the highway it's in a great location for that type of development for a whole host of different things. So, you went through a process, unless you want to go through that process again. You went through this process and your town folks weighed in and this is where you wanted that location. Don't waste it. Save it for the things that you want that create jobs that are going to be big rateables for your community.

I feel really bullish on the project that we have in front of the Planning Board right now. We have to do a couple of changes but it's good. It's really market driven. Basically, the more we order things on our phone and expect them the next day, they've got to come from somewhere. They've got to be delivered from someplace, so there's a lot of logistics projects. The cannabis project that came here before you did go to the corridor first, but when they went to the site that they were looking at, there was a solar project that went there instead of them. They missed it by like a week. So instead of having that project there, they have a solar project. So keep that in mind. They were going to go to the corridor as well and that really – we're excited about that one too, we think that's going to be a good project for the area.

There was a meeting several weeks ago at breakfast where we wanted to talk to everyone about the importance of economic development. I'm just going to leave a bunch of copies of a story that was written the River Reporter. They did an excellent job of describing, we had a panel we described why economic development is so important and why commercial development is so important. They did an excellent job of describing that and so if you read the story, it's an easy read you get a sense of why we should be doing this in this corridor. Are there areas that are saturated in the lower Hudson Valley that are driving this? Absolutely, no question. We had that conversation 10 years ago, we had that conversation 15 years ago. And every time we have the conversation, we say it's our turn, the land's dried up in the lower Hudson Valley. They find more. And now they're in the process of outreaching to their communities to find more. So that they can continue to develop with what they want to do down there. They're getting into a little tourism now too, so we'll see.

So we have a window of opportunity, we think it's good. Just on that story alone, I don't know how, but we're getting calls from all over the place. Again, when it's ready we'd

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like to be in there too. Before we bring that to you guys, to the Town, we ask, "Is this okay?" Generally what we do is I go to the Supervisor of the Town of the representative on a daily basis and say "hey this project is looking to come into your Town". Then we have a meeting in their office and we say "if this is something you don't want in your Town, let us know because we'll walk". Go somewhere else. We certainly don't want to cram any project down any town's throat. That's not what we do. We don't have authority to do that. We certainly want to make sure that you're happy with whatever it is that we're bringing to you. So if you say no, and I got the sense the other night from the Planning Board that the project was go, the right way making sure all the studies were done and SEQR is done appropriately and everything is done the way it's supposed to be done. The goal is to get it done as efficiently and as quickly as possible and that's what we're trying to do on the corridor right now. So that's basically where I'm at. Had a little hiccup, COVID kind of slowed things down, but here we are activity is up again.

Now, I'm going to end it with this. Supply chain is a big deal. It's huge. It hurts so much. Those of you that are in the goods delivery, good ordering business know this. And so we've gone from an economy that was "just in time" - you got the little widget, you're building car, the widget came in just in time, you built the car, out the door it went - to an economy that's "just in case". And so now companies across the country are saying we can't rely on ships from China or wherever sitting on the port for whatever, six months, a year, three months, it's killing us. So we need space so that we can store the goods that we're going to need to produce whatever it is that we're going to do. And that requires more space. The space that we're talking about nationwide, it changes daily. I think they're up to 3 billion square feet of space in demand in the country right now. That's a lot. And you're not going to put that everywhere. So the market does exist, where it did not exist prior to COVID that supersedes this notion that we're too far away. So that's why the big push now to get something done on the corridor because there's a window of opportunity. I think that we can capitalize on that window of opportunity. And that's where it's at. Any questions?

Supervisor DeMayo: Let me ask you, the importance of incentives.

Marc Baez: So every project that you hear about in the Hudson Valley gets an incentive. It isn't because we're giving away the store #1 it's very, very difficult to do business in the State of New York. We're not first or second or third or tenth or twentieth, we're at the bottom of the list and the only people we beat in the State of New York are California, Illinois, New Jersey, that's about what we beat. That's why there was a huge sucking sound of all the businesses going to South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas and Florida. It's just easier to do business there. That said, what do you do? So

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there's a big marketplace that still exists between Boston and Washington. No doubt. A lot of people there but you have to drive business to your state so you compete. Whether good, bad or indifferent. Pennsylvania says they're going to give them this, Connecticut says they're going to give them that, State of New York says they're going to give you this and then that trickles down to the different regions and that trickles down to the different towns. So there isn't a single project that hasn't gotten a major incentive. Not a single one. That I know of in the Hudson Valley. Not because it's the fault of the Hudson Valley and not because it's the fault of the Town of Liberty. You didn't create the tax rate. That happened 20, 30 years ago. I was a kid probably at the time whatever occurred to create the tax situation. All the hotels left and everything, a lot of different reasons. But we really need an incentive to get here. So the number I gave you of the Kohl's Distribution Center was the PILOT, that's with the incentive. And I think that ends next year so that's only going to go up over time. So if you use a standard 45B 10 year tax abatement, 10, 20, 30, 40 all the way up on year 10 you're going to get full rate. So if you were to double that number, it doesn't work out that way because your tax rates are different but it's a significant amount. Not necessarily going all to the town but it's going to tackle our number one problem which is what our school tax rate is. So that's something that certainly going to have an effect. And if you don't have them, you're not in the game. And you'll get bypassed.

Supervisor DeMayo: And one of the things too, we mentioned at the environmental development presentation was, the Town is the entity to generate the revenue.

Marc Baez: Correct.

Supervisor DeMayo: For the school district, the Town.

Marc Baez: You're the driver.

Supervisor DeMayo: We are the driver.

Marc Baez: For the most part but it's certainly something that all of them get..... Amazon – big incentive, Legoland – big incentive, Legoland got \$5,000,000 from the State to build and do all kinds of stuff and then they got into worth over \$43 million over 22 years. Does it work out? It has to because every IDA that gives an incentive has to do a cross benefit analysis and they have to meet a certain rate. You can't lose money, so the upside is they're going to gain money on land that they were getting some amount of taxes on but they're getting a hell of a lot more now. So they did a lot for the town and did a lot for the community of Goshen, but a lot of incentive was used to get them there because they were going to Haverstraw first. They were done, they were going to Haverstraw and one member on the Board of Haverstraw said "we don't want them" and Steve Newhouse and my partner Maureen went crazy. We all did, we all

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tried to get them and ultimately they landed down in Orange County. The interesting thing about Orange County is everybody is on the same page, they go together, they do what they've got to do and they all work towards the goal. We need to do more of that here but certainly that's how that works. So if you think it doesn't get anything, think again. It's not perfect. In a perfect world you shouldn't have to do any of that but we do, otherwise we're not in the game.

And the other thing is, the more land that's prepared for development, the more you invest in infrastructure, the more you can convince developers like we have to invest in the pre-approvals. That particular developer already has \$300,000 on that site so spending another \$100,000 to get it to where it needs to be on his own dime. So the answer on the return on investment is for \$20,000 this developer is putting in \$400,000 to get the site ready. I think that's a good deal. I would do that all day long. Money that you don't have to spend. He's spending it. Is he going to benefit from it? Of course he is. It's America, there's capitalism but if accomplish our goal and get a nice project there, then that starts the ball rolling and others come in. Right now we have no buildings, we have nothing. And we're constantly asked for existing buildings. Do you have 20, do you have 10. I think the last one we had I think is where Shawn is now, 52 Pick Up and it went like that because he needed it. So we have nothing left. No buildings to be able to offer people for them to do what they have to do. So it's kind of a blessing that this developer decided to go. He's not doing it for philanthropy. He did his research. His people went in and said "hey you're right, the market's really hot, now's the time to do this." Certainly that comes into play but it's our job to go ahead and convince them to do it and do it efficiently. So frankly we put the team together to do that.

I just want to go over some anecdotal projects we worked on in the past. You may not know. Some of you weren't here. Little ones, just in the Town of Liberty. Liberty Fitness, Locasios, Munson Diner, Liberty Collision, Advanced Auto, Rite Aid, Ideal Snacks, DC Fabrication, Pestech, Lumitech, Sears, The Backer Group and all the inquiries that we have going on the corridor. We're currently looking at another inquiry, a big one for the Grossinger site. We visit that site often. We come there with inquiries often. It just doesn't work out. Financing, one thing, the other thing. We have one that we're looking at now, it's going to be a right fit. Hopefully it will work out. It's a State inquiry. Hopefully we'll get it. Just understand that because you don't hear about it, doesn't mean that we're not out there churning and burning and trying to find people to fit into the area. Try to find people to go to those sites. We just can't come forward until it becomes real. I'm not going to waste your time and say "hey this might be coming" and then everybody's hopes get up and then "oh Baez, there he goes, talking a lot of smack and nothing happens". So we would rather not say anything and when it

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becomes real, it's real. Unfortunately, right now we're working on a few that are. So I hope that helps.

Supervisor DeMayo: Just to add, Marc and I are going before the Village Board to do a little economic development presentation on Thursday.

Marc Baez: If I could ask you to come with him and I think we'll talk about that. Obviously, infrastructure is a big part. Water, sewer, I think the goal is to try and talk about some flexibility, some compromise, something to drive interest in the community, to work with developers. You know our role is to be welcoming. To embrace developers. They're not going to tell you everything you want to hear, but at the same time, the best example I can use from days gone by, is Supervisor Cellini, in the Town of Thompson. We would come in with all kinds of projects and there were some that were just out of this world that were never going to happen. We just knew it but it was our duty to bring it to him and see if he wanted to do it. And he just sat there with open arms and said "we'll do whatever we can. We'll help you in any way that we can." So we have to embrace these things and they'll either work out or they won't but we have to do what we can to make sure we put our best foot forward and be business friendly, welcoming to the community and do what we have to do because if not, word gets out. Certainly this is a long term play. Economic development is a marathon. As you know it's a marathon, no better marathon than the casino issue that was around for 40 years. Fortunately if you stick with it, it will happen. And I'm feeling really good about this time right now on the corridor for the Town of Liberty. I had spoken to my Board and I said we really need to prioritize the Town of Liberty right now. Certainly I think it's that important that we help the community grow and the economy grow. And everything around is taken, western Sullivan is crazy right now. Different kind of market but it's doing great. Thompson is doing its thing. We have this place in the middle that we really have to get going. So that's really something that's a priority for us. Okay. Thank you.

Supervisor DeMayo: Thanks Marc.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming Correspondence

1. Correspondence from the NYSDEC regarding a permit issued in the Town of Liberty.
2. Correspondence from Mary T. Bassett, Commissioner of the NYS Dept. of Health in reference to protecting the Downstate Drinking Water Supply via Watershed Stewardship.

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OUTGOING

1. Correspondence sent by Supervisor DeMayo regarding the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail RAISE grant application.

ACCEPTANCE OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby accept the Incoming Correspondence.

Motion: Councilperson John Lennon
Seconded: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
5 AYES Carried

APPROVAL OF AUDITS

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve of the audits as follows:

1. April, 2022 Abstract
 - Claims #465 to #605 totaling \$385,434.30
2. March, 2022 Post Audit Abstract
 - Claims #441 to #464 totaling \$164,161.61
3. March 2022 General Ledger Abstract
 - Claims #50 to #88 totaling \$385,126.06

Motion: Councilperson Dean Farrand
Seconded: Councilperson John Lennon
5 AYES Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby accept the Monthly Reports as follows:

1. Town Clerk's Monthly Report 3/22
2. Tax Collector's Report 4/22
3. Revenue & Expense Report 3/22
4. Supervisor's Report 3/22

Motion: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Seconded: Councilperson John Lennon
5 AYES Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION AND/OR AUDIT WAS DONE ON THE JUSTICE COURT'S RECORDS FOR THE YEAR 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby acknowledge that the required examination and/or audit was done on the Justice Court's records for the year 2021.

Motion: Councilperson Brian McPhillips
Seconded: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
5 AYES Carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. Training & Recommendations – **next meeting**
2. Zoning Board Alternate – **next meeting**
3. Storage Containers – Councilperson Brian McPhillips said he would like to see this item removed from the agenda. After a short discussion it was determined that it would be left on for now until it could be reviewed more thoroughly.
4. Home Occupation – **next meeting**
5. Marx St. – A letter was received from a Cheryl Hook a resident of said road. She does not want the name of the road changed. After a short discussion it was determined that she was given the name and contact information to Jennifer Stone from the County who is handling said name change.
6. Empty Lot in Parksville – **Parksville Priorities Mtg. 4/28/22**
7. Fence In/Fence Out – **next meeting**
8. Illegal dumping of garbage – **next meeting**
9. Well sites – **next meeting**
10. Zoning change – Allowing schools in RD & SC – **next meeting**
11. Air BNB – **next meeting**
12. Solar – – There is a project before the Planning Board presently and the Planning Board would like the Town Board to review the Decommissioning Agreement in said project. Said agreement will be distributed to all Board members by Supervisor DeMayo for review and discussion.

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE SPECTRUM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Spectrum Franchise Agreement.

Motion: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
2 NO VOTES: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips & Councilperson Brian McPhillips

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3 AYES Carried

DISCUSSION

ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby allocate the ARPA funds as follows:

\$15,000 for Chamber reimbursement
\$10,000 for tire clean up at Highway Department Barn
\$10,000 for concession stand
\$20,000 for illegal dumping/a littering -2-year program
\$200,000 for Heating/Cooling/Windows for Town Hall

Motion: Councilperson John Lennon
Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
5 AYES Carried

MOTION TO USE \$286,126.58 IN ARPA FUNDS FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE STUDIES AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS & \$45,000 TOWARD WSS PHASE 10

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby authorize the allocation of \$286,126.58 in ARPA funds as follows:

\$241,126.58 Water & Sewer studies and/or improvements
\$45,000 previously committed for WSS Phase 10

Motion: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
5 AYES Carried

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Parade / Stage entertainment / Fireworks

CANNABIS POLICY

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby make a motion to change the Employee Policy to read that “People under 21 years of age can be denied employment if when tested there is a positive presence of cannabis/marijuana.”

Motion: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips

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Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
5 AYES Carried

APPROVAL TO INTERVIEW FOR ASSESSOR ASSISTANT POSITION

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby approve interviewing for the Assessor's Assistant position starting 4/22/22.

Motion: Councilperson Dean Farrand
Seconded: Councilperson John Lennon
5 AYES Carried

TOWN CLERK DIRECTED TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ASSESSOR POSITION ON INDEED /CAREER BUILDER AND ORPS

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby direct the Town Clerk to advertise for the Assessor's position on Indeed / Career Builder and on the Office of Real Property Tax Services.

Motion: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
5 AYES Carried

MOWING BID ACCEPTED –HIGHWAY / WATER & SEWER

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby accept the low bid submitted by T.J.E. Landscaping, Inc. / Tim Eronimous for mowing Highway Dept. and the Water & Sewer properties. The Town Board also directed the Town Clerk to send a bid out for the dog kennel for 5/12/22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, 120 North Main Street, Liberty.

Motion: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
Seconded: Councilperson Brian McPhillips
5 AYES Carried

COUNCILPERSON BRIAN MCPHILLIPS TO CONTACT VANESSA KELDER TO SIGN & FILE TENTATIVE ROLL

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby authorize Brian McPhillips to contact Vanessa Kelder to see if she will sign and file the tentative roll.

Motion: Councilperson Brian McPhillips
Seconded: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
5 AYES Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Edwards asked about the size and use of the capital reserve fund. He urged the board to use the money in the capital reserve toward the Swan Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Manny Steinberg talked about the indoor skating rink he is doing near Fallsburg and how the price is higher than the Board might expect.

After a short discussion it was determined that if the town was to do a skating rink it would be outdoors with a pole barn type covering, not an inside rink.

Nancy Levine said she felt that losing Vanessa Kelder was a loss for the Town. She also informed the Board that she has filed a complaint with the NYS Department of Oversight for Building and Codes.

Manny Steinberg asked when the Board would be discussing the possible zoning change for schools.

He was informed that it would be at a later date as there were more pressing issues to be discussed currently.

BOARD DISCUSSION

COUNCILPERSON BRIAN McPHILLIPS Nothing to report.

COUNCILPERSON VINCENT McPHILLIPS Nothing to report.

COUNCILPERSON JOHN LENNON Nothing to report.

COUNCILPERSON DEAN FARRAND Nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR FRANK DEMAYO Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby go into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss the Alaimo settlement.

Motion: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
Seconded: Councilperson John Lennon
5 AYES Carried

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OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty does hereby come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion: Councilperson Vincent McPhillips
Seconded: Councilperson Brian McPhillips
5 AYES Carried

ADJOURN

The Town Board does hereby adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Frank DeMayo
Seconded: Councilperson Dean Farrand
5 AYES Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk, Laurie Dutcher