

REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)  
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD - OCTOBER 21, 2014

A regular & special meeting (Public Hearing) of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tues., Oct. 21, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Wolcott Town Hall with the following people present:

PRESENT - Supervisor - Kim Park  
Councilman - Adam Ellis  
Councilman - Henry Felker  
Councilman - Russell Freer (ABSENT)  
Councilman - Christopher Loveless

OTHERS PRESENT - Dawn Krul, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/ Bookkeeper, Donald Camp, Code Enforcement Officer; Scott Maybe, Highway Supt.; Steve Creller, Red Creek Fire Dept.; Isaac Rath, Student.

Copies presented to the Town Board:

1. Minutes of September 23, 2014 (Regular Meeting)
2. Minutes of September 30, 2014 (Special Meeting)
3. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
4. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)
5. Blind Sodus Bay Sewer District Claims (Unaudited)

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's, Justices, Code Enforcement Officer's, Animal Control Officer's and Highway Supt's reports were presented to the Town Board.

Supervisor Park called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance -

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Preliminary Budget for 2015

Supervisor Park asked the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and show proof of publication.

Supervisor Park declared the Public Hearing open at 6:03 PM and asked anyone from the public wishing to comment or ask questions to state their name and address for the record.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -

There being no questions or comments from the floor, a motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Henry Felker, to close the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM. VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2015 -

At this point, Supervisor Park brought up the need for a resolution to hold a public hearing to override the tax levy due to the additions of water and sewer districts for 2015. She made mention that Chad Gardner would be stopping by to discuss the Red Creek Fire Dept's proposal to take over the area in the town of Wolcott that the Fair Haven Fire Dept. now covers. Also discussed was the Wayuga Recreation Program and how we may handle that contribution in the 2015 budget. Amber commented that the salary increases were all the same percentage across the board.

RESOLUTION #55-14 SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC

HEARING ON LOCAL LAW  
#1-2014 OVERRIDING TAX LEVY -

The following resolution was presented by Kim Park, moved by Adam Ellis, seconded by Henry Felker,

WHEREAS, the Town is holding tax rates stable; and

WHEREAS, water and sewer districts are unfairly counted in the tax levy; and

WHEREAS, those districts being unfairly counted make it impos-sible to stay within the two percent cap; and

WHEREAS, a local law must be created to override the levy limit and a corresponding public hearing must take place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a public hearing will be held November 18, 2014, at 6 PM, at the Wolcott Town Hall regarding said proposed local law.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

STEVE CRELLER - Rep. for Red Creek Fire Dept.  
(arrived 6:15 PM)

As Chad Gardner was ill, Steve Creller attended tonight's meet-ing to give details of the Red Creek Fire Department's proposal for their 2015 fire contract with the town of Wolcott. Supervisor Park asked Steve to explain their reasons for proposing a contract that would take over an area in the town the Fair Haven Fire Department now covers. Discussion.

After the discussion, Supervisor Park thanked Steve for coming and told him the board would take it under advisement and let them know what they decide to do. Steve left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS -

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE -

1. Memos from Wayne County Economic Development and Planning regarding three training sessions on "Planned Unit Development", "Sign Regulation" and "Aging in Place" which were attended by Ken Burgess.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE - (cont'd)

2. Letter from NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets containing our Dog Control Officer Inspection Report which was completed in September.

3. Email from a resident living on Blind Sodus Bay regarding possible ordinances on duck hunting.

A motion was made by Kim Park, seconded by Chris Loveless, to accept the minutes of September 23 and September 30, 2014, general correspondence and departmental reports. VOTE - AYES 4  
NAYS 0.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS -

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #309 thru #344 - total - \$39,346.05

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Townwide & DB Outside - total - \$7,133.84

BLIND SODUS BAY SD - Claims #16 thru #23 - total - \$40,075.11

A resolution was presented by Kim Park, moved by Adam Ellis, seconded by Henry Felker "Be it RESOLVED to pay General, Highway, and Blind Sodus Bay Sewer District claims as presented."

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

ASSESSOR/BOOKKEEPER - Amber Roberts

Assessor -

1. Amber reported that she was able to go to the Butler Cor-rectional Facility to gather information for assessment purposes.

Bookkeeper -

1. Amber discussed with the rest of the board the need to look at the broker who is handling our health insurance. She feels we need a broker who is willing to take the time to explain the different coverages that are available. The board told her to look into this.

HIGHWAY - Scott Maybe

1. Scott told the board their new full-time employee, Robert Huntington, seems to be working out well.

2. Scott discussed with the board the number of hours he would like his part-time help to work. As bookkeeper, Amber will need to look into this for him as to what may or may not be allowed.

3. Scott stated they are putting plows on and getting ready for the winter months.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Don Camp

1. Don reported he has inspected the town hall and there are some wiring and lighting issues that need to be addressed. Kim mentioned she had someone do a walk-thru of the building to see what issues need to be addressed but he hasn't gotten

back to her yet.

TOWN CLERK - Dawn Krul

Nothing to report this month.

SUPERVISOR - Kim Park

1. Kim updated the board on the Blind Sodus Bay Sewer Project financing and announced that bids will be opened for the project on November 6th at 10 AM. Amber mentioned the need to address the current unit charges for sewer districts in a waterfront area. Much discussion ensued regarding this issue and coming up with a policy to determine how to fairly assess unit charges.

2. Kim told the rest of the board that last night the town of Huron did vote to form their part of our joint Port Bay Sewer District. Discussion followed with regards to our forming and adopting a septic law that would be townwide. In moving forward, the following resolutions were necessary.

RESOLUTION #56-14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIRED FOR THE JOINT PORT BAY SANITARY SEWER PROJECT -

The following resolution was presented by Kim Park, moved by Adam Ellis, moved by Henry Felker,

WHEREAS, an environmental review in accord with the requirements of the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and the USDA Rural Development agency which must be submitted with the Town of Wolcott's applications for Federal and State funding assistance for the joint Town of Wolcott and Town of Huron Port Bay Sanitary Sewer Project; and

WHEREAS, Stuart I. Brown Associates has

provided the Town of Wolcott a proposal for conducting the necessary environmental review that will satisfy the requirements of the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and the USDA Rural Development requirements for a fee of \$14,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board does hereby accept the proposal of Stuart I. Brown Associates for environmental review services and authorizes the Wolcott Town Supervisor to execute the proposal on behalf of the Town.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR - (con't)

RESOLUTION #57-14 TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF A USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE JOINT PORT BAY SEWER PROJECT

The following resolution was presented by Kim Park, moved by Adam Ellis, seconded by Chris Loveless,

WHEREAS, the joint Town of Wolcott and Town of Huron Port Bay Sanitary Sewer Project meets the eligibility requirements to qualify for a \$500,000 grant through the USDA Rural Development Rural Utility Services (RUS) Program for the construction of the joint Port Bay Sanitary Sewer Project; and

WHEREAS, the Wolcott Town Board wishes to apply through the RUS Program for financial assistance for the joint Port Bay Sanitary Sewer Project; and

WHEREAS, Stuart I. Brown Associates has provided the Town of Wol

cott a proposal for preparing the Initial RUS Application for a fee of \$1,800;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board does hereby accept the proposal of Stuart I. Brown Associates for the preparation of the Initial and authorizes the Wolcott Town Supervisor to execute the proposal on behalf of the Town.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

3. Kim said they began work on the Wadsworth Road Water District yesterday.

4. Kim is continuing to work with the DEC on the Galaxy Shop property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

A motion was made by Kim Park, seconded by Adam Ellis, to move into executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss a personnel matter re-garding a particular person. VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0. (Scott was asked to remain and everyone else left at this time.)

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION -

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Henry Felker, to close executive session at 7:50 PM. VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held Nov. 18, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Chris Loveless, seconded by Adam Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M.

Krul,  
Clerk

Town





