

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on September 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT: Supervisor - Peter H. Parsons
Councilmen - Frank Kelly, Peter DeLucia, John Pappalardo, Daniel Welsh
Town Clerk - Janet Donohue

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Jennifer Herodes, Facilities Maintenance Manager Joel Smith, Police Chief Frank Secret and Comptroller Leo Masterson.

Mr. Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Town Board minutes of August 26, 2013 and voted 5-0 to approve the Building, Planning and Police Department Reports for August, 2013.

MINUTES - Approved

On the above motion and second, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Town Board minutes of August 26, 2013 (Councilman P. DeLucia recused himself since he was absent from this meeting).

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Kelly, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(4)
	No	- None	(0)
	Abstain	- DeLucia	(1)

REPORTS – Monthly Reports

On the above motion and second, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and file the August, 2013 reports from the Building, Planning and Police Departments.

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Kelly, DeLucia, Pappalardo, Parsons, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

FUNDRAISER – Reading Dream

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 as follows;

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the use of Cyrus Russell Community House for a fund raiser to be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 for a local organization known as Reading Dream, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby waive the required fee for use of the building.

TOWN CODE – Proposed amendment to Chapter 170, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Code of the Town of Lewisboro, to add Sections 20 and 21 to the existing law, which would be known as the “Do Not Knock” Registry.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set a public hearing with regard to a local law amending Chapter 170, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Code of the Town of Lewisboro, to add Sections 20 and 21 to the existing law, which would be known as the “Do Not Knock” Registry. This public hearing will take place on Monday, September 23, 2013, at the Lewisboro Library at 8:00 p.m.

BUDGET – Discussion of Police 2014 Budget

Police Chief Frank Secret and Comptroller Leo Masterson, discussed the police department budget for 2014. Mr. Secret is requested a total of \$569,936 for 2014, which is down approximately \$30,000 from the amount requested for 2013.

Chief Secret also requested a new police sedan for 2014. Two SUVs and two sedans are needed to keep things running smoothly. One of the two sedans is no longer reliable. The lease cost would be thirteen thousand per year.

Chief Secret would also like to add back into his budget four thousand dollars for a new leased telephone call recorder which was eliminated a few years ago. He feels that recording phone calls is important.

KATONAH LEWISBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT – Lead Agency for SEQR Process for Tennis Courts and Athletic Improvements

The Katonah-Lewisboro school district asked the Town Board to comment on the district's plans to act as lead agency in carrying out the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) process for tennis courts and athletic improvements at its Cross River campus. The Board members said that they did not see any problem. Councilman Frank Kelly did mention that stormwater runoff that could be generated by the project could impact The Meadows and Michele Estates. He wants to make sure that they are addressing this issue.

LAKE WACCABUC – Small Oil Spill

Supervisor Parsons relayed to the Board that there had been a minor oil spill on the south shore at Waccabuc Lake on Saturday, September 7, 2013. This happened after an underground oil line broke. About five gallons of oil leaked into a drainage gully and seeped into Lake Waccabuc. The Department of Environmental Conservation handled the cleanup, which included the placing of absorbent pads on the lake in a roughly twenty by thirty foot area. The minor spill of the home heating oil was quickly reported. The Town Engineer has inspected and all seems to be fine.

AWARDS – Women of Distinction

The Board recognized local resident, Crystal Kennedy, who was the recipient of the Second Annual, Senator Greg Ball's "Women of Distinction" Award. Mr. Parsons thanked Mr. Kelly for nominating Ms. Kennedy, who works with the Boy Scouts.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$180,828.66.

VERIZON – Elimination of Copper Lines

Supervisor Parsons explained that Verizon has applied to the New York State Public Service Commission to allow it to substitute its Voice Link wireless-based service for current Verizon landlines. He explained that most people will probably find Voice Link to be inferior to their current copper wire connection because Voice Link does not work with medical alert devices, some home security alarm systems, DSL internet services, fax machines or credit card machines and there is a risk of poor reception and thus miscommunication with 911 emergency responders.

The deadline for any comments to reach the Public Service Commission is Friday, September 13. Residents can call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 or e-mail them at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Residents should mention Voice Link or Case 13-C-0197.

Lewisboro is particularly at risk because our topography makes it essentially impossible that current cell phone technology will provide much better coverage than we have at present and the relatively long distances between homes have caused Verizon to indefinitely postpone expansion of FIOS throughout our Town.

PURPLE HEART HOMES – Greg Ball Task Force

Supervisor Parsons relayed that Senator Greg Ball is having a Task Force meeting on September 12, 2013, at the Carmel Town Hall for Purple Heart Homes.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

There will be a Town Board work session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, NY. There will be a Town Board meeting on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, NY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To discuss specific legal issues

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session to discuss

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TOWN CODE – Proposed amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning, Sections 220-23 and 220-46.1, of the Code of the Town of Lewisboro, related to the schedule of regulations for residential districts and site plan requirements for riding academies.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, DeLucia, Kelly, Pappalardo, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set a public hearing with regard to a local law amending Chapter 220, Zoning, Sections 220-23 and 220-46.1, of the Code of the Town of Lewisboro, related to the schedule of regulations for residential districts and site plan requirements for riding academies. This public hearing will take place on Monday, September 23, 2013, at the Lewisboro Library at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk