

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on October 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT: Supervisor - Peter H. Parsons
Councilmen - Peter DeLucia, Frank Kelly, John Pappalardo
Absent - Daniel Welsh (present for Executive Session)
Town Clerk - Janet Donohue

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Anthony Mole' and Facilities Maintenance Manager Joel Smith.

Mr. Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Susan Lasota, a town resident, made the following statement regarding the possibility of the closing of Lewisboro Elementary School:

"I have three children in the Lewisboro Elementary School. Closing the school will break the spirit of our community. The decision cannot be left solely to the school board. Our property values will decline and local businesses will be impacted. We have seen no position from the Town Board as yet and would like to see you partner with the Katonah-Lewisboro school board to make the right decision. What would be the impact on our property values, on the local businesses? Will our town taxes increase? I feel that this is a very rushed decision and it is very tactical and it is only addressing a very small component of the school budget, less than 2%."

Tim Halpern, a town resident, made the following statement regarding the possibility of the closing of Lewisboro Elementary School:

"I'm Tim Halpern and I live in the Twin Lakes area of South Salem. My family loves it here. We have two children at Lewisboro Elementary School. In as much as the intentions of the Board of Education appear to be positive, namely to save tax money and run more efficiently, it's hard to understand why they cannot answer a basic question: "With the money you'll be saving, would we get a tax refund?" No answer. Also, apparently if we outsourced the school bus function, we could save millions of dollars a year. Again, no answer. I grew up in Armonk and attended Byram Hills High School, where I graduated near the top of the class. At Byram Hills, we went through this and they closed the Bear Ridge School in Pleasantville prematurely. This would have been back in the eighties. The closing was timed poorly and the district was caught unprepared. Temporary, modular classrooms were erected at the remaining schools, and it cost a lot more to ultimately close that school than it would have to keep it open. As a resident of the town, I feel like I am being asked to make a decision without all of the facts. I very much appreciate your

service, much as though I realize for all of you it can sometimes feel like a thankless job. So, thank you.”

Mr. Parsons gave his own personal point of view. He feels that ultimately, this is a school board decision, and the school board is elected by the town residents. Mr. Parsons agrees that there has been a total dearth of information about the benefits of closing an elementary school.

Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. DeLucia and Mr. Kelly agreed with Mr. Parsons saying that much more information is needed. Mr. Kelly said that he was unequivocally against the closing of any school. Mr. DeLucia said that we are finally coming out of the economic down turn. He would hate to see a big “X” over our town. The Town Board will voice their concerns to the school board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES - Approved

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Town Board minutes of October 7, 2013.

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

CABLE INTERNET SERVICE – Town Park

Lewisboro Baseball Association (LBA) board member Jim Moreo discussed the possibility for getting cable internet service to the Town Park and pool complex. He attended a baseball tournament in Cooperstown and was impressed with the cable setup they had. The games could be seen live via the internet.

Mr. Moreo said that he met with an engineer from Verizon about the possibility of cable for the Town Park and they said no. He then spoke with a Cablevision representative and they said they could bring in a line. The cost would be anywhere from four to six thousand. He is also talking to them about having Wi-Fi at the pool complex area.

The Board members that were present all reacted enthusiastically. They agreed having email at the pool would be great for the efficiency of our operations. Mr. Moreo said that he understood the Cablevision contract with the town was up for renewal. He suggested that as the town re-negotiates the contract, we could investigate getting this added in. A camera could be installed behind the home plate on the baseball diamond for transmitting the games. The camera would cost approximately nine hundred dollars.

Mr. Moreo said that he had spoken with Cable TV Advisory Committee chairman Dean Travalino and he favored the concept, which will be discussed again at a future Town Board meeting after further discussions with Cablevision.

REFUSE REMOVAL – Acceptance of Bid

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept the Bid of City Carting, Inc., aka Bria Carting for removal of refuse and recycling from Town facilities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to sign the contract.

ENGINEERING WORK – Elmwood Road Culvert

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does approve and authorize Kellard Sessions Engineering Firm to work on the Elmwood Road Culvert.

PLANNING BOARD FEE SCHEDULE – Approval to Adjust Fee Schedule

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the adjustment of the Planning Board fee schedule in the Town Code.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LICENSE AUTOMATED LICENSING SYSTEM (DECALS) – Authorize Town Clerk to Sign

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Town Clerk to sign the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation license issuing agent agreement.

HOUSING - Would Like an Update re Progress

Mr. Pappalardo is the liaison to the Housing Committee. At some point in the near future, he would like to have the Housing Committee on the agenda. They have done a lot of hard work and he would like them to share this with everyone. Mr. Kelly said that he would specifically like them to speak to the housing issues regarding first responders and seniors in our area.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize payment of the Town’s bills in the amount of \$321,981.70.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

There will be a Town Board meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, NY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Potential 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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ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk