

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on September 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

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

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Anthony Mole', Facilities Maintenance Manager Joel Smith, Police Chief Frank Secret, Comptroller Leo Masterson, and Confidential Secretary/Benefits Coordinator Mary Hafter.

Mr. DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Supervisor DeLucia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

ALGONQUIN PIPELINE EXPANSION - Resolution (7:37 p.m. – 8:07 p.m.)

Town residents Lisa Silver, Jennifer Lahey and Elizabeth Meyer Gross discussed a resolution that they drafted, which is similar to Putnam and Peekskill and asked that the Town Board approve it so that they could submit this by September 29th, 2014 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all involved agencies.

Lisa Silver said that the entire project was increasing in size and scope and was ultimately connected to the fracking industry in Pennsylvania. She said that the draft Environmental Impact Statement for this is incomplete in several areas and that they urged the Town Board to join with other nearby towns to get a comprehensive and transparent EIS in advance of the issuance of a building permit. Ms. Silver went on to say that the town needs strong health and safety protections from this dangerous project.

Jennifer Lahey stated that they are talking about fracking and if this happens it will impact our community. Ms. Lahey stated that whether or not it goes directly through our town it will still impact Lewisboro residents. She continued saying that the number of gas pipelines in the area is growing and much better oversight is needed.

Elizabeth Meyer Gross asked the board members to show solidarity with the several other towns in Northern Westchester that have passed resolutions asking for more stringent review of the project. Ms. Meyer Gross stated that towns have been ruined by the gas industry and wants to find out how this could harm us and attempt to get restrictions. She also feels that a better environmental study is needed.

Mr. Welsh made a motion to accept the resolution as written however there was no second so the motion did not pass. Mr. DeLucia replied that the Board works on things that affect the town directly. He also stated that he felt that the resolution was too lengthy.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES - Approved

On motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pappalardo, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of September 15, 2014.

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

BICYCLE TOUR – Authorize Tour de Foliage

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby grant permission for the 10th Annual Tour De Foliage which will pass through Goldens Bridge on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

BUDGET – Town Clerk

The Board met with the Town Clerk, Janet Donohue, to go over her department’s 2015 budget.

For the most part the Town Clerk’s budget will stay the same. The sale of cemetery plots did increase this year but it is hard to say what will happen next year so this line was increased slightly.

Ms. Donohue said that her Deputy, Jennifer Caviola, was doing a fantastic job with renewals and new dog licensing. For this reason, they are able to find the owners and not have to spend as much in sheltering the lost dogs.

In the dog control line, Ms. Donohue saved money and dispersed it differently. She requested a higher amount in the dog office supply line which would cover the purchase of a pet scanner that would allow the Dog Control Officer (DCO) to scan found dogs for a microchip, which would lead her to the owner. It would also cover a small monthly phone allowance and car washes.

Ms. Donohue also asked for the Cemetery Commissioner line to go up by \$300. This line has been the same since 2009.

The Board thanked Ms. Donohue.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Cooperating Agencies

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

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Town of Lewisboro has adopted Chapter 167 of the Lewisboro Town Code, entitled “Parks and Recreational Facilities”; and

WHEREAS, Section 167-2 of said Chapter, entitled “Definitions,” defines the term “Cooperating Agencies” as follows: “Sports or civic organizations recognized by the Town of Lewisboro as a sports and/or civic organization. The cooperating agencies are as defined by the Lewisboro Parks and Recreation Department”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro wishes to set forth the criteria that must be satisfied in order for an entity to be eligible as a cooperating agency, in order to make clear which entities qualify as cooperating agencies; and

WHEREAS, this action constitutes a Type II action under 6 NYCRR Part 617, and therefore, requires no further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro hereby determines that in order for an entity to be eligible as a cooperating agency under Chapter 167of the Lewisboro Town Code, it must be 1) a not-for-profit entity, 2) seventy-five percent (75%) of the members benefitting from the entity’s programs must be residents of the Town of Lewisboro, and 3) the entity must be based in the Town of Lewisboro, with the exception that if the entity services a unique population in the Town of Lewisboro that cannot otherwise be serviced within the Town, then that entity may be eligible as a cooperating agency without satisfying the above criteria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall make the final determination as to whether a particular entity qualifies as a cooperating agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Department shall maintain a list of all cooperating agencies that have qualified as such; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy of the Town of Lewisboro shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, and shall be filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Lewisboro and with the Office of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation of the Town of Lewisboro.

MASTER PLAN ADDENDUM - Bike and Pedestrian SEQR and Negative Declaration

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does accept the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Negative Declaration for the Town of Lewisboro’s Bike and Pedestrian Plan, which will amend the Master Plan of 1985 (see attached); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has prepared the Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) dated September 19, 2014 (see attached).

MASTER PLAN ADDENDUM – Bike and Pedestrian Amendment Accepted

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the bike and pedestrian Master Plan addendum as previously discussed and endorsed by the Westchester County Planning Board.

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 \$106,123.18.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Police Personnel and Contractual Issues

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 4-0 to go into executive session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss police personnel and contractual issues.

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 4-0 to come out of executive session at 9:07 p.m.

BUDGET – Police Department

The Board met with the Police Chief, Frank Secret, to go over his department's 2015 budget.

The department currently has two full-time patrol officers, one full-time youth officer, the chief and six part-time officers working different shifts.

Chief Secret requested a second court officer for the town court which would double that line from \$9,000 to \$18,000. The second court officer is needed so that they can make full use of the metal detector and insure proper order in the courtroom. Chief Secret stated that the police force has been doing an excellent job with enforcement which in turn results in a busy courtroom where the safety of the public and the justices must be adequately addressed.

Chief Secret stated that the training needs to be increased. He would like to add the firearms training. Our town attorney suggested that a policy be put in place regarding training and then it could be budgeted in from year to year.

Chief Secret also stated that because the department would like to add a second car to a shift, they would see an increase in the gasoline expenditure from \$17,500 in 2014 to \$21,000 in 2015. But he also stated that this increase will be offset by lower repair costs since the department now has three new vehicles.

Chief Secret stated that overtime will also be up from \$30,450 in 2014 to a requested amount of \$55,000 in 2015. He also requested a slight increase in police vests, firearms, Taser supplies and vehicle computer modems.

The Board hopes to discuss salary issues with Chief Secret next week.

The Board thanked Chief Secret.

POLLING OF THE BOARD

GOLDENS BRIDGE WORKSHOP – Pre-Meeting

Mr. Welsh announced that he would be having a pre-meeting with the consultants for the Goldens Bridge workshop which will include the county public works and transportation departments. New insights will be looked at including bike lanes for Route 22.

ALGONQUIN PIPELINE EXPANSION – Simpler Resolution

Mr. Welsh suggested that the Board approve a simpler version of the Algonquin pipeline expansion resolution however the Board declined.

MEETINGS – Dates Set

There will be Town Board Work Session meetings on Monday, September 29 and October 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, NY.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk