

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT: Supervisor - Peter H. Parsons
Councilmen - Peter DeLucia, Frank Kelly, John Pappalardo, Daniel Welsh
Town Clerk - Janet Donohue
Absent - None

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. Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

JUSTICE COURT - Accept Audit Report
FINANCE – Accept Justice Court Audit Report

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept the 2014 Town Justice Court Audit.

EAST OF HUDSON WATERSHED CORPORATION – Accept Financial and Auditor's Report for years 2012 and 2013

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation Financial Statements and Auditor’s Reports for 2012 and 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 5-0 to approve meeting minutes and to receive and file departmental reports.

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

MINUTES - Approved

On the above motion and second, the minutes of the February 23, 2015, Town Board meeting were approved.

REPORTS – Monthly Reports

On the above motion and second, the February reports from the Building, Planning and Police Departments were received and filed.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION ENERGY PROGRAM – Presentation by Michael Gordon, Co-Chairman of Sustainable Westchester (7:40 p.m. – 8:11 p.m.)

Town resident, Michael Gordon, who is the co-chair of Sustainable Westchester, made a presentation to the Board on energy savings for electricity. The New York State Public Service Commission has recently approved the implementation of the very first Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) pilot program in New York which gives more control over lowering the overall energy costs. The plan supports communities that want to find ways to negotiate with third-party energy providers to meet their community’s energy supply needs and get the best price possible (see attached).

Mr. Gordon explained that any consumer of electricity can choose to switch from a utility such as NYSEG to one of the many smaller energy suppliers, commonly known as energy service companies (ESCOs). However, the process tends to be complex and only a few residents have made the move.

Mr. Parsons explained that the state is attempting to create a competitive energy market with the establishment of CCA. Consumers now have little protection from price hikes and this will help to provide it. The backstop is the municipal buying group, which automatically matches consumers with the lowest priced provider of electricity.

Mr. Gordon said that Westchester is now at the point where they can actually do this and they would like to do this as soon as possible. The Board members agreed. Mr. Welsh said that in its

simplistic sense, it is like purchasing a co-op. Mr. Gordon emphasized that customers would not be forced to join the program and only NYSEG customers would be notified. Mr. Gordon also explained that anyone who doesn't like the idea doesn't have to join and they can leave the program at any time. He also explained that the program addresses the purchase of electricity only and the NYSEG will continue to maintain all infrastructures needed to deliver power and will make repairs as needed.

Information will be put on the town's website regarding the CCA. Cost of notifying the customer would be the responsibility of the ESCO. They would only notify the NYSEG customers.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. Pappalardo agree with the idea of aggregation but just want the language changed slightly in the resolution.

Mr. Parsons asked the Town Attorney to draft a resolution. Mr. Parsons will then send the draft to Mr. Gordon and the Town Board members. They will discuss the proposed resolution and will pass something at the next Town Board meeting.

WACCABUC – Historic District Nomination

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to present the National Register of Historic places registration form for the Waccabuc Historic District to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

HOTELS – Zoning Changes Necessary to Accommodate (8:12 p.m. – 8:29 p.m.)

The Town Code defines "Hotels" but there are no regulations pertaining to hotels. The Zoning Code already has height restrictions. The Board said that they were aware of a few areas in town where hotels could be built. The Board would like to see the structures look like country inns and to keep with the character of the community. The Board feels that Inns/Hotels be addressed/permitted in both residential and commercial areas, but a special permit would only be needed for residential areas.

The Board asked our town attorney, Anthony Mole´ to draft a local law and they will review it at the next meeting.

BED AND BREAKFAST AND INNS – Discuss Draft Ordinance (8:12 p.m. – 8:29 p.m.)

Mr. Welsh asked why the proposal only showed special permits in residential areas and not commercial. Town Attorney Anthony Mole´ replied that this is what was discussed at the last meeting. The Board feels that Inns/Hotels be addressed/permitted in both residential and commercial areas, but a special permit would only be needed for residential areas.

The Board asked our town attorney, Anthony Mole´ to draft a local law and they will review it at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ANNOUNCED – Bed and Breakfast, Inns and Hotels

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 of the Town of Lewisboro, will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Lewisboro Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, New York, for the purpose of hearing the public with regard to ordinances pertaining to Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts’ and Inns.

INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS – Authorize Supervisor to Sign

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

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

RESOLVED

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to sign the contract with International Fireworks for the June 27, 2015 fireworks display.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town’s bills in the amount of \$238,261.89.

POLLING OF BOARD

ANTI-DRUG PROJECT – Multi-Faceted Approach

Mr. Pappalardo feels that we need to take a multifaceted approach to the drug problem. Mr. Kelly did speak about this at last week’s meeting. He has spoken with the State Senator, the town prosecutor and the town justices. They would like to put together some type of program and partner up with the school officials, police, medical professionals, etc., to address the problem. Mr. Parsons mentioned that there also seems to be a post-high school group that also seems to be affected.

Mr. Kelly also suggested that we need to get ahead of this and host some type of public forum and also would like to hold a work session with the school board to discuss this terrible problem.

GOLDENS BRIDGE WORKSHOP – Meeting

Mr. Welsh announced that there would be another Goldens Bridge workshop at the Goldens Bridge Community House on March 14, 2015 at 9 a.m.

MEETINGS – Date Set

There will be a Town Board meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 11 Main Street, South Salem, NY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Personnel Matters

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

POLICE OFFICERS – Non-Union Rate Increases

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes to pay the non-union police officers the same rate increases as the union police officers for the years covered by the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

PROCLAMATION – Heroic Actions

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a proclamation to recognize an individual, who wishes to remain anonymous at this point in time, for heroic actions.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. DeLucia, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Parsons, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk