

**Town of Delaware Town Board
Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Edward T. Sykes, Supervisor
Alfred Steppich, Councilman
Cindy Herbert, Councilwoman
Christopher Hermann, Councilman
John Gain, Councilman

Also present: Tess McBeath, Town Clerk; Kenneth C. Klein, Town Attorney; William Brown, P.E., Delaware Engineering

Supervisor Sykes opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

GUEST TO THE BOARD: None.

RESOLUTION #107-2018 - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2018, and a Special Meeting held on December 5, 2018 were approved on motion of Councilman Gain, seconded by Councilman Steppich and carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CEO: No report.

TOWN CLERK: (1) November receipts totaled \$1,941 with \$1,867.50 turned over to the Supervisor. Of that, \$1,503 was building fees. (2) We received the executed agreement from the County for the signage grant in Callicoon. I scanned and sent to the CBA. (3) On December 4th we received the 2018 update of the Local Highway Systems Inventory along with a NYS DOT road list; it will be filed in my office. (4) The DEC sent a letter re: the DOT's plan to do repairs to three bridges on Route 17B near Joe Brook and the North Branch of the Callicoon Creek. (5) The DEP is planning a hydroelectric plant at the Cannonsville Reservoir; Mr. Roeder will speak on it during his report. (6) A \$100 petty cash fund for tax collection is requested. Authorization on motion by Councilwoman Herbert, seconded by Councilman Gain and carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: No report.

ASSESSOR: Our Assessor Renée Ozomek will be leaving for another job shortly.

GRANTS UPDATE: Supervisor Sykes briefly reviewed some of the grants in progress.

CALLICOON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: Nicole Vallance reported that the CBA had a successful Dickens on the Delaware. The Grinch event at the DYC brought in over 100 families. They're working on the draft lease for the Train Depot. Sen Bonacic's office approved moving the \$250,000 allocation from the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway to the CBA. Freda Eisenberg gave them a timeline starting in March and hopefully completion of the first phase will be done by late Fall.

Sullivan Renaissance has a 2019 community development program grant. It's a municipal partnership grant and an expression of interest letter is due by the end of this month. Ms. Vallance said all sorts of things can be covered – among them are park maintenance, beautification, property maintenance, create trails or improve existing ones, trash pickup. In-kind work is considered as matching. They'll give them up to \$20,000 for municipal-wide beautification. Those expenses would be considered match. They have until February 1 to write a full proposal.

Supervisor Sykes mentioned that Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg came with Shannon Cilento. They went over some of the programs they have available. Ms. Vallance mentioned that Freda Eisenberg and Laurie Ramie are co-Chairs with her on the train depot committee. The Supervisor's only interest is sustainability. The Board gave their approval with sending an expression of interest letter.

UDC REPRESENTATIVE: Harold Roeder reported on the reservoir levels. He mentioned the river gauge located on the PA side of Callicoon. We submitted to the UDC a substantial conformance report for the revisions to the solar law. It was ready to go and they realized they

don't have anything on their books so how can they gauge it. Mr. Roeder mentioned that there is a contest and people are voting for several rivers to be nominated. Our Delaware River is part of it. If you win, there's \$10,000 in prize money. Have to vote between now and January 4, and the website is www.pariveroftheyear.org Mr. Roeder spoke of the DEP's plant for a hydroelectric plant at the Cannonsville reservoir. There is a presentation on December 14th, 12:30 p.m. at the UDC office.

Mr. Roeder reported that he has been nominated for Chair of the UDC next year. He mentioned that the UDC is again lobbying governors of both states for funding. Both said they'd give \$100,000 year back in 1988; neither has ever contributed any funding.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Sykes reported that we continue to work on these grants. The creation of the water district hasn't literally happened yet because the PSC has not given their approval. We can't move forward without it. We have issues such as who's going to run the water company.

We have other grants and projects. The highway department - we were hoping we could get started in the Fall so now we're talking about the Spring. We have enough requests for the fill so that shouldn't be a problem. Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering said that the final steps are the grants from the Dormitory Authority and WQIP grant. The state has to release the WQIP contract for \$393,995 so the town can sign then a copy has to go to DASNY to issue their contract for the \$100,000. Mr. Brown stated that the project can't be started before these signed agreements are in place. He also mentioned that nothing has changed with SHPO regarding the proposed sewer site.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Councilman Steppich thanked Bill Eschenberg for fueling up the generator. Supervisor Sykes reported that the pump station is plugged into electricity now, the next step is an emergency generator. We're waiting for the county's permission to put it across the street on railroad property.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION #108-2018: FIRE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:
Moved by: Councilman Steppich
Seconded: Councilman Gain
RESOLVED, that Thomas Dent be appointed as the Town's Fire Advisory Board representative for 2019. Resolution carried AYES-5, NAYS-0.

b. RESOLUTION #:109- 2018: REVOKING THE NAME OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY/ PRIVATE ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN OF DELAWARE:

WHEREAS, H. John Kramer, a Town resident, presented a request to the Town of Delaware and the County of Sullivan to name a private road; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kramer wished to have a deeded right-of-way to be named Kramer Lane; and

WHEREAS, the parcel numbers involved are identified on the Town of Delaware tax roll as
SBL: 4.-1-6.1
SBL: 4.-1-9.1
SBL: 4.-1-9.2
SBL: 4.-1-16

WHEREAS, Mr. Kramer's request was presented to the Town Board and approved on August 2, 2017 via Resolution #58-2017; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Real Property Tax Services and 911 Services approved Mr. Kramer's request on August 6, 2017;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kramer has since encountered difficulties with the name change and has requested that the Town of Delaware Town Board rescind Town Resolution #58-2017 and that

his properties be returned to their original addresses of 8 Robisch Hill Road and 10 Robisch Hill Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Delaware rescinds the naming of the right-of-way/private road located off Robisch Hill Road and upon the lands identified by the parcel numbers listed above.

Moved by: Councilman John Gain
Seconded: Councilman Alfred Steppich
Vote: AYES-5, NAYS-0
Adoption on motion this 13th day of December, 2018.

c. RESOLUTION #110-2018: RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Moved by: Councilwoman Herbert
Seconded: Councilman Gain

RESOLVED, that the Re-organizational meeting be set for January 9, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.
Resolution carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nicole Vallance mentioned that if we get the municipal partnership grant we're in the running for a \$250,000 grant.

Councilman Gain asked if anything had changed on all of the excess water running through the sewer plant. Supervisor Sykes responded that some time ago it was recommended that we do a smoke test. Steve Grimm from NY Rural Water Assn. stopped in to Town Hall and he said he'd do the smoke test at no cost to us other than a nominal fee for the smoke. The Supervisor said they talked about a TV test, but there's 17,000 feet of wastewater pipe, so apparently that would be pretty expensive. Mr. Grimm said this is a better test in some ways. However, you need to notify everybody in the district and, advertise it. Mr. Grimm is sending a package of information. Bill Brown stated that a smoke test goes from section to section and puts smoke in the sewer line. Traps in the house will prevent it from back-feeding into people's houses. If there's a crack in the pipe then you could target that area with a TV test.

Supervisor Sykes mentioned that after they fixed the water break by Rafter's Tavern the sewer plant pumped 20,000 gallons less. For the sewer plant it's really important that we find out where all this water is coming from.

RESOLUTION #111-2018 - PAYMENT OF BILLS: On motion of Councilman Gain, seconded by Councilwoman Herbert, it was resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #12-2018 in the following amounts:

Callicoon Light	Voucher #12	\$	880.08
General Fund	Voucher #407-457		59,920.28
Highway Fund	Voucher #250-270		69,793.85
Kohlertown Light	Voucher #12		227.52
Sewer #2	Voucher #171-191		25,909.96

Resolution was thereupon APPROVED: AYES-5, NAYS-0.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, on motion of Councilman Steppich, seconded by Councilman Gain, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tess McBeath, RMC
Town Clerk