

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, AT 5:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK

Present: Sean Mahoney-Absent 6:50 PM – 7:32 PM Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Raymond Legg Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to Supervisor
John Farrell Superintendent of Highways
Larry Gardner Town Attorney
Marc Czermerys Planning Board Chairman
Terence Hannigan Hannigan Law Firm PLLC
Mary Beth Bianconi Delaware Engineering
Shaun Groden Greene County Administrator
Dan King Greene County Emergency Management Specialist

Plus, all names on attached listing.

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

FIRE DEPT CONSOLIDATION

T. Hannigan states that the biggest challenge is human resources and what fire departments do to adapt is up to them.

Supervisor Mahoney speaks about reducing overhead, redundancy and the combination of training leading to one strong fire service. He would like to look at this and see what is better for the Town. He adds that he honors the feelings of the fire company members and their company’s heritage.

Fire department members present would like to see on paper how the assets and debt would be divided and if in the end taxes would be the same for all taxpayers within the Town. They also want to know what they would be giving up and what they would be gaining.

T. Hannigan states that from a legal standpoint, districts are the easiest path adding that companies could retain their savings and their antique pieces would be held by the individual companies with the district insuring them.

Discussion about the addition of one central fire house that could house a ladder truck, which no one fire department can afford to purchase on their own, and amenities for the community members.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Board will discuss this with Mr. Hannigan and reach out to the Fire Departments with details of what the next step will be. He thanks everyone for attending.

HUNTER 911 RELAY TOWER – GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Discussion about placement of 911 Communication Tower behind the Hunter Town Hall.

See attachments pertaining to Hunter 911 Relay Point.

D. King states the Mountain Top is most in danger of a single point failure which is a concern, and the microwave towers work no matter what.

S. Groden states co-locating would be shared revenue between the Town and County. This would not change the height of the tower and the County will be located at the top of the tower. He adds that the County will follow whatever town planning process is necessary and will do a presentation to the Town of Hunter Planning Board as per the Chairman's request.

M.B. Bianconi states a visibility analysis was done as well as Site Plan and Full SEQR through Greene County Planning. She adds that for this tower to work it must be seen.

Discussion about balloon testing and near ground landscaping. A balloon test would require no wind and good visibility. The public would be notified of the week that the balloon would be up.

The Board wishes to have a site model run from the stone church beyond the Arboretum.

M. B. Bianconi will add this site and asks if the Town wishes to add any more sites to let her know.

D. King states that the vendor has signed off that this tower will work at the Town Hall site at the height of 120 feet with no modifications.

J. Farrell states he will need a repeater for the highway department on this tower.

NYC DEP LAND ACQUISITION

Councilman Kukle sent a draft dated 3/6/21 with additional items for the Town Board to review. Discussion regarding possibility of negotiations about land swapping.

Supervisor Mahoney would like to have a conversation with NYCDEP regarding areas of expansion and the capacity of the Tannersville Wastewater Treatment Plant, more specifically what it serves and can it serve more.

AMBULANCE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to hire Scott Hosier, Ciaran O'Rourke & Venessa Richards at \$18.00 per hour effective April 1, 2022 (Previously discussed 3/8/22 Regular meeting). Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

BID OPENING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; the Town Board of the Town of Hunter will accept sealed bids for the rental of a 23–25-ton excavator with hydraulic thumb with Operator. Bids in sealed envelopes labeled "Rental of Excavator with Operator" must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the Hunter Town Hall, 5748 Rte. 23A, Tannersville, NY before 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting on that same date at 6:00 PM. Bids

must include hourly and/or daily rates (based on 8–10-hour workday) and will be effective from 3/22/22-9/1/22. Bids must be accompanied by a non-collusion certificate in accordance with Section 103-d of the GML and must include proof of insurance. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

One bid received.

Kevin Thompson Excavating and Trucking \$210.00 per hour

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to accept the bid from Kevin Thompson. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/DERELICT BUILDINGS

Discussion held on this topic as Councilman Semenza was questioned about several buildings on North Lake Road that the taxpayer would like the Building Inspector to look at.

Supervisor Mahoney feels that there should be minimum standards for property maintenance.

L. Gardner states there is a NYS Property Maintenance Law and an Unsafe Buildings Law adding that the Town's Building Inspector is the point person who would then report back to the Town Board.

The Board states they need to be cognizant of resident's financial situations and the current cost of building materials adding that this is a big job that may require more resources and hours from the Town Attorney and Building Department.

M. Czermerys suggests that the Board start with abandoned buildings first.

TOWN VEHICLE

J. Farrell states that the old police vehicle is ready for the Building Inspector to use, he just needs to order a Town of Hunter sign for the side of the vehicle.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:12 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter