

Town of Callicoon
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020

The Town Board, Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, State of New York, at the Town Hall, Jeffersonville, NY, held a Regular Town Board Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:30p.m., with the following present:

Supervisor T. Bose, Councilman C. Schadt, Councilman S. Gaebel, and Councilman D. Kuebler.

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk
Christine Olsen, Supervisor's Bookkeeper
Kristopher Scullion, Highway Superintendent
Kevin Zieres, Code Enforcement Officer
Gregg Semenetz, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Marvin Newberg, Town Attorney
Audience: As Attached

Supervisor Bose called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30pm.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2019, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to accept the Monthly Statement of the Supervisor. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to accept the Town Clerk (\$1,389.18) and Code Enforcement (\$1,125.00) reports as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to pay the bills as follows:

General A Fund	-Vouchers #1-41	\$14,781.97
General B Fund	-Vouchers #1-5	2,189.15
Hwy DA Fund	-Vouchers #1-19	60,282.83
Water District	-Vouchers #1	86.00
Youth Program	-Voucher #1-2	1,355.80

Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Warrants

On a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the December Payroll checks #22633 – 22654 & the Direct Deposits in the amount of \$62,162.44. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the December Trust & Agency checks #5577 – 5587 & the Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$242,811.93. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Kris Scullion reports that things are alright they have been dealing with frost coming out of the dirt roads. They have been working on cold patching and widening the dirt roads. They have also been cleaning up after NYSEG and the subcontractors. The Supervisor addressed the state's decision of the Speed Limit Reduction application that was for Shandalee Road. The Supervisor noted that the speed reduction was denied by the State and the speed limit on Shandalee Road will continue to be 55mph. The Supervisor noted that the Town will be applying for a SAM grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 through Senator Jen Metzger's Office for a new truck. Also noted was the Dewitt Flats bridge which is a County bridge and recently the State reduced the weight limit from 10 ton to 4 ton. The County did a repair on the bridge and the Supervisor was hoping they would bring the weight limit back up to 10 ton. The bridge is not slated to be replaced till 2024 by the County and the Town has been guaranteed \$300,000.00 through Assemblywoman, Aileen Gunther's office to replace the bridge. The Supervisor is working to get the bridge replaced much sooner, citing public safety reasons.

Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Zieres reports that everything is going good and they are still issuing permits. He reports that they are issuing a few logging permits which is a good thing because he then gets a chance to talk to the loggers about their responsibility for possible road damage.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

A resident asked for a copy of the agenda as there were none left on the table.

Business items

RES#1-2020, on a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to set the second Monday of each month @ 7:30pm, at the Town Hall, 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY, as the Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#2-2020, on a motion by Councilman Schadt, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve the 2020 Appointments as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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RES#3-2020, on a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the appointment of Chad Mootz for a Planning Board Member for a 5 year term. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#4-2020, on a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve the appointment of Kurt Mall as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a 5 year term. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#5-2020, on a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Kuebler to approve the appointment of Kris Rasmussen as the Zoning Board Chairman for a 5 year term. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

RES#6-2020, on a motion by Councilman Gaebel, seconded by Councilman Schadt to approve the 2020 Fixed Salaries and Payable at the time specified as read. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Supervisor Bose introduced Acting DA for Sullivan County, Meagan Galligan who was present to discuss the Bail Reform and the possibility of reforming the Bail Reform. She asked the public to reach out to their legislators.

The Supervisor gave an update on the Water District. They are actively seeking grant funding for improvements to the Water District. Kim Klein and Candace Balmer from RCAP have been working on Household Characteristics Surveys which are now completed. They will be meeting with the engineer and a grant writer.

Councilman Schadt noted that he spoke with Melissa Aney to look into the NYSEG LED Streetlight program to switch to LED lights. He also noted that it takes about 12-15 weeks to order the lights. They discussed the difference in ratings and replacing them with something that is comparable of what is already there and the color. We have 89 lights in the Town of Callicoon and the cost quoted for the unexpired life cost to convert all cobra head lights will be \$1,358.67. The estimated annual cost savings would be in excess of \$4,400.00. Supervisor Bose will reach out to the Town of Neversink Supervisor since they recently changed to the LED lights.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to approve moving forward with the Street Light Program and changing to LED bulbs. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

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On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to allow the payment of Annual dues for the Sullivan County Supervisor’s Association in the amount of \$50.00. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Public Comments

Public Comments included postings on the website, the agenda for proposed zoning amendments that will be discussed at the workshop, and Residential Solar versus Commercial Solar.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion Passed – 4 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk
Town of Callicoon