

May 13th, 2019 – Town Board Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Brenda Adams
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

ABSENT:

Audience: 6

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Alan Miller, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the April 8th, 2019 Town Board minutes as amended. 5-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the May bills: General Fund: #108 - #133 in the amount of \$8,072.45. Highway Fund bills: #44-#58 in the amount of \$25,569.66. 5-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 118.00
Highway Fund	\$476,599.91
Highway Fund Capital	\$153,266.13
Lighting Districts	\$003,819.56
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ - 0 -
Building Inspector	\$ 182.00 (03/23/2019 to 4/26/2019)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,371.28
General Fund Balance	\$ 332,818.04

Court Revenues	\$ 005,871.00 (March)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 75.00
Tax Collector	\$ 92,382.54

Revenues for the month of APRIL -2019

Resolution #88 – 2019 Budget Adjustment – General Fund- Transferring \$1,300.00 from Youth Programs Contractual Account – A7310.4 – to Youth Programs Salary Account – A7310.1

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #88. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #88 adopted.

Resolution #89 – 2019 Budget Adjustment – Highway Fund – Increasing both CHIPS Revenue Account – DA3501 and CHIPS Expense Account – DA5112.2 – by \$230,535 to \$354,563.00. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #89. 5- ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #89 adopted

Resolution #90 – Approving a Building Permit Fee Exemption for the Congregational Church. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve resolution #90. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #90 adopted

Resolution #91 - Approving Kim Cammer as Town Assessor for another six-year term, beginning 10/01/2019 and ending 09/30/2025. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #91. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #91 adopted

Resolution #92 – Appointing Suzanne Desnoyers Gardella as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #92. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #92 adopted

Resolution #93 – Approving a grant application for NYSERDA for up to \$35,000.00 to purchase a Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV SEL SUV for our Code Enforcement Officer Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #93. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #93 adopted

Resolution #94 – Appointing Mary Jahn as Clerk to the Town Planning Board. Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve resolution #94.

5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #94 adopted

MOTION: Approve the New Front Loader Bid and Purchase Subject to a Permissive Referendum (30 days Excluding Sundays).

Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to purchase of new front loader for \$125,833.

5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

MOTION: Approve Empire Blue Care/Blue Shield Vision Healthcare renewal.

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the renewal of empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield vision healthcare. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **Clean Energy Community and Grant Update:** Councilperson Terese Platten is the contact person for information concerning the grant application. Supervisor Richard Keaveney thanked Councilperson Terese Platten for her work on this project.
2. **Route 22 Update:** Councilperson Brenda Adams said that the State is planning to start repairing State Route 22, two miles north and two miles south of the State Route 295 and State Route 295 intersection. The State is hoping to find needed funds of 8.3 million dollars to mill and repave the route.
Supervisor Richard Keaveney “Thanked” Councilperson Brenda Adams for her hard work get something done on State Route 295.
3. **Town Newsletter:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the annual town newsletter should be out by the end of May.
4. **Berkshire Farm:** Councilperson Brenda Adams said that there will be a new director within the next few weeks.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT:

1. Tentative Roll is available for review in Town Clerks office and Assessors office.
2. Legal notices have been posted. Assessment changes letters have all been sent
3. Grievance day is May 28th from 4-8. More information can be found on the website. EXEMPTIONS-

1. As reported earlier the State is now making the final call on the Enhanced Star approvals by using the Income Verification system. Any letters sent to taxpayers from DTF should not be ignored. If they are requesting more information taxpayers must respond to them (not the assessor) or they could lose their exemption.
2. The assessors are still involved with Star but not to the extent that we can determine eligibility.
3. More Star changes due to recent changes in the law, beginning this year:
 - the value of the STAR CREDIT [*checks instead of on your tax bill*] may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the STAR EXEMPTION (on tax bill) cannot increase. However, if a taxpayer wishes to switch from the Exemption program to the Credit program, they can by filing the correct paperwork with the ASSESSOR.
 - the income limit for the Basic STAR EXEMPTION is now \$250,000. But you are

in the STAR CREDIT
program the income limit is \$500,000.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

Lots of beaver activity has kept us hopping to clean culverts of debris.

The saturated ground and windy conditions have caused many trees to up root and fall onto the roads.

I had a meeting with representatives of the Shaker Ridge Homeowners Association regarding the paving of the road. Once they found out the estimated cost (over \$700,000) other thoughts were entertained.

We had 4 trucks undercoated for rust protection.

The team tested out several makes & models of loaders to get a sense of quality.

Bristol Bridge guiderail installation has been completed. If you remember last year the company ran into a snag with the depth of the frost which prevented the installation of the approaches.

We reinstalled a stop sign at the transfer station after it was mowed down by a tractor trailer.

REQUESTS:

Loader results and recommendation:

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, for Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, request for \$200.00 to purchase posts and hardware for signs. 5-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Wendy Dwyer thanked the board for the new vehicle. Wendy also has been working with Albany to promote zero food waste. They offer training on how one should compost food.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk