

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016, AT 7:00 PM AT THE NISKAYUNA TOWN BOARD ROOM, ONE NISKAYUNA CIRCLE, NISKAYUNA, NEW YORK, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Joe Landry, Supervisor
Denise Murphy McGraw, Councilwoman
John Della Ratta, Councilman
Bill McPartlon, Councilman
Lisa Weber, Councilwoman

Others present: Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk; Robert Hess, Town Attorney; Matthew Miller, Deputy Town Attorney; Paul Sebesta, Comptroller; Raymond Smith, Highway Superintendent; Matt Yetto, Deputy Superintendent of Water/Sewer; Daniel McManus, Chief of Police; Laura Robertson, Town Planner; Nicole Matlick, Administrative Assistant; Peter Rakvica, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Barbara Tardi, Information Processing Specialist II.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2015 were approved as presented.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 14, 2016 were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

A review was given by Jeffrey Trzeciak from McDonald Engineering on the Town of Niskayuna Parks Master Plan.

A report was given by Ben Cazer describing his Eagle Scout project at the Niskayuna Town Pool. Ben built a ramp that will give access from the main pool to the children's pool for anyone unable to use the stairs.

The annual Building, Planning and Zoning Department report was given by Laura Robertson, Town Planner.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jonetta Darcy, 772 Whitney Drive; thanked the Highway Department for the care they take in removing snow at the Senior Center and wanted them to know that the seniors greatly appreciate it.

When no other members of the public wished to be heard, Supervisor Landry closed privilege of the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: Councilman McPartlon reported that Chris Henry has graduated from the Police Academy and Recruit Archambault started the Police Academy on January 19th. The Police Department will be adding two new police vehicles, one for patrol and one for the detective division. Deputy Chief Stevens has taken on the task of getting quotes for new AED devices for all Town departments. The Police Department along with the Niskayuna School District performed a safety drill at the High School, which searched for both illegal drugs and explosives. The outcome of the drill was successful as no illegal drugs or explosives were found.

Transportation and Public Facilities Committee and Public Works Committee: Councilwoman McGraw reported that the Highway Department has been picking up Christmas trees, and the Parks crews have been repairing the bike-hike path and trimming brush from such path trails. There have been five water main breaks in the Town so far this winter.

Parks and Community Programs Committee and Senior Committee: Councilwoman Weber reported that the winter parks programs are all underway, with Friday night ski trips to West Mountain along with basketball, volleyball, chess, and Harry Potter camps for kids. Today the Senior Advisory Committee, which has been moved to a program day, was held at the Senior Center, and it was well attended.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Della Ratta thanked Laura Robertson for her fine work at the Town of Niskayuna in her first year. There are three calls for public hearings scheduled on tonight's agenda. There is a new proposal that would redevelop land located on Aqueduct Road that is the site of a junk yard. The Planning Board has recommended that a PUD application be submitted that would include residential and commercial uses.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved with a vote of five ayes unless otherwise noted.

Resolution 2016-27 authorizes the Supervisor to enter into and execute a retainer agreement.

Resolution 2016-28 makes certain budgetary modifications.

Resolution 2016-29 retains professional engineering services on an as-needed basis for 2016.

Resolution 2016-30 appoints an employee in the Highway Department.

Resolution 2016-31 permanently appoints a Deputy Superintendent of Water and Sewer.

Resolution 2016-32 employs additional employees in the Town's Office of Community Programs and Information Technology Department.

Resolution 2016-33 calls for a Public Hearing to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Niskayuna.

Introduction of Proposed Local Law No. A (2016) (no vote – local law just introduced)

Resolution 2016-34 calls for a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 220 of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna, entitled Zoning.

Resolution 2016-35 calls for a Public Hearing to make a determination on SEQR for an application for a special use permit at 3410 State Street.

Resolution 2016-36 authorizes the purchase of new AED devices for various departments.

Resolution 2016-37 is an application for a Planned Unit Development project on Aqueduct Road.

Resolution 2016-38 authorizes the decommissioning and commissioning of Police Vehicles.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Landry adjourned the meeting.

Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk