

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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; Daniel McManus, Chief of Police; Michael Stevens, Deputy Police Chief; Richard Pollock, Superintendent of Water and Sewer; Laura Robertson, Town Planner; Nicole Matlick, Administrative Assistant; Barbara Pidgeon, Court Clerk; Kelly Wetzel, Court Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was given by Rithik Kunapuli on an Eagle Scout trail marker project conducted throughout the “John Brown Trail” system.

Hon. Stephen Swinton gave the annual departmental report for the Justice Court.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Niskayuna.

Leslie Gold, 1919 Pawtucket Ave., has concerns with proposed amendments to the official zoning map regarding effects it could have on the aquifer.

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

A public hearing to amend Chapter 220 of the code of the Town of Niskayuna, entitled Zoning.

When no members of the public wished to be heard, Supervisor Landry closed the public hearing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Cancio, 1276 Hillside Ave; expressed concerns about the budget priorities of the Town for the past eight years. He also has concerns with the fact that the elevation of Hillside Avenue is higher than his property.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation and Public Facilities Committee and Public Works Committee: Councilwoman McGraw reported that there are two resolutions on tonight's agenda from the Public Works Committee, one for the purchase of an electric sign board and one for the replacement of a water main on Lishakill Road and Pearse Road. In the Water and Sewer Department the sludge converters are being upgraded and repaired and the dryers are being replaced. The Highway Department is taking advantage of the weather, and is out patching the roads, clearing brush, and working on the Liz Orzel Kasper Walking Path.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Della Ratta reported that the Planning and Building Department has been very busy. The Certificate of Occupancy for Automated Dynamics is being issued in the near future. This will let them move into Niskayuna Commence Park on Hillside Avenue. Projects on upper Union Street have been progressing due to the light winter. There are two resolutions on the agenda tonight. One will allow a retail shop at 3410 State Street and the other will allow for an Open Development area for the building of a single family home at 1254 Hedgewood Lane. The Dollar Tree store has opened at ShopRite Plaza and Mario's Restaurant is now undergoing a rebuild instead of a renovation. The next meeting for the Economic Development Committee will be Friday March 4th at 8:00 a.m.

Community Programs Committee: Councilwoman Weber reported that planning has begun for spring soccer, softball and for summer camps. Registration for the programs will start April 1st along with registration for the Town pool. The senior center membership has continued to increase and there are many activities and trips planned.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman McPartlon reported that the Public Safety Committee met on February 9th. The committee reports that Patrolman Henry is progressing well in his field training and our new recruit Archambault is doing well at the academy. The Chief is sending one of the police cars out to be converted to a detective car and has put in a letter of intent for a new Tahoe. The residential and commercial alarm bills have gone out. The Police Chief is working on the staffing for upcoming May and June community events and has ordered the new AED's. Nicole Matlick is setting up AED training for Town of Niskayuna staff for the month of April. The Niskayuna High School went into a lock-down this month, due to an issue at Schenectady High School. Chief McManus worked together with the Superintendent of the Niskayuna School District for a good outcome. The next meeting for the Public Safety Committee will be held on March 31st.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 2016-42 takes action on an application for a special use permit to allow two principle uses at 3410 State Street.

Resolution 2016-43 accepts the extension of bids for the purchase of materials used by the Town of Niskayuna in its Public Works operations during 2016.

Resolution 2016-44 makes certain budgetary modifications.

Resolution 2016-45 adopts the Schenectady County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Resolution 2016-46 appoints an employee in the Highway Department.

Resolution 2016-47 authorizes the advertising for bids for the replacement of water mains on Lishakill and Pearse Roads.

Resolution 2016-48 authorizes participation in the New York State Public Employee and Retiree Long-Term Insurance Plan.

Resolutions 2016-49 appoints an ad hoc member to the Planning Board and Zoning Commission.

Resolution 2016-50 authorizes the advertising for bids for the retrofitting of a dump truck for the Water and Sewer Department.

Resolution 2016-51 authorizes the purchase of a mobile signboard for use by the Water and Sewer Department.

Resolution 2016-52 schedules a Public Hearing for the consideration of an Open Development area at 1254 Hedgewood Lane.

Resolution 2016-53 authorizes the Supervisor to accept a proposal for cleaning services at town hall and the community center.

Resolution 2016-54 appoints an employee in the Comptroller's Office.

Resolution 2016-55 authorizes modifications to the Town of Niskayuna Purchasing Policy.

A motion was made by Supervisor Landry to amend this resolution and it was seconded by Councilwoman McGraw and passed with five ayes.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Resolution 2016-56 proclaims March National Nutrition Month in the Town of Niskayuna.

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

Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk