

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 30th DAY OF JUNE, 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; 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; Lori Peretti, Coordinator of Community Programs; Joshua Hawley, Junior Civil Engineer; Nicole Salamone, Administrative Assistant; Julie Lohre, Recreation Supervisor.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016 were approved as presented.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 9, 2016 were approved as presented.

Leap of Kindness Certificates were given out to Town of Niskayuna employees who participated in Leap of Kindness Day held on May 25, 2016. This was a day Town employees volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Schenectady Museum of Innovation and Science, Schenectady Inner City Ministry and City Mission.

PRESENTATIONS

An annual departmental report was given by Richard Pollock on the Water and Sewer Department.

A presentation was given on the Town of Niskayuna's Housing Choice Voucher Annual PHA plan, by James Mastrianni.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to consider tentative zoning approval for the proposed Planned Unit Development know as Rivers Ledge of Niskayuna on Aqueduct Road, and to consider amending the official zoning map of the Town of Niskayuna.

Patricia Tyler, 2843 Aqueduct Road, expressed concerns with the rezoning of property on Aqueduct Road and the proposed plan for the Planned Unit Development of Rivers Ledge.

Melody Nunez, 2788 Aqueduct Road, is concerned with possible rezoning of property on Aqueduct Road and the proposed plan for the Planned Unit Development of Rivers Ledge.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mishka Luft, 1332 Wemple Lane, asked for help from the Town on the traffic issues in the Wemple Lane neighborhood.

John Svare, 2489 Mc Govern Drive, has concerns about the traffic on McGovern Drive.

Marilyn Brown, 2324 McGovern Drive, has concerns regarding the traffic in the McGovern Drive neighborhood and shared photos with the Board of the property damage to her front lawn that was caused by a car.

Bonnie Kohn, 1345 Wemple Lane, spoke of the concerns she has with traffic safety in the neighborhood of Wemple Lane, Whamer Lane and Rowe Road.

Ezra Van Lanen, 1359 Wemple Lane, asked that a campaign be targeted to high school students that will stress the importance of safe driving, which she suggested be held in the spring in preparation for the upcoming summer.

Leslie Gold, 1919 Pawtucket Ave., commented that the issue of traffic safety is not limited to one neighborhood; it's a Town wide issue.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation and Public Facilities Committee: Councilwoman McGraw reported that the Town of Niskayuna, for the third time in the last three or four years, has won the best drinking water in Schenectady County. The Highway Department is preparing roadways for paving in July and August and yard waste continues to be picked up.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Della Ratta reported that Iroquois Village is working to finalize their paperwork for the dedication of the roads in the complex. The Complete Streets Committee replaced the Safe Routes Committee, and is working to ensure the streets in Niskayuna include safe walkways for our residents. The new building at 1759 Union Street will be finishing their landscaping and will open in the next two weeks. The building next to that will be taken down and the construction of the Albany Medical Group building will begin soon. The connection from the Zenner Soccer Park to the Mohawk Hudson bike path will start construction and should be finished by the end of summer. The next Economic Development Committee will be on July 8th at 8 a.m. at Town Hall.

Community Programs Committee: Councilwoman Weber reported that summer camps are starting next week with 217 children signed up for the first week and around 100 children signed up for the swim and dive teams. Many summer trips are planned for the seniors and are filling up.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman McPartlon announced that at the last committee meeting held on June 7th, both Judge Swinton and Judge Scagnelli were present. The committee discussed issues regarding the UCC dispatch center and computer programs that are used by the Police Department in the police vehicles. Chief McManus went to a seminar on this issue and is looking into the next steps he will be taking. The finance committee made approvals regarding a contract we have with the City of Albany. Upcoming events were talked about such as the Wounded Warrior event on June 12th. Also discussed were issues that were brought to the committee on the doors to Town Hall being unlocked after hours and a problem that the Town is having with the phone tree. At this meeting the issues with Court security were reviewed with both of the Justices.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 2016-156 calls for a Public Hearing in the Matter of the Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Sewer District No. 1 and Sewer District No. 6 in the Town of Niskayuna, Schenectady County, New York.

Resolution 2016-157 regarding the Town of Niskayuna, Schenectady County, New York as to SEQRA Determination.

Resolution 2016-158 creates and appoints persons to a Complete Streets Committee.

Resolution 2016-159 enacts a local law to amend the vehicle and traffic code to provide for the installation of stop signs.

Resolution 2016-160 appoints seasonal employees in the Town's Office of Community Programs and Highway Department.

Resolution 2016-161 establishes a standard work day and reporting.

Resolution 2016-162 authorizes the advertising for bids for the construction of a new Water and Sewer maintenance facility.

Resolution 2016-163 authorizes payment of an annual assessment for the Schenectady County Law Enforcement Mobile Radio District.

Resolution 2016-164 makes certain budgetary modifications.

Resolution 2016-165 amends Resolution 2015-200 authorizing the purchase of a new truck for use by the Town's Highway Department.

Resolution 2016-166 amends a resolution adopting a salary schedule.

Resolution 2016-167 authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Resolution 2016-168 accepts an easement to maintain and construct a Hike-Bike trail.

Resolution 2016-169 takes action to authorize the execution of an Outside User Sewer Agreement.

Resolution 2016-170 appoints a person to the position of Confidential Secretary to the Comptroller.

CEREMONIALS

Resolution 2016-171 recognizes the Schenectady County Special Olympics Softball Team "Schenectady Southpaws."

Resolution 2016-172 recognizes Niskayuna photography students who received a 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing award.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Michelle Mazuryk as Deputy Town Clerk by the Town Clerk, Michele M. Martinelli

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

Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk