

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2015, AT 7:00 PM AT
THE NISKAYUNA TOWN BOARD ROOM, ONE NISKAYUNA CIRCLE, NISKAYUNA,
NEW YORK, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Joe Landry, Supervisor
Julie McDonnell, Councilwoman
Denise Murphy McGraw, Councilwoman
Liz Orzel Kasper, Councilwoman
John Della Ratta, Councilman

Others present: Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk; Robert Hess, Town Attorney; Matthew Miller, Deputy Town Attorney; Raymond Smith, Highway Superintendent; Richard Pollock, Superintendent of Water/Sewer; Dan McManus, Chief of Police; Michael Stevens, Deputy Chief of Police; Paul Sebesta, Comptroller; William Lawrence, Computer Network Coordinator; Assemblyman Phil Steck; Nicole Matlick, Administrative Assistant; Rosemarie Mullaney, Assistant Coordinator of Community Programs; Peter Rakvica, Working Crew Leader.

CLERK'S BUSINESS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2015 were approved as presented.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 19, 2015 were approved as presented.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 3, 2015 were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

A video was presented by the Niskayuna Community Foundation on the community wide volunteer day of service which was hosted by the Foundation and held at various locations in Schenectady County on September 26, 2015. This was the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Niskayuna Community Foundation.

A presentation was given by William Lawrence, the Town of Niskayuna's Computer Network Coordinator, on the new web site that has been developed for the Town of Niskayuna. The web site will go live the first week of January 2016.

A proclamation was given by New York State Assemblyman Phil Steck to the Niskayuna Girls Varsity Soccer team along with their coach Bryce Colby, for their accomplishments during the 2015 soccer season.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

When no 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 the Highway Department has completed loose leaf pick up and will continue picking up bags and bundles through the week. Councilwoman McGraw clarified the question that was brought up at the last Board meeting regarding the testing of the Town's water supply. The issue concerns the Town of Hoosick Falls' drinking water. Hoosick Falls' water supply has perfluorooctanoic acid present in its water due to discharges by a local company directly into the water. The Town of Niskayuna does not have a chemical present in its water source. Therefore the Town of Niskayuna does not have to perform such a test on the water supply. Councilwoman McGraw stated that she has been an honor working with Councilwoman Kasper and Councilwoman McDonnell and she wished them well.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Della Ratta reported that in the last two months, the Building and Planning Department has completed over 500 building inspections. An eight unit building was approved on Lois Lane, the dental office on Union Street is progressing, along with Iroquois Village finishing the last foundation with hopes that they will be renting units in the spring or early summer. There has been a marked increase in solar permits for single family homes. In Mohawk Commons a Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the new Carters' Store, and Five Guys has finished their renovation work. ShopRite Plaza has undergone \$700,000 of renovation in the plaza and Smashburger is now open. Councilman Della Ratta announced the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on January 8th at 8 a.m. in the Schaefer Room at Town Hall.

Parks and Community Programs Committee and Senior Committee: Councilwoman McDonnell reported the Parks and Community Programs Committee have completed the Parks Master Plan and there will be a presentation to the Board in January. Ski Club will begin their trips to West Mountain in January and the Lacrosse Club has asked for permanent lighting at Blatnick Park. Councilwoman McDonnell reported that the Senior Holiday Lunch was today and there are many more events coming up. She encouraged seniors to check the Town web site.

Public Safety Committee: Councilwoman Kasper welcomed back Chief McManus from his training at the FBI Academy Quantico, and wished Deputy Chief Stevens the best when he attends in the spring. Councilwoman Kasper reported on the resolutions that are on tonight's agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 2015-252 establishes an agreement to be used for renting equipment for the Town's Water and Sewer Department.

Resolution 2015-253 accepts a donation of property to be incorporated into the Town's Rachel Carson Nature Preserve.

Supervisor Landry announced that this resolution was removed from the agenda.

Resolution 2015-254 authorizes the sale of certain surplus Town equipment.

Resolution 2015-255 employs additional employees in the Town's Highway Department and Information Technology Department.

Resolution 2015-256 enters into an agreement with the County of Schenectady for the County Stop DWI Program.

Resolution 2015-257 authorizes the preparation of a proposal seeking construction services for the redevelopment of Town water wells.

Resolution 2015-258 authorizes the Supervisor to extend an inter-municipal agreement for the disposal of sewage sludge.

Resolution 2015-259 enacts Local Law to amend Chapter 173, entitled Sewers, of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna.

Resolution 2015-260 appoints a person to the position of Systems Administrator.

Resolution 2015-261 makes certain budgetary modifications.

Resolution 2015-262 authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract for the impounding and care of dogs during 2016.

Resolution 2015-263 amends Resolution 2015-211 regarding water rents for Consolidated Water District No. 1.

Resolution 2015-264 amends Resolution 2015-208 appointing persons to the positions of Senior Plant Operator and Senior Water and Sewer Maintenance Worker in the Water and Sewer Department.

Resolution 2015-265 establishes sewer rents for the properties in the Town's Sewer District No. 6.

Resolution 2015-266 amends certain fees imposed by the Town of Niskayuna.

Resolution 2015-267 accepts bids for the purchase of various material and services to be used in Public Works operations.

Resolution 2015-268 adopts a salary schedule.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2015-269 recognizes the Niskayuna Community Foundation for its volunteer work in Niskayuna.

Resolution 2015-270 Recognizes and Honors the Niskayuna High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team.

Resolution 2015-271 Recognizes Julie Bean McDonnell for her years of service to the Town of Niskayuna.

A presentation was given by Supervisor Landry honoring Julie McDonnell for her years of service to the Town of Niskayuna. In honor of Julie's years of service the tennis courts at Blatnick Park will be named the "Julie Bean McDonnell Tennis Courts." Councilwoman McDonnell thanked everyone for the resolution and expressed to the Town Board, Town Clerk; Receiver of Taxes and Justices that she will miss working with all of them. Councilwoman McDonnell also thanked the Town Democratic Committee for their support and thanked everyone she worked with on a day to day basis. She also stated that it was an honor working for the residents, and thanked her family for their support.

Resolution 2015-272 Recognizes Liz Orzel Kasper for her years of service to the Town of Niskayuna.

A presentation was given by Supervisor Landry honoring Liz Orzel Kasper for her 24 years of service to the Town of Niskayuna. In honor of Liz's years of service the Town has named the trails adjacent to Maple Lane "The Liz Orzel Kasper Walking Trails".

Councilwoman Kasper said that she has work with the Town of Niskayuna with much love and will be leaving with a "heavy heart" and thanked everyone.

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

Michele M. Martinelli, Town Clerk