

MARCH 10, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REVOKING THE NON-FOR-PROFIT TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE CATSKILL REVITALIZATION CORPORATION.

HWY SUPT JOHN BIRUK AUTHORIZED TO SEEK BIDS FOR FUEL, MATERIALS AND SERVICES.

HWY SUPT JOHN BIRUK AUTHORIZED TO SEEK BIDS FOR RENTAL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WITH AND WITHOUT AN OPERATOR.

RESOLUTION #10 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PARKING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAY 28 AND CHURCH STREET IN ARKVILLE APPROVED.

RESOLUTION #11 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SERVING THE HAMLET OF HALCOTTSVILLE APPROVED.

RESOLUTION #12 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SERVING THE HAMLET OF NEW KINGSTON APPROVED.

APPROVED PROPOSAL FROM DELAWARE BUSINESS SYSTEMS TO LEASE A SHARP MX-M3071 DIGITAL IMAGER FOR \$183.21/MONTH FOR SIXTY MONTHS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION---PERSONNEL ISSUE---NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held their Public Hearing and regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Town Hall, located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Deputy Supervisor.....Brian Sweeney

Council Members.....Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter

Supervisor Carl P. Davis was not in attendance.

Also present were: Town Attorney Carey Wagner, Michael Martin-Mountain Eagle, Jesse Hilson-The Reporter, Hiram Davis, Wes Coates, Todd Pascarella, Josef Schoell, Bob Payne and Wanda Wright.

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

Deputy Supervisor Sweeney opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The Town Clerk read the ATTACHED legal notice advertising the Public Hearing.

Deputy Supervisor Sweeney stated that he had received news from Attorney Kevin Young that a deal was being negotiated between the Town and CRC which would satisfy all parties and it would involve a one-time payment to CRC with no taxpayer money involved.

Deputy Supervisor Sweeney opened the floor to the public. Wes Coates of CRC gave a presentation of the history of the CRC which includes several towns the railroad passes through and outlined the economic benefits that the tourist attraction provides to the region. Todd Pascarella stated, as a taxpayer, he did not want to see any of his tax dollars go towards the legal fees that would be involved in a fight with the CRC and he thought Supervisor Davis was overreaching in broaching the subject of removing the CRC's tax exempt status. He stated that the CRC was a good neighbor and that the town's dispute should be with New York City, not with CRC. He described Supervisor Davis' actions at the February meeting as an example of "bullying being confused with leadership". Josef Schoell asked if the town has the authority to take away an organization's tax exempt status. Attorney for the Town Carey Wagner responded that the town could revoke any real property exemptions. Deputy Supervisor Sweeney closed the Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

The Town Board agreed to have Attorney Kevin Young negotiate a counter-proposal for a one-time, lump sum payment to CRC for the easement with payment coming from New York City's project budget with no cost incurred by Halcottsville's residents.

Deputy Supervisor Sweeney called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Hiram Davis, Building Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the Board to review the ATTACHED Annual Report 2020 Building and Zoning Department.

By Zoom, Terry Carroll of Co-Op Extension gave advice as to pursuing further grants under the New York State Energy and Development Authority (NYSERDA). He said that with the new round of funding, municipalities could receive money according to how many points they get for energy saving.

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter to approve the Minutes of 02/10/21-Town Board Meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Report; Town Clerk's Monthly Report; Tax Collector-Collection Summary-Batches 1 thru 33; Building & Zoning Monthly Report; Justice Court Monthly Report and Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Reports for 01/2021 were approved as submitted, by a motion made by J. Reischel, seconded by C. Dabritz. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter- (0) Nays.**

The Town Board reviewed the ATTACHED Arkville-Halcottsville Water Monthly Action Report for February 2021 prepared by Bob Payne.

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter to authorize Hwy Supt John Biruk to seek annual bids for the purchase of fuel, materials and services. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by N. Delameter, seconded by C. Dabritz to authorize Hwy Supt John Biruk to seek bids for rental construction equipment with and without an operator. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter- (0) Nays.**

Deputy Supervisor Sweeney opened the floor to the public. No one wished to address the Board.

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by J. Reischel to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #10 of 2021 - A Resolution Concerning Parking Signs on State Highway 28 and Church Street in Arkville. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by J. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #11 of 2021 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Easements in Connection with the Construction and Operation of the Sewage Collection System Serving the Hamlet of Halcottsville. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter- (0) - Nays.**

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by J. Reischel to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #12 of 2021 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Easements in Connection with the Construction and Operation of the Sewage Collection System Serving the Hamlet of New Kingston. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter- (0) - Nays.**

Motion was made by J. Reischel, seconded by C. Dabritz to accept the ATTACHED Delaware Business Systems proposal to lease a Sharp MX-M3071 Digital Imager for \$183.21/month for sixty months. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel, Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**


The Town Board thanked Carey Wagner for his many years of service to the Town as he is retiring.

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Included in the Session was the Attorney for the Town and Town Clerk. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** Motion for adjournment was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by J. Reischel; and the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** There was no Board action per the Executive Session.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by a motion made by C. Dabritz, seconded by J. Reischel. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #s 126-183, totaling \$233,250.57.

Motion for adjournment was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by N. Delameter. **(4) Ayes - Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel; Christopher Dabritz and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

DATED: March 19, 2021


PATRICIA F. KELLY
TOWN CLERK