

SEPTEMBER 08, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CHANGE OF THE DEFINITION OF "RESORT" ON PAGE 19 OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN ZONING ORDINANCE.

RESOLUTION #22 of 2021 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ADGER EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PUMP STATION FOR SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SERVING THE HAMLET OF NEW KINGSTON APPROVED.

RESOLUTION #23 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO REJECT ALL BIDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM SERVING THE HAMLET OF HALCOTTSVILLE APPROVED.

RESOLUTION #24 OF 2021 - RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN BOARD ACCEPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAME APPROVED.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT.

RESOLUTION #25 OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA APPROVED.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS CANAVAN TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF 10/01/2021-09/30/2026 APPROVED.

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

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 08, 2021 at the Town Hall, located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Carl P. Davis

Council Members.....Brian Sweeney, Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter

Council Member Christopher Dabritz was not in attendance.

Also present were: Michael Martin-Mountain Eagle, Colleen Martin, Jesse Hilson-The Reporter, Terresa Bakner - Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, Jeanne George, Josef Schoell, Vicki Schoell, Todd Pascarella, June Masur, Ken Pasternak, Kathy Nolan and Robert Payne.

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

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

Supervisor Davis opened the floor to the public. No one wished to comment. Supervisor Davis closed the Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Supervisor Davis called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes of 08/11/21-Town Board Meeting were approved as submitted, by a motion made by B. Sweeney, seconded by N. Delameter. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report; Town Clerk's Monthly Report; Building & Zoning Monthly Report; Justice Court Monthly Report and Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Water Reports for 07/2021 were approved as submitted, by a motion made by J. Reischel, seconded by N. Delameter. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

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

Council Member Brian Sweeney gave an update on the effort to pick up more subscribers to Community Solar power to earn a \$5,000. grant from NYSERDA. They have four signs up but needs ten to qualify for the \$5,000. Supervisor Davis suggested that ARC facility, Catskill Recreation Center and Mount Laurel Gardens be approached to sign up for the Community Solar project.

Council Members Nelson Delameter and Julia Reischel gave an update of their Public Forum meeting concerning use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Delameter said the meeting was "very productive" with about 10-15 people attending in addition to people by zoom. Reischel stated there are a lot of grants out there to supplement the funds and the interest of the public was to use it for infrastructure, upgrading the Arkville water system, establishing a Reverse 911 system; creating a sidewalk in Arkville to connect to walking/biking trail system and transfer station upgrades. Supervisor Davis suggested it would be a good idea to contract grant writing out to entities and he is most interested in the infrastructure projects such as improving the Arkville water district and the Town's transfer station which has been impacted by the increased population. The existing location has potential for doubling the size of the property.

Motion was made by N. Delameter, seconded by J. Reischel to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #22 of 2021 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Adger Easement in Connection with the Construction and Operation of the Pump Station for Sewage Collection System Serving the Hamlet of New Kingston. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by N. Delameter, seconded by C.P. Davis to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #23 of 2021 - A Resolution Authorizing the Town Board of the Town of Middletown to Reject All Bids in Connection with the Construction of the Sewage Collection System Serving the Hamlet of Halcottsville. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by J. Reischel to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #24 of 2021 - Resolution of the Middletown Town Board Accepting Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c and Scheduling Public Hearing for Same and schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 06, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. before the workshop meeting to consider a proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

The Town Board reviewed the ATTACHED Full Environmental Assessment Form - Part 1 - Project and Setting; Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts and Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance. Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by J. Reischel to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #25 of 2021 - A Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration under SEQRA and sent to the Delaware County Planning Department for approval. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by N. Delameter to re-appoint Francis Canavan to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of 10/01/21-09/30/26. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.**


The Town Board discussed Margaretville Memorial Hospital, including issues regarding staffing problems and uncertainty over ambulance services. The hospital is managed by Westchester Medical Center Health Network and the Town Board, reflecting concerns from the public, felt the need to have a better understanding and communication with Westchester's board of directors. The Town Board discussed getting local state representatives involved to publicly organize and advocate for the hospital's needs.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by a motion made by B. Sweeney, seconded by J. Reischel. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #'s 477-521, totaling 114,260.36.

Motion was made by J. Reischel, seconded by B. Sweeney to enter into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Included in the Session was the Town Clerk. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** Motion for adjournment was made by J. Reischel, seconded by B. Sweeney; and the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** There was no Board action per the Executive Session.

Motion for adjournment was made by J. Reischel, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(4) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Julia Reischel and Nelson Delameter - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

DATED: September 17th, 2021



PATRICIA F. KELLY
TOWN CLERK