

TB Workshop February 5, 2015  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP – February 5, 2015  
COLDEN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Councilman Jesse Hrycik  
Councilman David Arcara  
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek  
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Attorney Ronald Bennett  
Town Clerk Christina Kerlin  
Approximately 8 residents

Supervisor called the Town Board Workshop to order at 7:10pm.

1. Review draft of the local law in regards to High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing.
2. Town Board tabled the review of the Local Law on High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that Jeanette Geckler submitted a draft Law on High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing that was taken from a culmination of Laws from other Towns and from an Environmental Attorney. Town Attorney Bennett will review the material and compare to the original draft of the Local Law that was up for discussion for tonight's meeting.

3. Review/revised Annual Disclosure Statements.

Supervisor DePasquale has asked Town Attorney Bennett to review the Annual Statement of Disclosure to possibly simplify the statement acknowledging that if you are an employee or volunteer of the Town that you will disclose any conflicts of interest when entering in to any business transaction agreement for the Town. Town Attorney Bennett will draft a new Annual Statement of Disclosure to refer to what is stated in the Town Code of Ethics.

4. Address travel mileage rate changes .555 to .575.

Supervisor DePasquale explained that the mileage reimbursement for the year 2015 will be adjusted to reflect the established allowance by the IRS the rate will change from .555 to .575.

5. Review town fees and set up a workshop date to discuss increases with permit fees.

The Town Board will meet with CEO John Kotlarsz to review changing the building permit fees and the DCO will provide input with dog fees and the water department will review the water fees for any changes to be made.

6. Review information regarding shared services for the tax cap/efficiency plan.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that the Town will be participating in the Countywide Government Efficiency Plan. The Town of Colden will need to show an efficiency savings of \$8,700. and stay within the property tax cap. The Town can opt out of the program at any time. A resolution in support of the Countywide Government Efficiency Plan will be brought up at the next Town Board meeting.

7. Review minutes from January 8, 2015.

Supervisor DePasquale asked if the Town Board received their minutes from the January Organizational Meeting and the regular January Town Board meeting.

Councilman Zurbrick asked for corrections on:

Page 2 - appointment number #6 to add Mark Adamchick to serve as needed (monthly reviews of bookkeeping) at a rate of \$55 per hour.

Page 5 – remove the & symbol sign and replace with a comma in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of number 19.

Page 6 – change the word if to of where it states: RESOLVED THAT the Town of Colden Tax Assessor be authorized to re-levy any unpaid water bills to be submitted prior to November 20<sup>th</sup> of each year.

#### General Discussion

Supervisor DePasquale brought up:

- Town Hall floors are in need of waxing Councilman Arcara will setup a date to have them done.
- Highway Superintendent Clarkson received a bid from Van Bortal Ford for a 2015 Ford F-250 XL Super Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$35,100.34 and with trading in the 2007 Chevy 2500 HD with the 8 ft. western plow the cost would be \$31,600.34. Town Board will review the bids for the upcoming Town Board meeting.

-Rural Transit Van Service has received \$270,000. from the Community Development Block Grant.

-Councilman Arcara will acquire quotes for the replacement of the furnace at the Town Hall.

-Mark Guston from the Erie County Soil & Water was emailed and pictures were also sent of the creek.

-Frank Brady will take over the job of snow plowing the sidewalks with in the Town.

-Supervisor DePasquale will be meeting with the Supervisor of Holland and a representative from SunnKing on the upcoming Hazman event the tentative date is September 19<sup>th</sup> and Councilman Pietraszek and Hrycik were asked to join in on the meeting as well.

- Supervisor DePasquale stated he has received many calls from residents stating their need for the internet especially with the homework that children are bringing home to complete.

Discussion took place on working with Time Warner Cable on adding cable to areas in Town that do not have cable and possibly starting with Crump Road. A statement might be placed on the website to see how many residents are interested in having cable service and also adding WIFI to the Senior Center and Town Hall.

- A resolution will be submitted at the next Town Board meeting for support on keeping the Niagara Falls Airbase open.

Councilman Hrycik questioned where the Town was at as far as clearing debris out of the creek. Councilman Pietraszek said that Mark Guston should be sending a letter indicating that they are working on the grant the Town has a good chance of receiving one.

Councilman Pietraszek stated that he attended a seminar in Batavia along with Water Operator Greg Adams. A program from Tensar was obtained they make the big plastic piping for storm drains and other things. The program would be something that Highway Superintendent Clarkson might be interested in when do road work.

Councilman Arcara stated that a checklist for the cleaner was a good idea and it was decided that the Supervisor's office will address any issues that come up and notify the cleaner. A meeting will be planned with the DCO and the Town Clerk's office on some procedures that should take place on a monthly basis.

Councilwoman Zurbrick stated that she has received emails about a streetlight out on Bleistein Road and Blanchard Road. The Town Clerk's office has reported it three times to NYSEG. Deputy Town Clerk Maybach responded to the resident and explained that it was reported and how she reports a streetlight outage to NYSEG.

-Councilman Zurbrick asked about purchasing seasonal flags to hang from the poles as in other Towns.

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Zurbrick and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin  
Town Clerk