

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
COLDEN TOWN HALL – December 15, 2015

MEETING CALL TO ORDER AT 6:59 pm

SUPERVISOR DEPASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE
FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Paul Clarkson
Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
11 residents

1. Computer Project with Aurora Consulting Group

Supervisor DePasquale stated that a quote was submitted from Aurora Consulting Group for a Windows Server, 5 Computer Workstations for the Supervisor, Assessor, Recreation Department and Code Enforcement Officer and Backup Solution. The money was in the budget for this year for the replacement of the computers and backup. There was discussion on the change to the e-mail server the one that the town has now does not work well. Nick Fodero from Aurora Consulting Group gave an overview of the computer project and the 365 E-mail system. The proposal is on file in the Town Clerk's office and will be placed on the Town website.

MOTION made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to purchase 5 Computer Workstations, Windows Server, Backup Solution and the 365 E-Mail Hosted Exchange System for an additional 15 users at a total cost for the project not to exceed \$14,000.

2. Van Bortel Vehicle Purchase Proposal

Supervisor DePasquale stated that the request for the Van Bortel bid for the truck trade in value for the 2010 Ford F450 at a price of \$19,750.00 is included on the Vehicle Purchase Proposal.

3. Agreement to Spend Highway Funds 2016

Tabled until the January meeting Highway Superintendent Clarkson will adjust his figures to reflect the correct amount on the Agreement to Spend.

4. Personnel Issues – Town Justice

Supervisor DePasquale read a letter of resignation from Judge Zach that was submitted to Town Clerk Kerlin on December 9, 2015 effective December 31, 2016.

MOTION made by Councilman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously accepted the letter of resignation by Judge Zach effective December 31, 2015.

Supervisor DePasquale read an Administrative Order from Hon. Paula L. Feroletto:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, I hereby order Hon. Jeffrey Markello, Town Justice of the Town of Aurora be temporarily assigned as Acting Town Justice of the Town of Colden to preside over the Court effective January 1, 2016 and shall continue to May 1, 2016 or until a new Justice is elected or appointed, whichever happens first, The Town of Colden agrees to be responsible for Judge Markell's compensation.

This assignment is in addition to his other assignments and duties.

Signed: Hon Paula L. Feroletto, Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial District

Dated: December 15, 2015

Supervisor DePasquale stated to the Town Board to think about what direction the Town Board would like to go as far as appointing a person or wait until someone is elected in November 2016. The matter will be discussed at the January Town Board Workshop.

5. Tax Cap letter to Governor

Supervisor DePasquale stated that he received a letter from the Town of Orchard Park Supervisor addressed to Governor Cuomo on the current Tax Cap legislation being revisited and amended. Towns have been approving the letter to be sent to the Governor.

The letter read:

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I would like to thank you for your determination to bring tax relief to the residents of the Empire State and all of its local communities. Among your efforts, perhaps the most impactful has been the Tax Cap. Unfortunately, in the absence of mandate relief and/or increased state and federal aid, and given the reality of stagnated revenue streams, in spite of our ongoing efforts to collaborate and consolidate services where feasible, local governments have begun to experience financial stress, and in some cases distress, in our efforts to comply with the current iteration of the tax cap. Furthermore, it appears that the tax cap is not currently applied in an equitable manner among governments.

The results for all too many local communities is that reserve funds are necessarily being drawn down to unhealthy levels, services and employees are being cut, and local officials find themselves having to submit to options that, in the long term, will prove more costly both in terms of service and expenses (e.g., infrastructure).

I would request, therefore, that the current Tax Cap legislation be revisited and amended in such ways as to alleviate what I am certain were its unforeseen negative consequences.

Supervisor DePasquale asked the Town Board to acknowledge the letter as all other towns have and sign this letter which will be among the letters that will be hand delivered to Governor Cuomo at the end of year.

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved the signing of the letter to be submitted to Governor Cuomo.

6. Town Historian - Stipend

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Arcara to approve to pay the stipend to the Town Historian David Freeman in the amount of \$335.00 for the year 2015.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk