

TB Workshop May 2, 2013
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP – May 2, 2013
COLDEN TOWN HALL
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 PM

PRESENT: Councilman David Arcara arrived at 7:06
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Patrick Murphy
Supervisor Annie Hoffman

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
10 Residents

FRACKING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Fraser presented a guideline of recommendations for review of the Hydro-Fracking Committee report and asked if there were any comments or questions from the Town Board. The guidelines of recommendations for review of the Hydro-Fracking report are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Hoffman said the report was excellent and very informative and did not see anything negative and thought it was well rounded report.

Councilman Zurbrick and Councilman Murphy said the report was well done.

Discussion followed on the Hydro-Fracking report and on the next plan of action the various boards would take on Hydro-Fracking in the Town of Colden.

PAY RATE LETTERS

Supervisor Hoffman said there were various letters submitted from the clerks regarding pay rates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:56pm

MOTION made by Supervisor Hoffman and Town Board unanimously approved to go into executive session to discuss the pay rate letters.

Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting back to order at 8:47pm from Executive Session.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The Town Board discussed 6 points of the Personnel Policy.

1. Health Insurance – no change
2. Incident Form
3. Payroll Policy
4. Unpaid leave of absence for full-time employees from 90 days to 30 days.
5. Compressed schedule removed.
6. New hires

The finished personnel policy will be sent to the Town Attorney for review.

RECREATION RATES

Tabled Town board will review at a later date.

Supervisor Hoffman said the concession stand will not be open this year until a non-profit organization can be found to help with the concession stand or possibly a booster club formed. In the meantime Supervisor Hoffman found a vendor with an ice cream truck that will come up to the park on the scheduled recreation days and will supply an assortment of ice cream, pop and treats to be sold.

CELEBRATE COLDEN INC.

Supervisor Hoffman said the Celebrate Colden Committee met with the Planning Board and received a recommendation with some contingences and the Celebrate Colden Committee will meet Tuesday with the Environmental Board. The Public Hearing will be held this Thursday May 9, at the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Hoffman said that for the record last year the Town did not receive any insurance certificates so we should make sure one is submitted to the town this year. Councilman Zurbrick said that Greg Culver did receive insurance certificates last year who had the certificates was unclear.

DCO LEASE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Hoffman said the Dog Control Officer Christa Pouthier has signed a Kennel Lease Agreement for the kennel to be located at her Pet Shop on Route 240 in West Falls that will be more convenient for the DCO. Councilman Zurbrick asked about Insurance coverage. Supervisor Hoffman said she talked with Timothy Wroblowski and he stated the Town should give Christa a certificate of insurance with the Town named on it.

ARMY CORP FEASIBILITY STUDY

Supervisor Hoffman asked the Town Board if they thought about moving forward with the Army Corp Feasibility Study on the creek bed restoration. The consensus was to look at other options Councilman Arcara is working on a grant through the Erie County Soil & Water and they will be out to offer some technical assistance with the project.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FLAGPOLE

Councilman Zurbrick asked if the flagpole was voted on already. Supervisor Hoffman said she called everyone on the flagpole and it has been ordered. Councilman Zurbrick did not agree with the urgency for phone approval for a new flagpole and thought the flagpole could have been discussed and voted on at the next Town Board meeting.

For the record Supervisor Hoffman said she knows that Councilman Zurbrick complained about not having enough flags around town last year. Supervisor Hoffman explained that last year the town was short on flags because no one provided the correct count of flags to her.

Councilman Zurbrick stated that she did not have a problem with the flags last year and Town Attorney Ron Bennett has stated in the past that phone approvals were to be done only in an emergency situation.

Supervisor Hoffman said there can be phone approvals in an emergency and she sees no difference between the phone approval of a Court Clerk and a flagpole.

Councilman Zurbrick said that the difference is the Judge was on for the month of April and needed a court clerk and the flagpole could have waited till the next Town Board meeting there was no urgency.

Supervisor Hoffman said she sees no difference with phone approval of the court clerk and a flagpole and she wanted the Veterans Park to look nice for Memorial Day.

ADJOURN

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin