

**Albany County
New York**

6PM PUBLIC HEARINGS

- HCLA PROPOSED TAX DISTRICT
- PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 2022 "SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES"

Supervisor Palow led the pledge of allegiance and declared the public hearing open, and present was, Councilmember Leo Vane, Councilmember Anita C. Clayton, Councilmember Albert Thiem, Councilmember Thomas Doolin, Attorney Javid Afzali and Town Clerk Kristin De Oliveira.

Lorraine Emmerick submitted a certified response in which she sought legal counsel in response to a letter submitted and distributed by Victor Propocio.

Victor Propocio was present to read his letter to the public as well the board members.

Chris Smith was present and shared information he had been discussing with Michelle Hinchley's & Angelo Santabarbara's office pertaining to dam repair grants that would distribute 2.4 billion dollars for environmental conservation specifically for Upstate NY in the fall.

Peggy McQuebe also wanted to respond to Victor's Procopio's letter and submitted a timeline of events with excerpts from HCLA Board Meeting Minutes.

Sandra Anderson spoke on the understanding of lack of efforts made by ancestors and how grant money would be ideal but the tax district and tangible and the residents are asking for it.

Bob Marriot spoke on the recent article from the Altamont Enterprise and begged the Board to please approve this Tax District

Anina LaCour, previous HCLA Vice President from 2008-2018 spoke on all of the hard work and money that was spent in order to get as far as they have concerned the dam repair.

Jason Weinstock wanted to touch on the empathetic viewpoint of the matter and discussed we need to focus on the future not the past.

Tony Koch, an off late resident wanted to touch on the fact that she has never received any mail or emails, no official documentation concerning the right to negate lake rights.

Dave Brennen, HCLA Attorney wanted to wrap up the public hearing from a “glass half full” point of view. Attorney Brennan spoke to investigate the grant money mentioned by Mr. Smith and stated that we need a solution.

Supervisor Palow announced a meeting would be held April 27,2022 at 7PM and that a decision on Helderberg Lake Tax District would be made. Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Doolin, to close the public hearing for HCLA at 6:47 PM all Councilmembers agreed and voted aye.

6:50 PM Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Doolin to open the public hearing for Proposed Local Law #3 2022 “Solar Law Energies Facilities”

The Board discussed the proposed “Local Law # 3 Solar Law Energies Facilities” and no comments were made from the public. Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton to close the public hearing at 6:53PM all Councilmembers agreed voting aye.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Palow led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:05PM with the following Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane present. Town Clerk Kristin De Oliveira, Highway Superintendent Randy Bashwinger and Attorney Afzali were also in attendance.

APPROVING MINUTES

After discussion Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from 3-9- 2022, he was seconded by Councilmember Vane, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from 3-23-2022, he was seconded by Councilmember Doolin, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Planning Board “Land Use Workshops” to begin April 21, 2022 at 7 PM and to continue for coming months on the Third Thursday of each month. The Planning Board is looking to discuss new zoning, land use, and to help promote economic growth in our community.
- Albany County Summer Youth Employment Program flyer also shared on website to provide jobs to students again 17-21.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Rapp was in to discuss his concerns about safety conditions of Bush Drive.

Marie Lounsbury wanted to discuss the economic development in our small town and spoke of the importance of supporting local businesses.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway- Highway Superintendent Randy Bashwinger mentioned there was 200 ton of leftover salt however the town used about 900 ton of sanding material this winter due to all the ice which is almost double from a typical winter. The Osh Kosh truck has been returned and painted. Daniel O’Connell is working out great as a new full time employee.

Planning Board- Mr. Martin, Planning Board Chairman mentioned the Land Use Workshops and how important it is for the development in our Town for new zoning to be done

Zoning Board- Zoning Board Chairman Mr. Spargo, nothing to report.

Building and Zoning Board- Building Inspector Mr. Townsend and Code Enforcement Officer Flensted were in attendance with nothing to report.

Library- Library Director Stempel asked about painting the lines and resealing the parking lot and it was decided to wait until after the new well was put in. A handout of all the events that took place at the library in 2021 was distributed for the board to review.

Sewer Plant- Mr. Shultes and Mr. Presnier of Lamont Engineering discussed the two sewer grinder pumps that were recently damaged due to resident's misuse including baby wipes. There was discussion of imposing a fee on offenders seeing as the repairs are very costly. A new pamphlet was distributed tell residents what not to put into the sewer system.

Authorizing Purchase of New Sewer Grinder Pump

Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton for the emergency purchase of a new grinder pump in an amount not to exceed \$3486.00. Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celebration Committee

Mrs. Lyons stated that 10 new Veteran banner applications had been received and were getting made. Mrs. Lyons also said she will reach out and give the opportunity to banner holders last year to display them again.

Senior Meals

Mr.Harris wanted to thank the Town Board for the new floor in the kitchen and said it was working out very well. The senior lunches have been having a great turn out with about 12-15 residents each day.

OLD BUSINESS

Switzkill Farm Update

Supervisor Palow received a letter making an offer of \$150,000 for Switzkill Farm and that there is still ongoing discussion of a partnership with Albany County.

Employee Handbook Discussion/Approval

After discussion and thanks for all the hard work and research put into the revised employee handbook Supervisor Palow made motion seconded by Councilmember Vane, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem & Vane voting aye.

Roof & Siding Quotes for Town Park Pavilion

Quotes from Home Depot were presented and discussed, Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to approve the purchase of roofing and siding from the Parks & Rec Reserve fund in an amount not to exceed \$ 10,700.66 Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Vane and Thiem voting aye.

Awarding of Highway Bids

The Town Board reviewed the bids received on 4/4/2022 from the following:

For washed crushed stone from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc., Callanan Industries, Inc., Carver Sand & Gravel, Inc. & Larned & Sons Inc.

For sanding materials from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc., Callanan Industries, Inc., Carver Sand & Gravel, Inc. & Larned & Sons Inc.

For asphalt concrete and winter mix from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc. & Callanan Industries, Inc.

The Board noted that in awarding the aforesaid bids, the location of the work which the Town is undertaking along with the products and the proximity of the plants to said work location and the costs of the Town transporting the necessary product to the work location were considered.

After reviewing the above said bids, Supervisor Palow made a motion which was seconded by Councilmember Clayton to award the following for the year 2022 as follows:

To: **Carver Sand & Gravel/LLC**
Pick up Middleburgh or Delivery
Sanding Material & Sanding Material Washed

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem, and Vane – aye.

Supervisor Palow made a motion which was seconded by Councilmember Vane to award the following for the year 2022 as follows:

To: **Cobleskill Stone Products**

Pick up Cobleskill or Delivered

Stone - # 1A; #1ST, #1, #2, #3, #1A/1ST or 50/50 BLEND, Crusher Run, Screenings (Stone Dust), ITEM 4; Stone Fill Light (Gabion Stone), Stone Fill Medium, Stone Fill Heavy, and Stone Blend

Asphalt Concrete Pick up Cobleskill or HPR
Base Course 1; Binder Course 3; Top Course 6; Top Course Marshall 6F; Top Course 7; Top Course Marshall 7F

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem, and Vane – aye. Highway Superintendent Bashwinger also pointed out the possibility of using Albany County for Asphalt as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickle Ball Court at Town Park

After discussion Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton for Town Clerk De Oliveira to advertise for setup, cleaning, and repainting of Town Park Tennis Courts and to create a pickle ball court, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

Town Park Dedication Discussion for Kenneth White

Supervisor Palow discussed an engraved stone bench from Helderberg Bluestone to be donated to the Town Park in honor of Kenneth White. The Town Board had previously discussed naming the road or pavilion in his honor. Supervisor Palow made a motion to approve the memorial bench and the naming of “Kenneth’s Way” to the new Town Park Roadway from 443- Route 1 seconded by Councilmember Clayton, Supervisor Palow and all Board members voted aye.

Discuss & Approve Paper Shredder for Town Hall

After discussion of the current company used for shredding documents as Town Hall and the Transfer Station with increased costs Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton to purchase Shredder in an amount not to exceed \$3800 from line A16820E, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

Town Supervisor's Administrative Assistant/ Town Clerk Budget

Supervisor Palow made a motion to move \$10,000 to the Town Clerk's budget line A1410E from Administrative Assistant line A1220E the motion was seconded by Councilmember Clayton, Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

Adopt and Approve use of International Code

Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to approve the use of International Code for the Building and Zoning Departments, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

Discuss Foxcreek Pocket Park

Supervisor Palow discussed with the board the lack of use by the Town for the Fox Creek Pocket Park, the land was previously purchased for \$1. The owner of Fox Creek Market is interested in the land to use for events and to expand business. Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to appraise park and consider the sale of the 4.1 acres which would include holding a public hearing, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

Discuss/ Approve Price Increase for July 4 Celebration Fireworks

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the price for 2022 July 3rd for fireworks of \$6000 that was previously budgeted for \$5000 from budget line A7550E seconded by Councilmember Clayton, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

Parks & Recreation Chair Position Opening

Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton for Town Clerk to readvertise for Parks & Rec Chair position and extend time frame, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report from March 2022 seconded by Councilmember Clayton. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Financial Report from March 2022 seconded by Councilmember Doolin motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR MARCH

After discussion, Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton that the budget transfers for March and April be authorized. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

APPROVING ABSTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

After discussion, Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton to approve the following abstracts and payment bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, SEWER, UTILITIES, WITHHOLDINGS FOR 2022

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| Abstract #16 of 2022..... | \$11,202.81 |
| Abstract #17 of 2021..... | \$31,517.30 |
| Abstract #18of 2022..... | \$12,973.75 |
| Abstract #19of 2022..... | \$65,511.81 |

Abstract # 16-19 2022 Total: \$ 121,205.67

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, Supervisor Palow made the motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin De Oliveira, Town Clerk