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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-February 6, 2020

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Councilman O'Connor who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Public Comment Session

There was none

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #79

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2020 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Saratoga Springs Public Library/History Museum

Field Horne said approximately five years ago, someone in the Midwest, sent the Saratoga Springs Historical Society a composition book filled with pencil, from the year 1910. They didn't know anything about it other than it was from near Saratoga Springs. Mr. Horne said he is retired and a volunteer archivist for the Historical Society and received a call from a young man from Shushan about a year ago. He was looking for an internship and his college. Mr. Horne realized the book was the idea project. It is the diary of a farm woman from Loudon Road in the year 1910. She filled the book and wrote every day. Her name was Mary Gailor Brainard. This young college student, whose mother is the executive director of Café Lena, is in his second or third year at Berea College in Kentucky. He is probably the most talented young historian he has ever met. He has written an essay about the diary and how it demonstrates the shift from an agricultural economy to a market economy, specifically, the Town of Wilton. Mr. Horne said he thinks it will be published in a statewide or nationwide journal. We have arranged for him to speak at the Casino on Thursday, May 21, 2020 and hope to co-sponsor this with the Town of Wilton. It will include the Historical Society and the Saratoga County Historical Society at its roundtable.

Resolution in Support of Bill S-7280 for First Responders

RESOLUTION #80

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping changes to criminal justice procedure laws including elimination of judicial discretion to set bail in a wide variety of cases including those involving dangerous crimes, and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates for police and prosecutors, and

WHEREAS, under these "Bail Reform" measures inserted into the Budget Bill, the crimes for which judges can no longer set bail include those that result in the injury and property loss of innocent people, as well as those involving making a terroristic threat, promoting child pornography and endangering the welfare of a vulnerable elderly person, releasing those accused of such back into the midst of crime victims and their families, and

WHEREAS, the discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York requires that police and prosecutors turn over voluminous trial related materials to defense attorneys within 15 days of arraignment, creating a paperwork mandate which cannot be met in all cases, and which will inevitably result in the inability to prosecute cases against dangerous criminal defendants in some cases, and

WHEREAS, among the unintended consequences of these sweeping changes, which were enacted without public hearings, consultation with law enforcement, the judiciary or crime victim stakeholder groups, is a risk that home address information for firefighters, EMS workers and other first responders will be disclosed to criminal defendants in cases where they become witnesses as a result of first responder duties, and

WHEREAS, Senator James Tedisco has introduced S-7280, a bill to require that the confidential home addresses of first responder witnesses be maintained in cases, and urges passage of S-7280, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Wilton Town Board supports Senator Tedisco's Bill to protect Firefighter, First Responders and EMS workers from home address discover in criminal cases, and urges passage of S-7280, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Wilton Town Board supports the amendment of New York State's Bail and Discovery Reforms through a legislative process which includes public hearing and consultation with law enforcement and the judiciary so that a fair set of reform measures can be enacted, for the benefit of crime victims, law enforcement and public safety.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #81

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment Jay Rifenbary as an alternate to the Wilton Zoning Board Appeals for a term of 02/06/2020-12/31/2020.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment Michael Coleman as an alternate to the Wilton Planning Board for a term of 02/6/2020-12/31/2020.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment Bryan Weygard to the Wilton Park and Recreation Commission for a three year term of 02/06/2020-02/05/2023.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said Gavin Park will be busy this year because the City of Saratoga Springs will be closing a couple of the ball fields for refurbishing. A lot of the teams will be coming to Gavin Park. We are having some trouble with a couple of fields and they have a dip coming off the infield. We are hoping to get some help from the city. At one point, the fields at Gavin Park were second to none. They are beginning to need work. **Margaret Damo** asked why other area fields are being closed. **Deputy Supervisor McEachron** said the city received a grant from New York State and they are refurbishing the fields. The work has to be done this year. They are going to try to refurbish one field at a time. **Councilwoman Kolligian** said the grant was awarded to the school district and it's called the Great Outdoors Plan. Dorothy Nolan was completed. The Varsity baseball field at Eastside is being renovated as well as the skate park. There is other work being done at Maple Avenue, new turf is being put in at the high school. The Saratoga City School District website has information on the projects at each facility.

Councilman Bogardus said the old signage does not go well with the new court building. There is a plan to update with new signage. The two holding cells are nearly complete. The ceilings were modified to a solid ceiling instead of ceiling panels. The inmate bathrooms are almost complete. Work needs to be done on the heating system. The judge's chambers are not well heated. The furnace is fairly new but additional ductwork needs to be completed. The court room, phase 2, is almost done. Phase 3, the offices, is moving along. **Maria Moran, Comptroller**, said there is about \$12,000 left to pay, and is being held as a retainer, to Rozelle Industries, until the punch list is fully completed. We have approximately \$380,000 left in the budget, keeping in mind we provided a very substantial budget for this project because we didn't know how far we were going to go and different things we were going to do. We are in a very good place and do not anticipate needing that money. The overall budget was almost \$1,000,000. We knew what Rozelle's bid was and budgeted another \$500,000. **Councilman Bogardus** said the whole project should come in under \$1,000,000. **Mrs. Moran** said it should.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2019 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #84

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2019 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/6/2020 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #85

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the request for Frank Holden to be paid for an unused personal leave day from 2019.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, with regret, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilman Bogardus, who was opposed. The motion passed 3-1.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #86

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the request for Scott Harrington to carry over unused vacation leave of 51.50 hours.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

c.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, approve the appointment of Matt Hart to the vacant full time position of Assistant

Recreation Director at a rate of \$21.08 per hour with full benefits effective January 21, 2020.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

d.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, approve overnight travel for Susan Baldwin to attend the NYS Town Clerk’s Association Regional meeting March 22, 2020 in Ellenville, NY.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, with regret, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

4.) Other

On a motion introduced by **Deputy Supervisor McEachron**, seconded by **Councilwoman Kolligian**, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian

Councilman, Ray O’Conor