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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-July 3, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson 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.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steve Streicher-Councilman
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
John Lant-Deputy Supervisor
John McEachron-Councilman

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

Public Comment Session

David Buchyn, 201 Heritage Way said a lower density in the hamlet zone will lead to a larger per capita foot print, more sprawl and increased habitat destruction. True environmentalists and nature lovers like higher densities.

Within a short walk from Park Place you will find: a post office, a dry cleaner, a book store, a hair salon, a deli, a pizza place, a wine shop, a Stewart's, two banks, a pharmacy, a Dunkin Donuts, a motel, a nice sit down restaurant, a college, a day care center, a dance studio, an audiologist, two eye doctors, a church, a farm field, an airplane landing strip, a dentist, a veterinarian, a storage facility, a retirement home and a country club. These services and amenities all decided to locate in Wilton based on market conditions. Over specifying the type of business that can be allowed in a multiuse building in the H1 zone will lead to vacant space as is seen in other similar developments. I believe it is best to set some general guidelines and then let business owners determine the highest and best use of land in the H1 zone.

Highest and best use is defined as: The reasonable, probable and legal use of vacant land, or an improved property, which is physically possible, appropriately supported, financially feasible, and that results in the highest value.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #230

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2019 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Wilton Senior Citizens Plaque

Supervisor Johnson said the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's sponsored an event last Wednesday, The Year of the Senior. It was held at Congress Park and the Saratoga Racino. It was a large event with over 2,000 people attending. It was very successful and the attendees responded with favorable comments. Unfortunately, Roberta Corrigan, our Senior Director, has some personal issues and was unable to attend to accept the plaque the Saratoga Board of Supervisor's was going to present to the Wilton Seniors. **Roberta Corrigan** said several Seniors joined her tonight. **Supervisor Johnson** presented the plaque; *2019 Year of the Senior, presented to the Wilton Senior Citizens in grateful recognition and sincere appreciation for your dedication, investment and commitment in making Saratoga County a better place for all of our citizens. Chairman Kevin Tollison and the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.*

Code Revisions

Supervisor Johnson said the board was presented with a draft of the zoning code revisions as a result of committee meetings with the Zoning Revision Committee. A public hearing will have to be set and the revisions referred to Saratoga County Planning Board. Between now and August 1, if there is anything to be revised there is time before the public hearing and after, as well.

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

RESOLUTION #231

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for the zoning and code revisions on August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and refer to the Saratoga County Planning Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman Bogardus said the new pavilion is 98% complete. The only items left to complete are landscaping and backfilling. He said Scott, Jake, Roy, Marcus, John and Mark have done a phenomenal job. Nancy Riely has put the progress on the website.

The court building is under construction. The salt screen project has conceptual plans and the structural portion should be going out to bid mid July. The town employees will be doing most of the site work. Our target date for the working screen, in place, is the second week in October. Projects are going very well and thank you to the in-house staff and the work they have performed.

Supervisor Johnson said, on a sad note, we have lost Lorraine Westcott on June 18. Lorraine was our town Historian from January of 1977 to August of 1997. She was also involved with the Wilton Heritage Society, Grant Cottage and very active in Wilton. On behalf of the town board and residents our sincere condolences go out to the the Westcott Family.

Saturday, July 13, 2019 is the Annual Parkfest at Gavin Park. It starts at 11:00 a.m. There are many events including entertainment, food and rides.

On October 3rd, 2019 the Saratoga Good Scout Dinner will be honoring Sheriff Michael Zurlo. This year the inaugural Larry Gordon Leadership Award will go to Keith Kosser. It will be held at the Saratoga City Center.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2019 Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION #232

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/3/2019 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) 2019 Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #233

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/3/2019 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Personnel

a.

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

RESOLUTION #234

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, accept the resignation of Rita Costanzo, effective June 24, 2019.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

b.

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

RESOLUTION #235

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, approve the position of Land Use Administrator for the Town Engineer's Office, Grade 9 with a salary of mid \$50,000 range.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4.) Internal Reviews

Ms. Moran said as required by Town Law Section 123 Annual Accounting by Town Officer and Employees for the calendar year 2018, all departments have been reviewed and the work papers are on file in my office. There were no irregularities or discrepancies noticed in the samples of the departments which were reviewed.

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

RESOLUTION #236

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Internal Review for the Town of Wilton, with no irregularities or discrepancies noticed in the sample of the departments reviewed, as required by Town Law Section 123 Annual Accounting by Town Officers and Employees, with all work papers on file in the Town Comptroller’s Office.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman McEachron** and seconded by **Councilman Bogardus** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Councilman, Steve Streicher

_____ Deputy Supervisor, John Lant

_____ Councilman, John McEachron

_____ Councilman, Duane Bogardus