

**Town of Mohawk
Richard A. Papa Office Building
2-4 Park St.
Fonda, NY 12068
Public Hearing
November 10th, 2016**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Bishop and opened with a flag salute.

No one from the public wished to speak.

<p>Resolution #046; Adoption of the 2017 Budget was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.</p>

There was no further business.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 10th, 2016 at 7:10pm**

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 10th, 2016 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Edward Bishop, Councilmen: Matt Paton, Janet Tyler, Anthony Bruno and Bill Smith. Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk, Town Attorney Robert Kruger and Sole Assessor Stella Gittle.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 10/13/2016 Regular Meeting was made Paton and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: Ben Kruger, President of the Adult Softball League at the Tribes Hill Park introduced himself and wanted to keep the board apprised of what was happening at the park. Both softball leagues are working together and would like to finish the fencing around the dugouts in the Spring.

MaryLou Coughlin asked about the speed reduction on Mohawk Drive. We will be submitting the proper paperwork to D.O.T. promptly.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$3,696.46

General A: \$1,326.57

Highway: \$1,663.90

General B: \$705.99

The Money Market Account as of 10/31/2016: \$1,072,312.30

The Investment account balance as of 10/31/16 is: \$751,480.52

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The new truck is painted and getting the plow equipment installed. It will be delivered by the end of November.
2. The men are working on the used sander purchased from the Town of Johnstown.
3. The men have been busy doing preventative, tree removal and ditching.
4. Bill asked board approval to enter private land off Westminster Drive.

A motion to allow the Town of Mohawk Highway Dept. to enter private land off Westminster Drive for maintenance of a ditch was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that the county passed a resolution that no tax exemptions be given for Solar Farms and personal homes with Solar panels.

Discussion was held on the Draft Scope for EIS concerning land Annexation.

Claudia Braymer from Caffrey and Flower Esq. explained the process, adding that the City of Johnstown is the project sponsor. Chris Round, Planner at Chazen Company was introduced and wants to make revisions to the draft scope before finalizing. He will use the comments from tonight's meeting into consideration. Most important to our township are air, traffic, noise and visual pollution. He said the draft scope document is very vague and needs to be more specific.

Comments:

1. A letter from Frank Loele, Fulton County resident, in opposition to the annexation.
2. Patrick Clear questioned the proposed Rail Lines and re-routing.
3. Clark Subik asked if written comments would be taken into advisement in building the draft scope. He lives in the vicinity of the proposed park and wonders if the additional traffic will exceed the capacity of the road. Also adding that in meeting with now deceased Mayor Julius, he had a different vision of what he would like to see in the park.
4. Ben Kruger added that the Fire Dept. is suffering from the additional traffic.
5. Supervisor Bishop mentioned that we are still interested in a revenue sharing agreement.

6. Ryan Wilmot is a logger and says the land in danger of annexation is extremely valuable and it can never be replaced. He wondered why DEC isn't stepping in.
7. Martin Smith had a conversation with a Saratoga Planner and they discussed Fulton County and the proposed Park. His opinion was that Fulton County is at its max for employment.
8. Gretchen Subik questioned access to the park.
9. Norma Sheldon asked if the connector was still a possibility and Supervisor Bishop stated it was.
10. Tony Bruno asked if the project sponsor, City of Johnstown, had set up an escrow account. They have not.

Discussion was held on replacing the carpet in the Town Clerks Office with a more suitable high traffic carpet.

A motion to replace the carpet in the Town Clerks Office with high traffic "squares" from T.C. Flooring at a cost of \$2,520 was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #45 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Paton and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion passed.	
General A account: \$7,247.90	Bills Totaling: \$26,745.97
General B account: \$2,852.09	Highway account: \$15,148.38
	Street Lighting: \$1,497.60

Resolution #046 Authorization for the Town Supervisor to submit a request for speed limit change on Mohawk Drive was made by a motion from Smith and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.
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Resolution #047 Authorization to amend the 2016 Operating Budget was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.
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A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Smith and seconded by Bruno. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk