

A Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brookfield, County of Madison, State of New York was held at the Brookfield Town Hall, Main St, Brookfield, NY on January 12, 2015.

PRESENT: Supervisor John Salka
Councilman Clinton Abrams
Councilman Dewitt Head
Councilman Joseph Walker
Councilman Jefferson Mayne
Town Clerk Sherry Perretta
Highway Supt. Robert Piersma ABSENT
Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: approximately 15 guests

Supervisor Salka, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Planning

- Final approval on Walker subdivision
- Preliminary approved – final pending on Benjamin subdivision
- Preliminary pending for Endless Trails subdivision
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014.

Town Clerk

- Town Clerk Perretta presented the Town Clerk monthly report for December with total disbursement of \$100,407.00.
- Assessor's monthly report provided to board.
- \$195,000 in tax revenue collected to date.
- Foreclosure notice received on Sutton property.

Supervisor

- Madison County is continuing in their venture to establish the ability to provide municipal power.
- Supervisor Salka introduced Brynley Wilcox, the Town's bookkeeper.

Highway Superintendent

- The highway department is in need of a new broom.
- The mower only (not tractor) needs to be assessed for repair/replacement.
- An estimate has been obtained to insulate the ceiling at the Town Barn at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00.
- Some lights are shorting out.

Buildings/Insurance

- Insurance package renewals paid in this meeting's bills.

Parks

- Councilman Head reported that the flag and light have been removed for the winter.
- Councilman Mayne reported that an water/ice jam has formed at the covered bridge. It is hoped that weather will warm enough to let it loose before any damage occurs.

Safety

- Junkyard inspections not yet completed.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Codes Enforcement

- No report.

Historian

- Poem shared on World War II.

Dog Control Officer

- No permanent appointment yet.

Finance

- Supervisor Salka gave a summary of the balance sheet.

Audit Committee

- Councilman Head reported that audits for 2013 had been completed on Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Supervisor. Audit reports provided to the Board.
- Supervisor Salka reported that Justice Audit for 2014 to be done by end of April.

Supervisor Salka read resignation from Marylou Rhodes from her position as Planning Board member and chairperson effective January 10, 2015.

RESOLUTION 28-2015

PLANNING BOARD RESIGNATION

On a motion by Abrams, seconded by Walker, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (5) Abrams, Walker, Head, Mayne, Salka
NAYS (0)

Resolved that the Board hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Marylou Rhodes as Planning member and chairperson.

**RESOLUTION 29-2015
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion by Head, seconded by Abrams, the following resolution was

ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES (5) Abrams, Walker, Head, Mayne, Salka
NAYS (0)

Resolved that the Supervisor's bills be paid on Abstract #1 in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 1 - 14	\$ 30,838.69
Highway Fund	No. 1 - 24	\$ 36,816.37

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- K. Nowak – Questioned issue with delivery of tax bills and PO Box. Tax Collector to update mailing addresses to include PO Box. Also, question on foreclosure notice for Sutton property.
- L. Krauss – Comments on Rules of Decorum and his dissatisfaction with same. Also, comments regarding a recent health study on the dangers of fracking.
- T. Krauss – comments on fracking and desire for a ban. Letter of interest submitted for membership on the Board of Ethics committee. Comments to Board regarding conflict of interest in making a decision regarding drilling.
- K. Beehm – excited about the solar energy project.

With no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Abrams and seconded by Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Carried unanimously.