

**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 12, 2018**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb,  
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Alice Green, Cl Linda Lavine

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk  
Rick Young, Highway/DPW Superintendent

Other Town Staff: Ray Burger, Planning Director

Supv Leifer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #104 (2018) – APPROVE ABSTRACT #7**

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves Abstract #7, as audited, general vouchers #455 through #530 (\$862,202.13) and TA vouchers #15 and #16 (\$3,330.42), totaling \$865,532.55.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Servoss

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Absent
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**Resolution from Mothers Out Front re air emissions** – The time for comment on this matter has been extended to August 10. In preparation for a vote next week, board members can send any suggestions for changes to the proposed resolution to Cl Green.

**Trinitas Project Update** – Ray Burger explained the sketch plan has been submitted and a sketch plan conference will be held next week. A resolution was received from the Planning Board asking that they have an opportunity to comment on the project and they will meet the following Thursday. It is then a matter of when to schedule public hearing. The applicant has public input to date and public comment will continue. The applicant may not be able to turn around a revised sketch plan in time for the August meeting. The first action of board after a final site plan is received would be the SEQR process and the board would then move to full site plan review and special use permit. The board determined it would hold the sketch plan next week, the Planning Board would review it at their next meeting, and the sketch plan conference would remain open through the August town board meeting. At that meeting the board will determine whether to start SEQR review in September.

**RESOLUTION #105 (2018) – REQUEST PLANNING BOARD REVIEW - TRINITAS**

Cl Green offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby requests that the Planning Board review the project proposed by Trinitas on Dryden Road in the hamlet of Varna and provide comments to the Town Board.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Lamb

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Absent
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**Purpose & Need Statement for Freese Road** – Cl Servoss reported that she has told DOT that the statement they suggested is the one that the town will use. There was discussion about the Section 106 review and what the next steps are. A sixth alternative (the twinning option) was added to five alternatives already identified. Cl Servoss will get clarification on next steps.

**Revolving Loan Fund Update** – Cl Lamb reported that the working group met on June 26 with a consultant (Rich Cunningham of Thoma Development) to provide guidance. The working group consists of Tony Salerno, Ethan Ash, Talia Watson and Robert Porteus. Cl Lamb has drafted a guideline document that is being reviewed by the group. They will meet again on Monday to discuss setting loan rates, term, size and what kind of business is qualified. They are looking to do small business loans within the town boundaries that will create jobs. There are HUD rules to deal with. There are a lot of ways to defederalize the money so you don't have to report to HUD each year. There is \$220,000 to work with and they are hoping to get the first loans advertised in early fall. They are looking for one more person with small business experience for the group.

**Music in Montgomery Park** – Dryden Lake Festival is not happening this year. Supv Leifer said they are trying to come up with something to be held in Montgomery Park in September. They are planning to have music, some food trucks, and a corn hole tournament. Cl Servoss said she is hoping for donations of pumpkins from farmers for decorating.

**Springhouse Road Speed reduction** – The board reviewed history of requests to the State for speed reduction. Truck traffic is a recent complaint.

**Website** – This is on hold for the moment while we deal with the migration to the cloud. Department heads did meet and identified some items that needed work but agreed that overall the website's organization is not bad. We would like a function that would collect email addresses for the purpose of sending out notifications and press releases. There was some discussion of hiring someone part time to work on the website.

**July 19, 2018, agenda items:**

- Sketch Plan Review – Veterinary office on Hanshaw Road; schedule public hearing for next month.
- Sketch Plan Review – Trinitas project on Dryden Road.
- Purchase of Development Rights – Jerry Dell Farms would like to apply for a PDR for additional property and is looking for an endorsement from the town. They are not looking for any monetary contribution from the town. R Burger will draft a resolution.
- Apple Orchard PRV – Town Attorney is still working on this. There is a question about money that may have been paid by Dryden some years back.

- 802 Dryden Road – Town Attorney is drafting agreement regarding the water infrastructure.
- Resolution to move funds from the equipment reserve – R Young would like to purchase a chassis for a Western Star 10-wheeler for \$130,000. \$100,000 would come from equipment reserve for purchase of chassis and the balance from funds budgeted.

### **Other Discussion Items**

R Young spoke to the board about rail trail purchasing. He is concerned because some purchases were made without prior approval from the Supervisor or R Young. Drilling was done and R Young was notified after it was done and then billed for it. On July 2 benches were purchased and then a receipt presented for reimbursement. The rail trail is adding a significant amount of work for him, C Clauson and the highway secretary and is in addition to bridge related work. We don't need people making purchases without permission. Key people in the trail project were told at a meeting that all purchases needed to be approved by R Young.

R Young said he is concerned that there won't be grant money if all the easements are not obtained. A lot of money is being spent in advance of receiving the grant funds. Cl Lamb and Cl Green reported there will be grant funds to pay for the benches.

Cl Green appreciates the work done by the highway department and said the RTTF wants to do things right. Easement negotiations are very delicate. There was a discussion of the trail crossing at George Road. A speed limit reduction has been requested from NYS DOT. Options for marking the rail trail crossing were discussed.

R Young reported that video cameras have been installed at all highway department buildings. Recently panels were taken off a Village building and they were robbed of \$8,000 worth of tools. The cameras are at all entrances and parking lots.

Yellow Barn Road Water – DPW will be installing a filtration system at the tank within the next few weeks. That should take care of all the problems with discolored water.

The Emergency Services Committee has not received all reports for June and/or updated membership lists needed for distribution of the foreign fire insurance money. Etna and Freeville have not yet submitted their information.

Cayuga Power Station – Joe Wilson said one of the proposals is to convert one of the two turbines from coal to gas and bring that gas in by truck. He understands the permit request projects a need for a gas pipeline. He will pass along a proposed resolution when one becomes available.

The Conservation Board would like a charge from Town Board. The Town Board has already asked them to review the comp plan. The town's wind energy siting law only allows for residential purposes. The board agreed that the Conservation Board, as well as the Planning Board and Ag Committee, review that and provide recommendations for expanded uses.

There will be a resolution next week to endorse an application for a TAP grant by the Rail Trail Task Force. There would be a 20% match by the town and they have just learned that the State Parks funding could be used as a match as well.

The recreation impact fee suggested by Supv Leifer was briefly discussed. It was suggested that the Planning Board weigh in on that. Supv Leifer explained that it would likely be imposed on multi-family dwellings, not single-family homes, and would help fund the Recreation Reserve Fund.

The application to the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA) has been submitted and received for a fall project to do the town's compensation study.

The public information for the South George Road bridge project will be held July 24, 2018, at 6:00 at the Dryden Community Café. It will be open house style and the town's consultant will be present.

Jim Skaley noted that in the last week there have been two instances of young children almost being hit by vehicles in Varna. The radar/speed signs may be useful there.

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery  
Town Clerk