

**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 12, 2020  
Via Zoom**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb, Cl James Skaley,  
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Loren Sparling

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

Other Town Staff: Amanda Anderson, Bookkeeper  
Ray Burger, Planning Director

Supv Leifer opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #135 (2020) – APPROVE ABSTRACT #12**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves Abstract #12, as audited, general vouchers #805 through #895 (\$973,398.69) and TA vouchers #43 through #46 (\$817.74), totaling \$974,216.43.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Skaley

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

The Planning Department has requested two budget modifications. One is to cover materials required for new code implementation and one in order to accelerate work on the Comp Plan update from 2021 to 2020.

**RESOLUTION #136 (2020) – APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the following budget modification:

From		To		
B3620.405	Car maintenance	B3620.401	Code enforcement contractual	500.00
A8790.402	Fall Creek Aquifer study	A8020.458	Comp Plan Update	13,500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Skaley

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

### **Covid-19 Guidelines for Town Employees**

After the HR Director received many inquiries about what to do in different situations with respect to Covid-19, guidelines were drafted. The board discussed the draft and will bring a final copy for discussion next week.

### **Vacation Policy Amendment**

The vacation accrual policy was changed in February 2019 so that monthly vacation accrual was changed to an annual accrual. The change also meant that new employees did not receive any sort of vacation leave before their first anniversary. K Servoss said we have a few new employees who have been working hard and need a break. She and A Anderson discussed how to keep the annual accrual and still allow new employees to receive some sort of vacation leave at their six-month anniversary (it is retroactive to January 1, 2020). The board discussed the proposed amendment and agrees that it makes sense. This will be on the agenda for adoption next week.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

**PLC-Tompkins 70** – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has notified the town that it intends to purchase a parcel of land (4.95 acres) adjacent to Hammond Hill State Forest. The town has 90 days to respond should there be any concerns. The board agrees that there is a public benefit in the addition of this parcel to the state forest lands and sees no reason to object.

**Short Term Rental Law** – This was introduced last month and includes a registration requirement. A public hearing will be held next week. The board discussed comments received to date on the proposed law. A resident who lives between short-term rental units is particularly concerned with parties on the premises.

J Skaley would like applicants to know that violations of the law may result in revocation of the privilege to have the short-term rental. The zoning law provides for a fine, but revocation could be considered and may or may not need to be part of the actual law. There will be an explanation of the law and process on the town's website.

**Noise Ordinance Discussion** – The town attorney has provided draft ordinances as well as examples of what other municipalities currently do. The board discussed the matter.

- Should there be a decibel level limit?
- Most noise ordinances are directed at parties.
- It should be broad enough so as to not encourage neighbor disputes.
- Perhaps there should be a time limits defined.
- It may be more important in a denser neighborhood.
- Using the term “unreasonable” leaves it to the discretion of law enforcement or a judge.

**Rec Department Software Purchase** – Andrew Pierce would like to change the department's software from RecPro to Rec Desk. He has presented the annual cost for each for the board's review. RecPro is \$3,775.00 and RecDesk is \$3,480.00. The Recreation and Youth Commission supports this change.

**RESOLUTION #137 (2020) – APPROVE PURCHASE OF RECDESK**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the change from RecPro to RecDesk and authorizes the payment of \$3,480 to RecDesk.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Sparling

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**Recreation Impact Fees** - Supv Leifer said the Planning Board was asked at the end of 2019 to weigh in on a recreation impact fee for development. The DRYC would also support the board passing something like this. He talked about this previously as a way of helping to replenish the rec reserve fund. It could be charged as a certain amount per bedroom or unit on new construction. Cl Sparling said this has come up again because some Planning Board members reached out to the DRYC through him to consider this. The Conservation Board has been approached also. Cl Lamb said there is case law on this, and he isn't convinced we can do it. Supv Leifer would like a way to address future recreation needs. Cl Lamb thinks a certain amount of our annual budget should be directed to the rec reserve fund. He isn't sure that raising the price of new housing is the way to do it. The board will discuss this again in the future.

**UAW Contract for Bolton Point (SJC)** – Supv Leifer has shared with board members information on the new collective bargaining agreement for employees at Bolton Point. It has been approved by the Commission. The documents are available on the website.

**Resolution #138 (2020) - Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Auto Workers for Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission's Employees for 2021-2023**

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

Whereas, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission, in good faith, entered into contract negotiations with the United Auto Workers union for a renewed collective bargaining agreement for the contract that expired on December 31, 2020: and

Whereas, on October 28, 2020, the Commission's negotiating team reached tentative agreement with the union's negotiating team; and

Whereas, on November 2, 2020, the employees in the union bargaining unit ratified the tentative contract; and

Whereas, the Commission reviewed and approved the tentative contract at the November 5, 2020, Commission meeting; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden has reviewed the tentative agreement and determined it to be acceptable as required by the contract and the Public Employees Relation Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden does hereby approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Commission and UAW unit; and, be it further

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden authorizes the Commission's negotiating team to sign said contract as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Sparling

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sparling	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Skaley	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Next week's agenda will include public hearings for the short-term rental law and site plan review for an additional storage building at 1400 Dryden Road.

R Young said the PRV on Dryden Road needs repair or replacement. He would like to replace rather than repair it and has TG Miller preparing an estimate for each. Staff from Bolton Point are unsure how long a repair would last. It could be a real problem there if it froze. He invited board members to set up a time to look at the condition of the valve. The town committed to a certain amount of work in the agreement where it was taken over by the town. He would like to do it the right way.

Also on next week's agenda: EMS Resolution, Rail Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Route 13 design choice, Game Farm Road trail section long-term lease update, and a presentation on use of the property behind the town hall.

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery  
Town Clerk