

The Town of Crown Point held a Public Hearing and a Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday February 16, 2023

Members present: Supervisor Charles Harrington, Councilperson John Wayman, Councilperson Walter Worth, Councilperson Tara Peters, Councilperson Sherlene Barrows

Others present: Greg Swart AES, Tom Peterson Town Attorney, Richard King, Francis Cook, Bruce Burns Highway Superintendent, Mike Bennett, Cody Wayman Youth Commission Coordinator, Roxanne Burns

Supervisor turned the floor over to Greg Swart of AES aye 5:30 PM for a progress report on Wastewater Project, The plans for upgrades on the pump stations and the UV have been approved for phase1. The DEC and EFC approval. Financing will be available in the next round. An estimated cost of 4.5 million the grant total would be 2.7 million. AES would like to setup bids to be available for springtime bids. Purchasing equipment could take place in the summer. A financing review with EFC will take place at each phase. this will align Crown Point up for the next set of grant funding. The debt cost of \$270.00 plus additional of operation and maintenance. We should go out to bid by March and should tentatively complete by fall 2024.

Supervisor called Public Hearing to order at 5:45 PM. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider proposed Local Law regarding reduction of taxes for Firefighters and EMT's. Participants must have been in the programs for at least 2 years. If they rent or live with their parents they will not qualify. Members have to attend 25% of all calls. The Town Board would have to sign off after a report from the Fire Chief recommendation. The Assessor has to have a report every year before March 1st for qualification. The law would take effect in 2024.

Another Public Hearing will be required.

Supervisor adjourned Public Hearing at 5:58 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

C. Barrows made the motion to accept and place on file the Minutes of December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023 and January 31, 2022. C. Worth second. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications

Letter to Richard King

Notice to bidders Richard King Property

Municipal Expenditure of Essex County Occupancy Tax Revenue.

C. Worth made the motion to accept and place on file all Communications. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

Order of Business

C. Worth made a motion to advertise for bid for Wastewater project consisting of pump station rehabilitation and installation of a UV disinfection system. C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Worth made the motion to schedule another Public Hearing regarding Local Law regarding reduction of taxes for Fire fighters and EMT'S. C. Peters second.

Roll call Vote:

Councilperson Walter Worth Aye

Councilperson Tara Peters Aye

Councilperson John Wayman Aye

Councilperson Sherlene Barrows Aye

Supervisor Charles Harrington Nay

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Youth Commission Coordinator Cody Wayman informed the Board that an inventory equipment has been completed and all equipment is now at the Miller Building. The next meeting will be at 6:00 Tuesday March 21st.

Highway

The new truck is being built in NY at this time. This year the new truck will not be used unless emergency. Several complaints have been issued from the Crown Point Central Schoolbus Drivers. Bruce is trying to make accommodations. Employee Christian Mullenax was injured cutting a zip tie. He is off on compensation and will have to have physical therapy. He was injured while still on probation when he returns his probation will start again. Highway Superintendent has located a new used grader for \$30,000.00 it has 1,090 hours on it our Highway uses approximately 100 hours a year on a grader. It needs paint and tires. Would like to request another \$30,000.00 from the Board. Board suggests using monies from his Highway Budget and if determined later if he is in need of monies come back to the Board.

Kevin Gadway has received quotes on Generator for Highway.

Animal Control

There has been an incident on Buck Mountain with goats traveling onto neighbor's property. A fence has now been put up.

Seniors

Having monthly meetings and outings.

Parks

Discussion on possible upgrades to Veteran's Park.

Library

There has been cars in the parking lot showing they are open.

Water/Wastewater

We received the upgrade report from Greg Swart tonight.

There was an event at the Beeman residence on Station Street that Gary and Geraw's worked to repair and everything is up and running problem has been rectified. Gary feels the DEC would be negative on allowing the Beeman residence not to be in the Wastewater District.

Code Enforcement

Colin has addressed property at the intersection of Pearl Street and Creek Road. Has reviewed structure on 9n&22.

Property owners are working with him and Building Permits are being issued.

Supervisor and Town Clerk Report

C. Worth made the motion to accept and place on file. C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

C. Worth made the motion praising C. Peters on her auditing the court records for 2022. C. Barrows second. All aye. Motion carried.

C. Peters would like to go out for bids on position of campground manager for 2023. C. Barrows second. S. Harrington opposed. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Minutes

C. Worth made the motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

C. Peters presented to Supervisor for payments:

General Fund \$ 33,594.74

Highway Fund \$ 54,635.40

Water \$ 6,046.59

Sewer \$ 5,832.33

T&A \$ 100,503.94

C. Wayman second. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion with Richard King on the condition of his Lake Road Properties.

The Supreme Court ordered Mr. King 2 years ago to clean up his properties to date no action has been taken. The Town of Crown Point is under order to cleanup property if the owner does not. We have advertised for bids with bids to be in by February 28, 2023. Supervisor has had a discussion options to move forward to clean ourselves. We would have to hire and pay very high wages. The homeowner could do himself come up with a new plan. Suggestion of moving forward with the bid process if the cleanup has been started when bids come in will be less taken on Mr. King has started. Bids will be opened at the March Town Board meeting. If Mr. King provides the Board with written contract bids will not be opened. Price would be much less if entered into by himself. Not moving from one place to another debris should be gone. Would like to have complete by the end of April. Supervisor and Mr. King have had a discussion on helping Mr. King to improve his self and health. A personnel plan for property and self could be setup.

Mr. King is still working within his means. He feels he would be throwing perfectly good stuff away.

Code Enforcement Officer has the right to go onto the property.

Adjournment

C. Worth made the motion to adjourn C. Peters second. All aye. Motion carried.

Time

7:19 PM

Attest to:

Linda L. Woods Town Clerk