

Business Meeting, Town of Monroe, Town Board, March 15, 2010

A business meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Monroe, County of Orange and the State of New York was held at the Monroe Senior Center 101 Mine Road, Monroe, New York on the 15th day of March 2010.

Present: Sandy Leonard	Supervisor
Harley Doles	Acting Supervisor
James Rogers	Councilman
Gerrad McQuade	Councilman
Rick Colon	Councilman
Langdon Chapman	Town Attorney
Mary Ellen F. Beams	Town Clerk

Clean Lakes Presentation

Rebecca Withers from Clean Lakes spoke to the Town Board about Round Lake and the chemical treatment plan..

Jay Westerfelt spoke his concerns about the chemical treatment of the lake.

Gary Abrigani stated that this is a slow process but is right on target for this kind of approach.

Jake Enwright stated that he does not agree with the treatments he feels they are ineffective.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Leonard called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

Open the Public Hearing for Local law I-3 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade

Nays 0

Approval to open the public hearing for Local law I-3 of 2010

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Open the Public Hearing for Local law I-4 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Approval to open the public hearing for Local law I-4 of 2010

Public Comment: Ward Brower stated that he would like to see the membership years not exceed a 5 year term.

Attorney Chapman stated that the term of seven years is law.

Open the Public Hearing for Local Law I-5 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Approval to open the public hearing for Local law I-5 of 2010

Public Comment: Paulette Brown stated that she supports the expansion of the boards.

The Board has left the public comment open for Local laws I-3,4,5.

Approval of Minutes March 1, 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Approval of Minutes March 1, 2010

Upcoming Meeting Dates & General Announcements.

4/5/09	Town Board Meeting	Senior Center	7:30 P.M.
4/19/09	Town Board Meeting	Senior Center	7:30 P.M.

Operation Clean Sweep is on April 24, 2010 meet at Sacred Heart Church on Still Rd at 8:00am to register.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

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to pay the following Audit of Claims on Abstract No. 1,2,3,4

Abstract No. 1 Check No's 6943-6993 \$133,075.72

Abstract No. 2 Check No. 6994 \$1980.00

Abstract No. 3 Check No's 6995-7036 \$543,159.44

Abstract No. 4 Check No's 7037-7059 \$15,860.54

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS

TOWN ENGINEER: Monthly report submitted.

AMBULANCE: No monthly report submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Report submitted.

ASSESSOR: No monthly report submitted.

BOOKKEEPER: Monthly report submitted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Monthly report submitted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: No Monthly report submitted.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: No monthly report submitted.

COURTS: Monthly report submitted.

DIAL - A – BUS: Monthly report submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Monthly report submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (WATER) Monthly report submitted.

SENIOR CENTER: Monthly report submitted.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Monthly report submitted

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR: Monthly reports submitted.

Tax Collector Beams stated that the Tax Office at 11 Stage Rd will be opened late up to 7:30pm on the last day of tax season Wednesday March 31, 2010.

MOODNA: No monthly report submitted.

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PARK UPDATE: Councilman Rogers gave an update on the 2010 fertilization program and field usage.
Councilman Doles stated that he has 10 copies of the topo map of the park.

OLD BUSINESS

Round Island Lake – Open Development Area Presentation.

James Sweeney spoke to the Town Board about creating an open area development for Round Island lake and informed the Board that such areas have been created in Warwick and Chester.

A representative from Pietrzak & Pfau spoke to the Town Board about various details in the plans single family home, individual well and septic helicopter pad driveway access and light boardwalk for access to the island.

Councilman Doles read a letter submitted by Monroe Lakeside Fire and Rescue Company, Inc Chief Thomas Carton, this letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Sorrentino Open Development Area Island- Round Island Lake

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval to refer this request to the Town of Monroe Planning Board for its advice.

Public Comment: Kathy Purdy, President of the Round Lake park Homeowners' association spoke to the Board about the communities concerns; her concerns have been submitted in writing and are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Michael Gleason from the Crossman Ave Homeowners Association spoke to the Board about their associations concerns on this issue.

Jon Huberth a homeowner on Round Lake since 1977 spoke to the Town Board about his concerns on this issue. His concerns have been submitted in writing and are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Susan Pendergast resident of Monroe spoke her concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Tom Ciazza, Lake Manor Homeowners Association spoke of his concerns to the board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Ward Brower asked is it mandated that this get passed to the Planning Board.

Doug Morrow spoke his concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Craig Tucker spoke his concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

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Jake Enwright spoke his concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Andy Lawrence spoke his concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Ms. Decker spoke her concerns on this issue to the Board on the Round Island Lake issue.

Tracy Schuh asked about the guidelines for the Ethics Board.

Adopt SEQRA Regulations, Declare the Town Board Lead Agent and Declare a Negative Declaration for Local Law I-3 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Colon

Nays 0

Adoption of SEQRA regulations and declare the Town Board the lead Agent and declare a negative declaration.

Adopt SEQRA Regulations, Declare the Town Board Lead Agent and Declare a Negative Declaration for Local Law I-4 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, McQuade, Leonard, Rogers, Colon

Nays 0

Adoption of SEQRA regulations and declare the Town Board the lead Agent and declare a negative declaration for Local law I-4 of 2010.

Adopt of Local Law 3 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade

Nays 0

Adoption of Local Law 3 of 2010 “Increasing the Number of Planning Members to 7”.

Adoption of Local Law 4 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Colon, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Colon, Doles, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade

Nays 0

Adoption of Local Law 4 of 2010 “Enacting the Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Members Act”.

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Adoption of Local Law 5 of 2010

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Adoption of Local Law 5 of 2010 “Increasing the Number of the Town Board of Ethics.

Request for Water- Quick Check

Jeff Martell representing Quick Chek and the Town Board held a discussion on the replacement of water lines

The Board asked Quick Chek to come back to the next meeting with a more defined plan and estimated cost which will be subject to Superintendent of Highways and the Town Attorney.

Mombasha Park- Fertilization Contract & Field Repair

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval for the 2010 fertilization program \$374.00 per application for playing fields and \$195.00 per application for common areas.

Supervisor Leonard stated that the next town board meeting will start at 6:30pm to meet with the Village of Harriman board and at 6:15 we will interview Mr. Edmund Gibbs for the prosecuting attorney for the courts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Firework Display Contribution Request

Set over until next meeting.

Requests to attend Land Use and Planning Courses

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0**

Approval for Charles Finnerty, Pat Cappola, Dennis McWaters, Tyler Etzel from the planning Board and Jerome O’Connell from the ZBA to attend a land Use and planning Course in Goshen on April 4,13,20,27 and May 4, & 18th .at the cost of \$20.00 per person which includes all dates.

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John McCarey spoke to the Town Board about the upcoming assessor's department project, this will be a 2 year process that is fair and equitable assessment and every parcel will be checked. The County will be sending two people for 8 hours a week and the Village of Kiryas Joel will have two people on staff.

Assistant Assessor Position

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval to create the position of full time assistant assessor position at \$50,000.00 per year.

Field Data Collectors

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval to create the position of part-time 20 hours per week lead data collector and field data collector positions at \$20,000.00 per year position. Lead data collector to be paid \$1.00 per hour more than the field data collector.

Assessor's Position

On a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Rogers, Doles, Leonard, McQuade, Doles
Nays 0**

That Stephen Ruelke is hereby appointed Assessor for the Town of Monroe on a part-time basis not to exceed 20 hours per week at a salary of \$35,000 per calendar year. Such appointment shall be on a probationary appointment for a period of 52 weeks and if reappointed thereafter for the balance of the unexpired term of the assessor, Dorothy Post.

Contract with Orange County Real Property Service Assessor's Dept.

Project

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval for Supervisor Leonard to sign the agreement with the Orange County Real Property Service Assessor's Dept. Project

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Purchase of Computers for Assessor's Dept.

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Doles the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Doles, Leonard, Rogers, Colon
Nays 0

Approval to purchase 3 computers for the assessor's dept to come out of the data line in the assessor's budget.

Executive Session/Attorney Client

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0

To adjourn into Executive Session for discussion personnel issues Building Dept./Attorney Client to discuss the O'Neill Mine property.

Return to Town Board Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Rogers, Leonard, Doles, Colon
Nays 0

Approval to Return into Town Board Regular Session.

Floor Load Analysis for the John DeAngelis Hall

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, Doles
Nays 0

Motion to authorize McGoey, Hauser and Edsall to conduct a floor load analysis for the John DeAngelis Hall for a fee not to exceed \$1,000.00

Retain the Services of a Certified Biologist to Delineate the Wetlands in the Area of Grading at the O'Neil Mine Site

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, McQuade
Nays 0

Motion to authorize McGoey, Hauser and Edsall to retain the services of a certified biologist to delineate the wetlands in the area of grading at the O'Neil Mine site for a fee between \$500-\$700.

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Water Permit for the Drinking Fountain at Mombasha Park

On a motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Colon the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 McQuade, Colon, Leonard, Rogers, Doles
Nays 0**

Motion to authorize McGoey, Houser and Edsall to obtain a water permit for the drinking fountain at Mombasha Park at the hourly rate of \$80.

Assessor's Dept. Clerk Salary Increase

On a motion by Councilman Doles, seconded by Councilman Rogers the following was

**Adopted Ayes 5 Doles, Rogers, Leonard, McQuade, Colon
Nays 0**

Approval to raise the salary of the Assessor's Clerk April Mc Donald from \$39,631.54 to \$43,000.00.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Doles the meeting was adjourned carried unanimously.

Mary Ellen F. Beams, Town Clerk