

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2 of 2017 (revisions to Zoning Law)
&
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OF
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a meeting on Tue. December 5, 2017 at Westerlo Town Hall, 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY. Supervisor Rapp opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp
Councilman William F. Bichteman Jr.
Councilwoman Amie L. Burnside
Councilman Joseph J. Boone

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Anthony W. Sherman

Also attending were: Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Edwin H. Lawson, Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander, Planning Board Chairwoman Dorothy Verch, Zoning Board of Appeals Member John Sefcik, Museum Director Mary-Jane Araldi, Town Historian Dennis Fancher, Clerk to the Assessor Claire Marshall, Clerk to the Supervisor Patricia Boice, Deputy Town Clerk II Karla Weaver, Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato and approximately 17 residents.

PUBLIC HEARING-LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2017, PROPOSED REVISIONS OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1989 (ZONING LAW)

Councilman Bichteman read the following changes to Section 9.20, Application:

- In the first sentence, strike the words Planning Board Chairman and replace with Zoning Administrator
- In the third sentence, strike as required by the planning board and
- Strike the second paragraph, The Chairman of the Planning Board may, in his or her sole discretion, waive any of the information or requirements hereinafter set forth for a completed application where the circumstances in his or her judgment warrant such waiver and the Chairman obtains the concurrence of two other members of the Planning Board.

Councilman Bichteman read the following changes to Section 10.30, Application for Special Use:

- In the first sentence, strike the words Planning Board Chairman and replace with Zoning Administrator
- Strike the fourth sentence, The Chairman of the Planning Board may in his or her discretion waive any of the information or requirements hereinafter set forth for a completed application wherein the Chairman's judgment of the circumstances warrant such waiver and he obtains the concurrence of at least two (2) other members of the Planning Board.

Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Edwin Lawson requested the following change be made in both section 9.20 and 10.30:

-In the second sentence of both sections, strike Three (3) and replace with Nine (9)

It was suggested by ZBA member John Sefcik to change section 18.50 in the Solar Law to make all solar farms have a 100' setback not 50'. Ed Lawson further explained then Councilman Bichteman announced the following change to section 18.50, Commercial Solar Energy Systems:

-In paragraph 2C, strike except for Community Solar Farms, which shall be installed at least 50' from any lot line

-In paragraph 2G, strike except Community Solar Farms, which buildings and accessory structures shall be 50' from any lot line

There being no further questions from the public, Councilman Bichteman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, motion carried by those present. The public hearing closed at 7:08pm.

TOWN BOARD MEETING OPENED 7:08 PM.

MINUTES

Councilman Boone made a motion to accept the Town Board minutes of November 8, 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, motion carried by those present.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for the month of October as submitted. Councilman Bichteman seconded, motion carried by those present.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report for November as submitted. Councilman Bichteman seconded, motion carried by those present.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has audited the monthly bills, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the following bills be paid

Voucher # 617 through Voucher # 668 in the amount of \$31,026.49

Councilman Boone seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilwoman Burnside and
Councilman Bichteman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 48-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Virginia Mangold Chairwoman submitted to the Town Board the following report read by Councilman Boone:

ZBA REPORT of November 27. 2017 mtg to Westerlo Town Board

The Town of Westerlo Zoning Board of Appeals held their regular monthly meeting on November 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Following The Pledge of Allegiance the Board discussed the minutes of their

October meeting. With review, the Board held off approval of same until further review and considerations in the language. Chairperson acknowledged the minutes will require a few changes and will go over them for the next meeting.

Chairperson Mangold announced no new business and adjourned the meeting.

Virginia A. Mangold, Chairperson ZBA

Councilman Bichteman made a motion to approve the ZBA report of November 27, 2017, seconded by Councilman Boone, motion carried by those present.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Dorothy Verch Chairwoman submitted and read the following report:

PLANNING BOARD REPORT TO TOWN BOARD DECEMBER 5, 2017

THE PLANNING BOARD MET ON NOVEMBER 28 2017.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING FOR ID # 17-007 SUBDIVISION OF SHEPARD FARMS,LLC. RESULTS OF SITE VISIT WAS SHARED. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD INSUED. PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. FULL SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION. APPLICATION WAS APPROVED WITH A 4 TO 1 VOTE. APPROVED WITH RESTRICTIONS THAT THERE BE 3 SEPARATE DEEDS AND 3 SEPARATE TAX IDS.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING FOR COSTANZA SOLAR. NO ONE FROM CYPRUS CREEK WERE PRESENT. DISCLOSED PROGRESS TO DATE AND OUTLINED DEFECIENCES. ATTORNEY FOR ABUTTER OUTLINED OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION. WILL RESUME PUBLIC HEARING IN DECEMBER.

NEW SOLAR APPLICATIONS.

FIRST APPLICATION- SHEPARD FARMS,LLC SOLAR FARM. MR. DAVID ALBRECHT AND MR. MICHAEL DOUD OF BORREGO SOLAR PROVIDED AN INDEPTH OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT. A LENGTHY QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD TOOK PLACE. PART 1 OF FULL SEQRA WAS COMPLETED APPLICATION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED #17-008 ASSIGNED. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED DECEMBER 20TH.

SECOND APPLICATION- BERGMANN ARCHITECTS WERE PRESENT AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT. THE APPLICATION WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF MAJOR MISSING COMPONENTS. THEIR INTENTION WILL BE TO RETURN DECEMBER 20, 2017 WITH A MORE COMPLETE APPLICATION.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DOTTY

BROADBAND RESEARCH COMMITTEE (BRC)

Dorothy Verch submitted and read the following report:

BRC REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD DECEMBER 5, 2017

THE BRC COMMITTEE MET ON NOVEMBER 30 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIKE SIKULE, ERIC MARKSON, LEONARD LAUB, BOB WILCOX , DOTTY VERCH. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, NED STEVENS, ZONING BOARD MEMBER JOHN SEFCIK. SEVERAL INTERESTED RESIDENTS ATTENDED AS WELL.

GUEST SPEAKER, MR. JASON GUZZO OF HV WIRELESS.

JASON REVIEWED HV WIRELESS SERVICES AND THAT THEY HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SEVERAL WESTERLO CENSUS BLOCKS IN THEIR PHASE 3 BROADBAND BID. HE ANTICIPATES THE RESULTS BY THE END OF THE MONTH OR EARLY JANUARY. HE WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHICH CENSUS BLOCKS.

HE OUTLINED HOW HIS COMPANY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE MEANS OF SERVICE BUT MADE NO PROMISES OF COMPLETE COVERAGE DUE TO CHALLENGING GEOGRAPHY AND ISOLATED HOME SITES.

BOB WILCOX AND LEONARD LAUB SHARED THEIR SUCCESS WITH AN AT&T SOLUTION THAT WORKS WELL FOR THEM.

THE TASK OF PROVIDING COMPLETE BROADBAND COVERAGE IS A DAUNTING TASK, AND ALL TYPES OF SERVICES WILL BE INVESTIGATED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH COVERAGE AS PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE.

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING.

FIRST ITEM ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA WILL BE IDENTIFYING AND RECOUPING MIS-APPROPRIATED FRANCHISE MONIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DOTTY

Councilman Bichteman made a motion to accept both the Planning Board and BRC reports as read by Dotty, seconded by Supervisor Rapp, motion carried by those present.

Councilman Boone asked Dotty for clarification on how this plays into the recently established MHC. She clarified that it is an alternative to those who won't be served by MHC. Hudson Valley Wireless may be able to help in certain areas. Alternatives were briefly discussed.

It was mentioned that Tan Hollow, Hunt and Dunbar Hollow roads are included in the proposed franchise agreement.

MUSEUM BOARD REPORT

Mary Jane Snyder-Araldi Director of the Westerlo Heritage Museum submitted and read the following report:

Westerlo Heritage Museum Report to Town Board December 2017

We continue to meet once a month on the second Thurs of the month.

We are meeting as time allows to sort through museum items.

The Museum Committee is officially dissolved.

The reception was a huge success. Received many compliments! Thank you to all who helped and came and enjoyed the evening.

The museum will be open Sat. 1/13 from 9-11am with a display of antique Christmas ornaments, the history of the Christmas tree and the history of Christmas ornaments available.

The museum will also be open during the Feb firemen's' breakfast with displays of old sleds, skis and ice skates.

New Board member is Susan Cunningham.

The President of the Museum Board will be submitting another name to the board for appointment.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to accept the Museum Report as submitted, Councilman Boone seconded, motion carried by those present.

WATER BOARD REPORT

Councilman Bichteman gave a Water Board Report. Last month they replaced the roof on the circulation building at the transfer station building and placed new thermostats with all the heaters and replaced the defective heater in the chlorination building. The Town Board will have to consider candidates for the Water Board position of chairman as Councilman Bichteman has submitted his resignation effective 12/31/2017. He mentioned they have expended the money they were going to spend this year for repairs so it is unexpected that they will spend any more money with the water district. To serve on the Water Board, the Water Law states that they have to be a resident in the district, in good standing. It is an unpaid

position. They only meet twice a year and set the rates for the water district and determine maintenance and repairs. He made a recommendation to the Town Board that they consider William Slaver for the position of Water Board Chairman. George Hadden is the other member of the Water Board. Doug Story will continue to serve as the treatment operator of the water district and he will continue taking samples from Mr. Bichteman's business. Kelly Keefe of the Westerlo Vol Fire Co. requested that once that position is filled would the Town notify them who they need to contact when they need to use a hydrant, Councilman Bichteman responded yes and the automatic dialer will need to be reprogrammed for a new phone number.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to accept the Water Board Report, Councilwoman Burnside seconded, motion carried by those present.

OLD BUSINESS:

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 of 2017 revisions to the Zoning Law

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has held a public hearing on proposed revisions to the Zoning Law, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board agrees to the revisions to the Zoning Law as previously stated during the Public Hearing on 12/5/2017- Local Law No. 2 of 2017 shall implement these revisions

Councilman Boone seconded the motion a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilman Bichteman and Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 49-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

PROPOSED MID HUDSON FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilman Bichteman announced this has been delayed due to a miscommunication on his part. MHC provided and sent two copies, the blanks have to be filled in by the Town Attorney, and the Supervisor will then need to sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

Councilman Bichtman reported that there would not be a public hearing tonight on the proposed extension of water district no. 1. The Notice had been withdrawn from the newspaper. Per counsel a step had been missed. The Board needs to schedule a Public Hearing and adopt an Order to hold the Public Hearing on Expansion of the Water District.

Councilman Bichteman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board needs to reschedule a Public Hearing to discuss the Proposed Westerlo Water District No 1 – Extension, be it hereby

RESOLVED: a Public Hearing for the Westerlo Water District No. 1 Proposed Extension to include 560 State Route 143 be scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 PM the hearing shall be followed by a Special Town Board meeting for the purpose of review of short form SEQR and resolution adoption it would be followed by the regular Town Board Workshop meeting.

Supervisor Rapp seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Bichteman, Councilwoman Burnside and Councilman Boone

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 50-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

ORDER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON EXPANSION OF WATER DISTRICT

ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WESTERLO

TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON EXPANSION OF THE WESTERLO WATER DISTRICT #1 TO INCLUDE 560 SR 143, WESTERLO

WHEREAS, the Town of Westerlo formed the Westerlo Water District #1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Water District") in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the Water District, and the properties included therein, are illustrated on the map labeled, WESTERLO WATER DISTRICT NO. 1, DISTRIBUTION MAIN PLAN SHEET INDEX, DATE: NOVEMBER, 2005; and

WHEREAS, 560 SR 143, Westerlo (sbl 139.9-2-22) (hereinafter referred to as "560 SR 143") was not included in the Water District at the time of its initial formation; and

WHEREAS, 560 SR 143 is also shown on the WESTERLO WATER DISTRICT NO. 1, DISTRIBUTION MAIN PLAN SHEET INDEX, DATE: NOVEMBER, 2005 map; and

WHEREAS, 560 SR 143 is legally described as: *THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Westerlo, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:*

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly boundary of State Route #143, thence running easterly along the boundary of State Route #143, distant seventy-three (73) feet to an iron pipe; thence northerly along the western boundary of the New York Telephone property distant eighty (80) feet to an iron pipe; thence easterly along the boundary of the New York Telephone property, distant thirty-six (36) feet to an iron pipe on the property line of Clifford Hannay; thence two hundred seventy-one (271) feet distant, northerly along last mentioned boundary to an iron pipe; thence two hundred seventy-one (271) feet distant westerly along southern boundary line of Clifford Lockwood to an iron pipe; thence one hundred twelve (112) feet distant southerly along the eastern boundary of Fred Lord property to an iron pipe thence one hundred thirty-one (131) feet distant easterly to an iron pipe; thence three hundred twenty-one (321) feet distant southerly along the eastern boundary line of the Fred Lord and the Reformed Church properties to the point of beginning, being one and one-third acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the owner of 560 SR 143, Westerlo, to wit: Windy Hill Properties LLC, has applied to the Town of Westerlo for an extension of the Water District to include said property in the Water District; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to bear all administrative, legal and engineering costs associated with the cost of the extension; and

WHEREAS, the applicant shall also bear the contractor costs of connection to the Water District, as well as the standard connection fee of \$385; and

WHEREAS, there is no financing required for the requested extension; and

WHEREAS, the map depicting the existing Water District boundaries as well as the subject parcel is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Westerlo for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Water District to include the subject property will reduce the overall financial burden to the Water District Residents since an additional property will participate in the repayment of the bond debt and therefore reduce each property's pro rata share of the repayment; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the subject property will have no detriment to the existing Water District; now it is

SO ORDERED that the Town of Westerlo will hold a public hearing on January 16th, 2018 to discuss expanding the Water District to include 560 SR 143; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be published in the Altamont Enterprise at least once, no less than ten nor more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing, as required by law; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be posted on the sign-board of the Town not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be filed with the NYS Comptroller on or about the date of the publication of a copy of the Order.

Date: December 5, 2017

MOTION MADE: Councilman Bichteman

SECONDED BY: Supervisor Rapp

VOTE:

Richard Rapp	x aye	nay	
William Bichteman	x aye	nay	
Anthony Sherman	aye	nay	(absent) x
Amy Burnside	x aye	nay	
Joseph Boone	x aye	nay	

Kathleen J Spinnato Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 51-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

PROPOSED COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION – EXTENSION

Claire Marshall Clerk to the Assessor reported Gov. Andrew Cuomo had originally passed the Cold War Veterans Exemption for a 10 year period. The Legislature now wants to extend this exemption to qualifying owners irrespective of the ten year limitation. The Town will need to pass a resolution to amend Local Law # 1-2008, as amended by Local Law # 2 of 2011 in order to extend the exemption forever.

Supervisor Rapp then made a motion to adopt the following resolution

WHEREAS: The Town Board needs to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Cold War Veterans' Exemption Extension, be it hereby

RESOLVED: a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 also at 7 PM to discuss proposed Local Law No. 1 -2018 Cold War Veterans' extension beyond the 10 year limitation, the hearing shall be followed by a Special Town Board meeting for potential adoption of the Local Law, a Town Board Workshop will follow.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilman Boone and Councilman Bichteman

NAYS None.

RESOLUTION # 52-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPOINTMENT

Board of Assessment Review member Dawn Belarge's term expired on 9/30/2017.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: an appoint is needed for the Board of Assessment Review, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board reappoints Dawn Belarge to the BAR her term 10/1/2017 through 9/30/2022.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilman Boone and Councilman Bichteman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 53-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

MUSEUM BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

The Museum has made a recommendation to appoint a new Museum Board Trustee.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Museum President Alicia Malanga has made a recommendation for appointment to the Museum Board of Trustees, be it hereby

RESLOVED: the Town Board appoints Susan Cunningham to the position of Museum Board Trustee per President Malanga her term to be effective 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2022.

Councilman Bichteman seconded, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Bichteman, Councilman Boone and Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #54-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Supervisor Rapp announced the Town Board will appoint a Grant Administrator Dr. Nicole Ambrosio. Dr. Ambrosio introduced herself and she gave a biography of her employment in the field of education and her experience as a grant writer. Public discussion followed concerning advertisement for the position, if residency in the town was a requirement, how many were interviewed, their questions were answered by Councilman Bichteman and the Town Board. Councilman Bichteman reported the Grant Administrator salary is set at \$10,400 per yr. More public questions followed, Dr. Ambrosio responded to their inquiries. Councilman Boone suggested that Dr. Ambrosio reach out to County Legislature Chris Smith - 39th District as he

was instrumental to the Town receiving grant monies for the Summer Youth Recreation Program. The Town Clerk asked who had made the motion to appoint. Councilman Bichteman responded Supervisor Rapp made the motion to appoint Dr. Nicole Ambrosio Grant Administrator, Councilman Bichteman seconded and he indicated her appointment would be effective on 1/1/2018, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Bichteman, Councilman Boone and Councilwoman Burnside

Nays: None

RESOLUTION # 55-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

ACCOUNTING FIRM

Supervisor Rapp announced next is the accounting firm Marvin & Co. Councilman Bichteman reported that Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, himself, the Highway Superintendent, the Clerk to the Assessor and the Clerk to the Supervisor have each spoken with the accounting firm Marvin & Co. their offices are located in Queensbury and Latham. They have come out to look through the town's records and he had taken the budget to them to implement better definition to the budget, for a better understanding for all. He is personally satisfied that they are the best candidates. They come in at a price less than the previous accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci (PKHB), he thought approximately \$7,000 less. This company is \$20,000, it is a not to exceed amount, Marvin & Co. anticipate the price will be less as they go through the towns accounting system. They are willing to help the Town develop a better chart of accounts as far as spending goes. That is why I would second the motion to appoint them. The Town Clerk asked if this would include the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Court records audits with that quote at no extra fee, Councilman Bichteman responded yes. He also asked Marvin & Co. to prepare a letter for the Town Attorney to review which would be a transition letter discharging PKHB putting them on record and to insure a seamless transition so there is no unfinished work, it is in the Town Attorney's hands currently. Public question and comment followed.

Supervisor Rapp asked for a motion to appoint Marvin & Co as the Town's new accounting firm., Councilman Bichteman responded the Supervisor had already made the motion, Councilman Bichteman offered a second, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Bichteman, Councilman Boone, Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 56-2017 was thereby duly adopted.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INTERVIEWS

Supervisor Rapp announced there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Two applications have been received for the position. He asked the Town Board when they would like to hold interviews. Councilman Boone suggested Tuesday, December 19th either before or

after the Town Board Workshop with a decision and vote to follow at the January 2nd Town Board/ Organization meeting. When asked who the applicants were Councilman Boone responded Mr. James Gallogly and Ms. Pamela Schreiber. The Board was agreeable to both dates.

Redefinition of the Broadband Research Committee (BRC)

Councilman Bichteman advised this can be discussed at the next Town Board Workshop.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

A resident inquired when would the 2018 Adopted Budget be posted to the website. The Town Board agreed to make that update from Preliminary to Final Adopted Budget, the Town Clerk will submit it for posting.

A resident commented on reports, and would like to see written reports as well as oral reports for the Museum, Water Board and all Depts with copies available for the public. The Town Clerk advised the Museum Director reads her report at the meeting, she then submits it by email it is then copied and pasted into the Town Board minutes.

Very favorable comments followed on the venues Barn & Bistro owned by Frank and Regina Bryant and also on M& D Farms both are located on State Route 143 between the hamlets of Westerlo and Dormansville.

Councilman Boone made the public aware that Councilman Sherman was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a family emergency.

Comment was made that the renovations to the ladies restrooms at Town Hall have been completed, it turned out very nice. Renovations are currently underway for the former mens restrooms, which is being renovated to be ADA compliant and it will be flexible to accommodate either gender once renovations are completed. In the mean-time all must use the ladies room a lock is on the exterior door for privacy.

Comment was made regarding the gorgeous Christmas light display at the Hannay-Gruener home near the airport on County Route 412.

Planning Board member Edwin Stevens thanked Councilman Bichteman for his service to the community while serving the on the Town Board and for all the knowledge he has provided to him and the other boards on different subjects. A round of applause followed. Supervisor Rapp said he was going to say the same but Ned beat him to it.

Kelly Keefe announced that she and other members of the Westerlo Vol. Fire Co. sat down with Councilmen Bichteman and Boone last week to discuss ways in which the Fire Co. can work to

help the Town. Such as functions that Fire Co. has that they can invite the Town into and in turn they can be involved in things the Town may be doing as well. Councilman Boone announced he volunteered to be the liaison between the Fire Co. and the Town Board it was an avenue that needed to be explored to keep communications open.

The Town Clerk thanked Councilman Bichteman as well. She announced that the Board would have to keep in mind that he will be resigning from his position as FOIL Appeals Officer and that position will need to be filled.

Councilman Boone thanked Councilman Bichteman saying it was a pleasure for him to have the opportunity to know Bill and learn from him. He personally thanked Bill for the knowledge he has gained day in & out from serving with him on the Town Board.

There being no further public comment Councilman Bichteman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Boone seconded, motion carried by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spinnato
Town Clerk