

**Town of Westerlo Town Board
Workshop Meeting
of
Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Richard H. Rapp Municipal Building located at 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY 12193. Supervisor Kryzak opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 PM.

Attending were: Supervisor Matthew Kryzak
 Councilman Joshua Beers
 Councilwoman Amie L. Burnside
 Councilwoman Lorraine Pecylak
 Councilman Peter Mahan

Absent were: None

Also attending were: Town Attorney George McHugh, Highway Superintendent Jody Osterander, Planning Board Chairperson Beau Loendorf and Member Bill Hall, Museum Board President Palma Schloer, Town Clerk Karla Weaver and approximately two interested residents.

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to open the meeting. Councilman Beers seconded; all in favor motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WESTERLO LAND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS DATED JULY 5, 1977

Supervisor Kryzak read the proposed amendment to the Town of Westerlo Land Subdivision Regulations dated July 5, 1977. He was hoping that Mr. Pine and the Town Board and Planning Board would review for the August 16th Town Board meeting.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK DISCUSSION

Mr. Kryzak advised he is still waiting on the new draft of the employee handbook from Marshall and Sterling.

PROPOSED FIRE CO. NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Kryzak provided the Town Board with a map which shows the flood zone of the Town Hall parcel and drew a proposed line to show where the property would be subdivided. The Fire Co. could use the existing fire lane however it may need to be widened. It's proposed that the Fire Co. would give the Town the old Fire house and Hannay house in exchange for the parcel behind Town Hall. Supervisor Kryzak would like the Museum to take possession of the old Hannay house as it has historical purpose in the Town. He also advised that Dollar General was interested in buying the Fire house lot but there are other options as well. He would like the Town Board to authorize the Town Attorney to hire a surveyor and appraiser which will assess the value of both the Town's property and the Fire Co. property. Mr. McHugh mentioned that

in order to sell a piece of the Town's property, the parcel needs to be subdivided which is why it needs to be surveyed. Although the Town doesn't need to go before the Planning Board, Mr. McHugh suggested it as they will do a public hearing. Mr. McHugh will hire the surveyor so it will fall under attorney client privilege. Mr. McHugh believes the Town should do their due diligence and get an appraisal as well. He also advised that the Town is not subject to a permissive referendum to sell land. The Fire Co. will be subject to a permissive referendum to sell their properties which means they will need to pass a resolution, wait 30 days before they can transfer their properties to the Town. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town of Westerlo needs to hire a surveyor and appraiser for the potential sale between the Town and Fire Co., be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board authorize Attorney George McHugh to hire a surveyor and appraiser to move forward with the process of subdividing the properties and figuring out the sale between the Town and the Fire Dept.

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Kryzak, Councilwoman Pecylak, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilman Beers, Councilman Mahan

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 99 -2022 was thereby duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN PROSECUTOR TO HANDLE DOG CASES

Mr. McHugh proposed making an amendment to a town dog law which currently indicates that the Town Attorney should prosecute dog cases in court. Mr. Kryzak advised the law should read Town Prosecutor instead of Town Attorney. Attorney McHugh will draft an amendment to the law for the August 16th Town Board meeting and a Public Hearing will be scheduled at that time.

TENTATIVE 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR

Supervisor Kryzak provided a tentative 2023 budget calendar to the Town Board for their review.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA)

Mr. Kryzak mentioned that the Town has collected \$335,998.99 so far from ARPA. This money can only be used for capital outlay projects, infrastructure or grant matching funds. He indicated that when the Tonko grant comes through, the Town will owe the matching portion of 25%, equating to \$562,500. In the past he proposed applying the ARPA money to the Tonko grant leaving a balance of \$226,502 that the Town will need to come up with.

POTENTIAL WATER GRANTS

Mr. Kryzak mentioned that his office is working on potential water grants. One grant option would award up to 60% of net eligible project costs for projects that address emerging contaminants above the state determined maximum level with no cap on the total of award. He

indicated the Town doesn't really qualify based on the water levels. The other grant the Town should qualify for is for all other drinking water projects and will be awarded up to 60% of net project costs up to a maximum of \$5 million. This application is due by September 9th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – FLOOR PRIVILEGE

Planning Board Chairperson Loendorf asked if Mr. Kryzak ever heard back from the county regarding the speed limit on CR 405; he has not. He also expressed an interest for a sidewalk along CR 405 near SR 32.

Museum Board President Palma Schloer asked about the size of the Town Hall property; Mr. Kryzak responded it's just over 6 acres. Discussion ensued regarding the Fire and Hannay house properties.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With there being no further discussion, Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to close the workshop meeting. Councilman Beers seconded; motion carried by those present. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla J. Weaver
Town Clerk