



Town of Tusten Town Board Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Zoom ID: 890 1678 4280

May 10, 2022

6:30PM

PRESENT

Supervisor Bernard Johnson
Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger (zoom)
Councilman Alfred Smith
Councilman Bruce Gettel
Councilman McDonough
Councilman Triggs

OTHERS PRESENT

Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; Ken Klein, Attorney to the Town, Victoria Strumpfler(zoom); Deputy Town Clerk, Jocelyn Strumpfler; Deputy Town Clerk Two, approximately 13 members of the general Public and approximately 18 members of the general Public on Zoom

1 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call meeting to order

Supervisor Bernard Johnson Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1.2 Pledge of allegiance

Supervisor Bernard Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

1.3 Correspondence

From: Sean Harrington [mailto:fsean63@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:19 AM
To: Ed Jackson
Subject: Resignation

Ed

It has been an honor to serve on the Tusten Planning Board these last four years. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, I cannot continue to serve and hereby submit my resignation, effective immediately on this day, April 22, 2022.

Sincerely

Sean Harrington

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**Environmental
Facilities Corporation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor
MAUREEN A. COLEMAN
President and CEO

April 25, 2022

The Honorable Bernard Johnson
Supervisor
Town of Tusten
210 Bridge Street
PO Box 195
Barrowsburg, NY 12764

Re: Town of Tusten
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 18835
Narrowsburg Water System Improvement Project

Dear Supervisor Johnson:

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul, I am pleased to inform you that your community has been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant for the above referenced project.

Your WIIA grant has been awarded in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, based on information provided in your application, including total estimated eligible project costs. The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) will determine the actual amount of your grant when the project is complete and EFC confirms the final project costs. Your grant may be reduced if total project costs are less than anticipated or if your project receives grant from another source.

Please confirm your acceptance of the grant award and intent to proceed with this project by completing and signing the enclosed form and e-mailing it to nyswatergrants@efc.ny.gov no later than **May 13, 2022**. Without your confirmation, we may bypass your project and award these grant funds to another community.

As means of advancing this project, members of our EFC team will contact you to guide you through the program requirements and related processes, and to answer any of your questions. Your grant award will expire on September 30, 2023.

We appreciate your interest in the WIIA program. We look forward to working with you on your water quality improvement project.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Coleman
President & CEO

Enclosure

cc.: Town of Tusten, David Bunce, Operator of Record
Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., Dave Ohman, P.E., President

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1.4 Presentation

Dr Kathleen Bressler, Interim Supt. of Sullivan West gave a short presentation relating to the upcoming budget in the district.

1.5 Payment of Bills

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RESOLUTION # 76-2022

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Councilman Kevin McDonough, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the bills be paid as presented:

Fund Acct		Voucher #'s
General	\$42,183.79	394-403 Late Bills: 324, 325, 327, 328, 331A, 332, 336, 337
Highway	\$42,932.29	337A-352
Water	\$13,557.22	353-369 Late Bills: 331, 333
Sewer	\$17,045.53	371-389 Late Bills: 330, 334
Lighting dist.	\$433.05	Late Bills: 335
Escrow accts	\$7,421.25	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$123,573.13</u>	

2 **DIVISION REPORTS**

2.1 Highway - submitted by Donald Neiger, Highway Superintendent

Used 434.2 gal of diesel fuel 404.7 gal was for highway and 29.5 was non-highway use.

Used 249.3 gal of gas 31 was highway and 218.3 was non-highway use.

Patched holes on dirt and paved roads.

Removed trees in road way Brook Rd, Cohecton Turnpike, Blind Pond and Swamp Pond.

Cut trees for new street lights bank parking lot.

Worked on water conditions on several roads.

Repair trucks after storms and start to get them ready for summer work.

Out for slippery road conductions several times.

Repaired wash out on dirt roads and grade Lake Ridge, Hankins, Ten Mile River A Rd.

Mowed brush on right of ways.

Patched Bridge Lake Erie

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2.2 Water and Sewer

Narrowsburg Water & Sewer District
Monthly Report for April 2022

- The water and sewer department will be resuming the inspection of septic tanks and will be installing risers above the center and inlet lids that are more than 6" deep.
- Completed monthly drinking water and waste water sampling and reporting.
- Made adjustments to the chlorinator at the sewer plant, as needed, to maintain Federal and State standards on the effluent wastewater.
- Did water meter readings every Wednesday in the month of April and let homeowners and businesses know of possible leaks.
- Koberlein pumped out sludge from dosing tanks.
- Inspected residential pump stations. Found one with a broken fitting and made repairs.
- Responded to one after hours residential sewer pump station alarm.
- Started inspecting septic tanks, installed risers on one.
- Turned water on to six buildings and reinstalled four meters.
- Inspected water meters that have a 0-gallon reading every week and replaced bad radio heads as needed.
- Exercised generators.
- Flushed fire hydrants.
- Started marking out cleanouts on sewer mains with GPS.
- Replaced a broken/leaking meter base.

2.3 Building Dept/Code Enforcement

Town of Tusten Building Inspector's Report APRIL 2022 Monthly Report

Construction Inspections – 26	Demolition Permit – 1 Driveway Permit – 0
Fire & Safety Inspections – 0	Electrical – 3 Logging Permits – 0
Complaint/Violation Inspections – 0	Mechanical – 4
Certificate of Occupancy Issued – 0	Plumbing – 0 Pool – 1
Certificate of Compliance Issued – 8	Roof Replacement -9 Roof Structure - 0
Total New Permits Issued – 25	Septic Permits – Sidewalk - 0
New Homes – 0 Accessory Building/Garage – 2	Sign Permit – 0 Solar Permit – 0
Renovation/Alteration/Addition – 5	Well – 0 Flood Plain Permit - 0
Camping - 0	Expired Permit Renewals – 1
Chimney/Fuel – 0	Abstracts/Violation Search – 9
Acc Bldg Comm – 0 New Comm Const – 0	Dangerous and Unsafe Building – 0
Ren/Alt – Comm Const -	Complaints Received – 0
Deck – 0 Commercial Deck - 0	Complaints Closed – 0
	Violations Issued – 0 Violations

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Corrected – 0
Previous Violations

Closed/Corrected – 0 Stop Work –
0

Monies collected by this office from April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022 are \$6,327.00.

Respectfully,
Jim P Crowley, Building Inspector
JPC/js

2.4 Assessor

Assessor's monthly report for April 2022

During the month of April the Sullivan County Assessor's Association had their regular monthly meeting at The Robin Hood Diner in Livingston Manor.

Discussion of the roll preparation that most (but not all) had already completed and submitted was on everybody's mind. The beginning of April some final field work was completed and the calculation of values and entering of data on the property record cards and into the computer was completed. With some help from the Department of Taxation personnel all the computer updates were completed and the tax roll was submitted on a timely basis. This has resulted in a change in Town Taxable valuation to \$123,789,775 from \$122,311,758 or an increase of \$1,478,017. This is reflective of the increase in building of homes we have been experiencing. A few years back we were pressed to find an increase of \$500,000. This should help us to stay within a modest tax rate increase for this year.

2.5 Upper Delaware Council

The UDC conducted its monthly meeting on May 5, 2022

Presentation; American Shad by Don Hamilton, NPS. Also, there will be Festival of the Founding Fish sponsored by the Delaware Company, and its first event will be at Ft. Delaware in Narrowsburg. Saturday May 21st, 6:00 to 10:00P Ft. Delaware Saturday and Sunday, May through June, and more frequently during the summer. We may want to post their summer schedule on our Town's website.

Next month's presentation will be on the History of the Lenni Lenape.

UDC Committees:

Project Review Committee; Kerry Englehart reported her initial review of Tusten's new Zoning Law. Ben Johnson and Peter Manning attended via Zoom, and Peter addressed some of Kerry's and the Committee's concerns. My impression is that there is an ongoing dialogue between Peter, and Kerry, as different issues are addressed. The Committee did not make a Substantial Conformance decision at this time. Laurie reminded Ben and Peter about the due date for the TAG grant for this project.

The Committee approved the application for a Daycare Center at the Narrowsburg Union.

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Operations Committee: Discussion of UDC Funding continues at this Committee, and all but Shohola Township have signed on to our request for Federal and State Funding. UDC is grateful to Town of Tusten and all who have passed resolutions in support. By now, it's likely all Towns/Townships are on board.

WURM Committee: Wrap up of Litter sweep, there are kits still available at the UDC office for anyone who wants to get out there and pluck. Coupons for free drop off at Transfer Station may still be available till the end of May. Crystal, do we still have coupons?

NYDEC: Streams are now stocked with trout. Mike DeSarno is moving on, and there are two possibilities for replacement of Bill Rudge as a Representative to the UDC. Stay tuned.

National Park Service: They have filled the position of Cultural Resources Program director and are looking for housing for this person. They are working on water safety videos for the summer season.

UDC; There is a meeting of the Interstate Bridge Commission on May 25, The fate of the Milanville Skinners Falls bridge is still undecided, and I don't know if its on the agenda.

River Corridor Boundary Maps are being printed and framed for use by the Towns/Townships. Low tech. An actual map.

2.6 Energy Committee

Tusten Energy Committee Report April 2022

Soft Plastic

Highway Superintendent Don Neiger and his staff removed and delivered all the soft plastic collected for the 1st 6 months of Covid a week before they demolished the town building where it was stored on The Flats. They delivered over 1 ton of soft plastic to Weis Market in Honesdale for TREX to pick up and recycle. The TEC sincerely thanks the highway department for this important effort.

To date, in Tusten, the TEC has collected over 10 1/2 tons of soft plastic for recycling. We have received 6 TREX benches as reward for our efforts. The next TREX bench will be designated for the basketball/baseball field on The Flats in the future.

LED Streetlights

No news from Supervisor Johnson on the status of the Main St pendant streetlights, the Main St parking lot streetlights, nor the WiFi Smart Nodes to follow. Ben, can you please provide an update on upcoming installations?

Trash and Recycling Receptacles

The old trash and recycling receptacles all have new stickers indicating where one should deposit trash or recycled items. The TEC spoke with Highway Superintendent Don Neiger about a missing receptacle on the deck. He didn't know where it went but advised us to get the town to order 10 new lidded and labeled receptacles for Town Hall, the deck, The Flats playground and Veteran's Park. We ask that the town board purchase them asap as our summer population grows in the summer. 5 would be for trash and 5 for recycling.

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Tusten H.O.R.S.E.

Operations:

The TEC is restarting operations in May with 3 local businesses dropping off food scraps initially including The Heron, The Blue Fox and The Laundrette. Jessica Weiss of growing SOUL will be training on operations. There is possibility of an ongoing partnership.

Onsite Water:

The TEC is putting two 275-gallon totes next to HORSE. The totes came with the HORSE unit. The Narrowsburg Fire Dept has agreed to fill the totes as needed, probably once a month. This will facilitate operations. The TEC would like to thank the Narrowsburg Fire Department for their efforts in providing water for our HORSE operations.

Probiotic Plant Food Marketing:

The TEC is working with Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) as they test our product as organic for certification. The TEC is currently deciding on a name for the plant food product.

Product Testing:

When the product is applied to plants, then observed and documented, there has been proven significant plant growth impacts from the use of the product. There is serious interest from inside and outside Tusten for our product.

Higher Education:

The RIT Tusten HORSE case study continues.

We are exploring SUNY Sullivan occupational possibilities for interns wanting to learn operations.

Onsite visits by local interested parties:

NYS jurisdictions and a local 4-H Club want a tour of the HORSE in the spring.

And regional and global conferences continue to ask our Waste Management specialist/TEC member Jen Porter to present at numerous conferences regarding food scrap application on grown food.

2.7 Grants report – Deputy Supervisor Luchsinger reported:

UDC TAG – a request for an extension was approved, the UDC agreed to review in July

WIIA - \$3 Million awarded to Tusten for the NWS – The Water Town is the first on the list

Sullivan Renaissance – Tusten received \$20,000 for the revitalization/ landscape of Kirks Rd.

Applied for Plans & Progress Grant- To assist in paying for a professional service that would assist us in creating more office space in the Town Hall Building.

Little Lake Erie Culvert will go back out to bid in the Summer June / July

2.8 Water and Sewer Committee - Deputy Supervisor Luchsinger reported:

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Reviewed Sewer charges – progress continues- no recommendations to the Town Board at this time.

2.9 Parking Committee - Councilman Bruce Gettel reported:

Parking Meeting was held, public discussion was opened to hear the concerns and ideas for possible solutions.

Parking Lot needs lines, to help organize and increase parking

Parking signage seems to be one of the biggest issues, and something we can get on right away – Universal Parking signs for both municipal lots are being ordered.

Next Meeting is May 24, 2022.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

Brendan Weiden [00:36:05] Hi. My name's Brendan Weiden. My wife and I own the Narrowsburg Union I wanted to talk about my favorite subject, which is parking. Thank you, Bruce. Bruce. In addition to the people on Main Street, the people on Erie Avenue also have a big concern about parking. Okay, but you said the people on Main Street. So, I'm on Erie Avenue and I've got a big issue with parking and you guys know that. I don't need to say that again. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve on the parking committee I asked to participate in, and I'm glad we finally had a meeting. It's great and it was good. A lot of people spoke about their concerns. I guess I would suggest that we somehow formulate how the parking committee is going to take action. I didn't hear how we're going to do that. But whether we vote or whether it comes to the town board to vote, I think we should have some formality about how we proceed. At that meeting, I suggested that we start with the study and I suggested that maybe there could be a grant to do a parking study. Peter Manning was very emphatic about town harmony and we don't have harmony. Parking's been a problem for a long time and it's getting worse as the town densifies. It's getting worse. And we need to provide more parking. We need to provide parking where there's a need for parking, not just on Main Street. So, I would like to reiterate that I suggest that there be a parking study done by a professional engineering firm. We need to look at two things. We need to look at the supply of parking, and that's pretty easy. You can go around count spaces where it is a different zone and what the demand is. And the demand is to look at what's in the building that what's in the town now, what are the buildings, what kind of needs do they generate and what is going to happen in the future? Let's not just solve today's problems May 2022 and think we're all done. Let's have a little foresight and try to plan what's going to happen in the town going forward. So, I urge the town board to consider, not just to consider to actually act and conduct a real study. So, we have a plan going forward on where parking needs to be and how much of it there needs to be. And I'd be glad to help in any way I can. Thank you.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:38:24] Anymore comment from the floor.

Jim Powell [00:38:30] Jim Powell, the collapsed building down on Fourth Street. I inquired about the status on that probably three months ago, and I was just interested in any updates?

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:38:45] Yeah, I don't believe there is. I don't have anything to report. I don't know, have to ask Jim. But I think if there is anything moving forward, he would have said something to me, but I can ask him again.

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Jim Powell [00:38:56] Well, moving forward I guess it has to be on the town's side. The owners nine as far as I've heard.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:39:02] So I know nothing new since then.

Jim Powell [00:39:06] Thank You

Mike Farrell [00:39:10] It might be a little out of sequence. Would it be appropriate to bring Brandi in, who had raised an issue earlier today in a conversation with me? Or I can kick it off? But Brandi kind of had it would be more appropriate if she spoke first and then I can follow up.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:39:25] Well, we could do it whichever way that you want, because after you have got Karl or we can just have Brandi come in while I've got you. Let me get Brandi.

Brandi Merolla [00:39:36] Thanks, Mike. All right. Well, I just wanted to raise an issue that's been ongoing, and I'm getting frustrated, so I'd just like to make this a public issue. I was the, when the town board opted out of the cannabis dispensary and on-site consumption places, I we had the option to have a petition signed by a number of people. I think over 125 people in town, residents who are, who vote here registered here. And so, I took it around and people, everyone who signed it and people I just talked to didn't want to sign that, wanted to see the public hearing. And now I'm hearing it constantly. Where is that public hearing? And I've asked the town board numerous times. I've included the town clerk and the town attorney. And last week, when nobody wrote me back, I figured, why don't I just bring this to the town's attention? Preserving minutes is really important. I don't care what the issue is. I happened to be responsible for this particular thing because I told people it would be out there on Zoom. It was a Zoom meeting. It should have been put on the website immediately. Okay. It hasn't been. I've been given a lot of reasons and excuses and it goes on and on. And I'm just. Just want the minutes up there. So, my question is. What is the status of the meeting of November 9th, 2021, that public hearing that should have been preserved for the public to see so they understand where they stand, whichever side? I don't care. And so, can I ask that first and then another one?

Town Clerk [00:41:40] The minutes were posted online and Brandi was given an audio.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:41:45] So we've got the minutes, we have the minutes, the minutes have been presented to the board and the clerk gave you an audio.

Brandi Merolla [00:41:53] That was a different meeting.

Town Clerk [00:41:56] The November 9th meeting was it not?

Brandi Merolla [00:42:00] I'm sorry. What?

Town Clerk [00:42:02] Was it not the November 9th meeting?

Brandi Merolla [00:42:04] There were two meetings. One was in October when the board realized, oh, we have to license in two different categories the dispensary's and onsite. So, the next meeting was November 9th and there's nothing there. I looked today up until before the meeting.

Brandi Merolla [00:42:26] So I'm just asking what's the status of that meeting.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:42:29] She is pulling them up right now Brandi, okay.

Brandi Merolla [00:42:32] Okay I can't see her.

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Town Clerk [00:42:33] There's nothing. So, I do apologize Brandi, because I did post them. We have them right here.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:43:06] We've got a hard copy here. But she's in there. And the only thing that's showing up on the meeting is the.

Town Clerk [00:43:12] Yeah. This is what, so this is part of what we're updating with the website.

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:43:16] This is what she wants.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:43:19] The public hearing. Transcript.

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:43:20] Do you have the public hearing,

Town Clerk [00:43:21] The transcript. It's I've had a lot of other things we've had to do, so we're trying to get the transcript to her. I sent another email and said she didn't want the transcript.

Brandi Merolla [00:43:30] Me That is not true. I said, you said it would be ready when I saw you outside town hall a few weeks ago. You said I have it in two days. I've never heard since. A transcript. That's fine. I'm just something. There's nothing there for people to look at. It's just an agenda that doesn't tell people what the contents of the public hearing. That's all. It's not the first meeting that's gone. So, I mean, I guess there's. When is that going to be posted?

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:44:05] This isn't what she wants, though.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:44:08] Well, this is the post. She's asking about the minutes.

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:44:11] So she doesn't want them into the meeting. She wants the transcript for public hearing.

Brandi Merolla [00:44:15] Well, that would be better unless the minutes are complete. And they were written, you know, exactly what people said. It's a lot of work.

Brandi Merolla [00:44:23] I don't know what. Zoom meeting that's like the record of the meeting. Why is that not preserved? I don't understand that from the beginning. It's not the only meeting that's been. I don't know if it's deleted or lost or disappeared, whatever has been used. Why is that happening? And what's the board going to do to just make maybe make this? Get back on track and recover meetings that are important to people. They have the right to see that. That's not it's not my, I don't really feel like chasing it down, but I feel responsible for the people keep asking me, where is that?

Town Clerk [00:45:00] Of the meetings convert. And if they don't convert, sometimes it happens after the meeting and it'll start converting or a loss of the file. Any one of those Zoom meetings will see a file you double click and that it downloads later. I have that and I can show you that piece. I download it and it tells me there's nothing there. So what we've started doing is we have an audio and I've been recording those minutes via an audio drive. Those are I haven't figured out a way unless anyone else here knows. And I've asked multiple people how to upload an MP3 file onto YouTube so that way I can attach it to this website. So if someone needs an audio, which I've done in the past with other minutes or other meetings, is I'll download onto somebody's USB drive if they want. I explained that to you.

Brandi Merolla [00:45:51] There's still nothing there.

Town Clerk [00:45:54] I'm not trying to hide a zoom meeting. But that Zoom meeting isn't there? I don't have a recording. I only have an audio for that. I told you that.

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Town Clerk [00:46:02] I just don't know why. Why is that? It's an important public hearing that we're voting on in election in November. I still don't really understand that explanation. Is that going to happen with all these meetings in the future? When we have it on Zoom? It's a record. You don't have to waste time that you need the time to work. I know you're busy, but wouldn't it be easier than transcribing audio to preserve that Zoom meeting? I don't know what the error is here.

Town Clerk [00:46:32] What I'm trying to tell you is that I'm doing both. So right now, this meeting is being recorded. Okay, that meeting was recorded. I remember hitting record. I remember it being recorded. It's after this happens. It's not like a cassette tape that we hit record and it continues to record. It stays up to that point. It's I don't know how to explain it to you, but if you would like to come, you're welcome to have someone come and search my computer while I sit there and watch. I don't know what to tell you, Brandi. I have an audio. I gave you an audio. It was not the right meeting. I didn't realize that. I thought that was the one you wanted. I can go through and find the audio for it, but I'm having an issue connecting it. I've asked multiple people how to connect the MP three onto YouTube and you can't do it.

Councilman Kevin McDonough [00:47:20] You need to turn an MP3 into?

Town Clerk [00:47:22] Into an MP4

Councilman Kevin McDonough [00:47:24] Yeah, I think I can help with that.

Town Clerk [00:47:26] If you can help me out a couple times, figure out. We had one program that someone recommended. Use it when? 6 hours, 6 hours in it stopped.

Councilman Kevin McDonough [00:47:38] We'll talk. This is not the bulk of it, but I think I can help.

Town Clerk [00:47:43] So the idea is we actually are holding these recording records. We're trying to keep them. It's not done on purpose. We are purposely hitting record before the meeting.

Mike Farrell [00:47:55] I'm not a technician, so I don't have the answers either. Of my fabulous career as a reporter. Many times, you do research, you go back, you read minutes, you look at newspaper clippings. You can assemble dates and events. What the recording process does. Or we can finally get this working the way it should be working. Is that what you could capture now? Is the tone and tenor of the debate and the discussion, which you couldn't really do in the past by going through the normal archives. We have the technology. We just have to get that hammered out. And the pandemic made us use it. Because of Zoom, we now started to get more electronically involved than we ever were before. So we will eventually and we need to have these records of all of these town board meetings and hearings. And I know Crystal is working on trying to solve that, but we need to make push to get that done. It's valuable because it's important part of our history right now, and it's kind of fascinating to think that six months from now, 60 years from now, somebody can look back at this particular meeting, what happened here tonight, and get a sense of what happened, why it happened, and what the prevailing attitudes were. They may look at it like we look at like old movies at this point in time and say, Oh, how quaint, isn't that funny? But at least they'll have a real sense of what the issues were right here in this time and how we felt. So, I thank you for your time.

Karl Wasner [00:49:29] Two things quick. I know there's a master plan that the town has approved and...

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:49:38] It's a Hamlet Master Plan not a Town Master Plan.

Karl Wasner [00:49:41] Hamlet master plan.

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger [00:49:42] Right, we have a Comprehensive Plan

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Karl Wasner [00:49:45] Master plan. So, the master plan is approved and it's posted to the website and anyone can look at it. It's been there for like nine years and it has all kinds of growth ideas for parking and for the Hamlet area that might inform parking decisions. It has concepts that the town has already vetted and approved to kind of direct the growth and the development of the area. A lot of money was spent by the town, to develop that with a lot of experts and it's a great resource and I think a lot of people don't know it's there. You might want to just, you know, refresh to look at that again and then. I should just say while I'm up here that, you know, from being on Main Street for the past 24 years. There is no parking problem. This is fiction. You know, on festival days when there is, you know, river fest or something. Sure. Yeah. There are too many cars in town. But on any given Saturday, there's no problem. The problem is signage. People that are new to town, they don't know where the parking is. They don't know where to go. They just assume they have to park on the street and there's nowhere else to go. And we have a lot of resources, like the whole back half of that lot is all grass. It's underutilized. A lot of Merchants Park on the street, which they shouldn't be doing, according to the zoning, says it right in the zoning. So, I think we have plenty to work with. My opinion is that there's no need at all to delay things with some kind of expensive studies that are only. Tell us what we already know. We don't we don't need to go that way. We just need to move forward in a smart manner and plan for the future. But we also have to act now to avoid current problems because the seasons here, you know, and signs can come without blacktop, you know, you don't want to strike without but signs, big blue or green or whatever, you know, can be pretty quick, pretty easy. Thank you. .

Iris Helfeld [00:52:08] I wanted to ask a couple of questions in reference to what Brandy. Was discussing as far as the cannabis referendum. I don't know if it's to the board or to. You can, but I would like to know, has the public referendum been written that needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections?

Ken Klein Esq. [00:52:32] No I'm going to be doing that.

Iris Helfeld [00:52:33] You will take care of that. So, when does that have to be submitted?

Ken Klein Esq. [00:52:39] August.

Iris Helfeld [00:52:39] By August. I didn't hear You. Okay. umm...

Ken Klein Esq. [00:52:45] I've already been in touch with the folks at the Board of Elections to confirm all that. They gave me the information.

Iris Helfeld [00:52:49] Okay, great.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:52:54] Yes Ed?

Ed Krause [00:52:57] I was happy to hear there was a parking committee. And a couple of weeks ago, I was on my morning walk. They came up the laundrette and there was a new sign here. Says No parking this side of the street. All right. Now that I heard this Target committee, I thought maybe they had something to do with it. I don't know if they did or not. But that evening. It was a line of cars parked by the sign that says no parking this side of street. So, my question is, who is going to enforce?

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:53:45] It's a white red sign they are only enforced by law enforcement, will be sheriff's department or state police if there here.

Ed Krause [00:53:51] A brand-new sign was just put up. So anyway, that's what that's what i was thinking.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:53:55] Unfortunately that's it's enforced by, you would hope that maybe it would be enforced by the owner.

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Ed Krause [00:54:00] But I mean if we're going to have signs we need to enforcement

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:03] Enforcement would come from a police agency though it's not going to be a code enforcement officer. It's not going to be...

Ed Krause [00:54:08] There's only two state police in the area now. So we. You know, I mean, there's been times there's cars parked on both sides of the street down here, you know, that.

Town Clerk [00:54:21] Those signs have been there for over a year.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:22] Yeah, they might have been replaced. I know. One of them might have gotten replaces.

Ed Krause [00:54:27] There's a brand new one by the mailbox.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:31] The owners might have put up an extra one just to try to alleviate. It's hard to say.

Ed Krause [00:54:35] Yeah. No, I didn't know who put it up or what, but I'm just saying. They're going to do good if nobody enforces it.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:42] Well, you can ask the state, the sheriff. Well, you know, it always comes down to that.

Ed Krause [00:54:50] Constables? Just kidding.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:51] I know.

Supervisor Bernard Johnson [00:54:54] Is anybody on the floor? If not, we're going to zoom. Any comments on Zoom? Otherwise, we're going to go into our old business.

With no further comments to be heard the public comments period ended.

4 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 93 Main St/210 Bridge St

Discussion regarding property at 93 Main St / 210 Bridge St. and what to do with the two buildings was had, the Supervisor suggested making a determination with the 93 Main Street Building first. The Town Board discussed all the potential possibilities for the Main Street Building.

Attorney Ken Klein did state that the Town would not be able to separate the Main Street Building from the parking lot and sell it. This would be creating a non-conforming substandard lot and cannot be done.

After the discussion and each board member having the opportunity to give their input the Town Board made the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION # 77-2022

93 MAIN STREET POTENTIAL RENTAL UNIT

On Motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 4 AYES 1 NAY (Councilman Kevin McDonough)

RESOLVED that the Town Board pursue the necessary steps required in order to rent the building at 93 Main Street.

4.2 Planning Consultant contract

RESOLUTION # 78-2022

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH GENIUS LOCI PLANNING

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the supervisor to sign agreement with Genius Loci Planning as presented:

PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT between Genius Loci Planning and the Town of Tusten, New York

This agreement is between Genius Loci Planning, 1796 County Hwy 6, Bovina Center, NY, (hereinafter referred to as "GLP") and the Town of Tusten, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (hereinafter referred to as the "Town").

WHEREAS, the Town desires to engage GLP to perform certain professional and technical services;

WHEREAS, the Town has worked successfully with GLP to develop the Town's comprehensive plan and adopt several amendments to the Town's zoning law, subdivision regulations, and other local laws;

WHEREAS, Peter Manning, Principal, GLP is qualified, and has agreed to perform such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

The Town agrees to engage GLP and GLP agrees to provide professional planning services to assist in completing the process to adopt Local Law No. 1, 2022; completing comprehensive revisions to the zoning law in cooperation with Zoning Review Committee; preparing the town for adoption of comprehensive zoning revisions; and completing the formation of the town conservation advisory council and assisting the CAC in establishing

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routine meetings and potential future projects and activities. Said services and estimated costs are illustrated in Appendix A of this agreement.

The Town will be responsible for:

- Working with GLP to schedule meetings of the zoning review committee, conservation advisory council, and compliance with any applicable Open Meetings Law and Freedom of Information Law requirements;
- Printing or printing costs associated directly with the project;
- Working with GLP to complete county review communications and procedures; and legal review and publication requirements.

2. PERIOD OF SERVICES

The period of services for this agreement begins April 25, 2022 and continues until scope of work is completed or February 28, 2023, whichever comes first, unless otherwise amended by mutual written agreement between GLP and the Town.

3. COSTS/PAYMENT SCHEDULE

GLP will charge \$62.50 per hour for work performed under this contract in an amount not to exceed \$5000. GLP will submit monthly or bi-monthly invoices to the Town, with payments to be issued within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

GLP agrees to execute the work diligently according to the terms of this contract.

This contract and any appendices attached hereto are the entire agreement of the parties and supersede any agreement, oral or written, pertaining hereto. This contract may be amended in writing signed by both parties. This contract may be terminated for convenience by either party by notification in writing to the other party. The Town shall, upon such termination, be responsible for payment for services rendered up to the time of such notification.

4. APPENDICES

(See Appendix A - Professional Services, Estimated Costs)

Appendix A - Professional Services, Estimated Costs

Assist in completing the adoption of Local Law No. 1, 2022 local law (\$750)

- Continue to review public hearing/ written comments
- Identify potential points of inconsistency and work with attorney to position the town to adopt the local law
- Make any minor adjustments to draft law/ map edits
- Assist with any further UDC substantial conformance review and/ or public and press questions
- Attend town board meeting for local law adoption

Complete the process of reviewing the zoning law with Zoning Review Committee (\$1000)

- Complete review of definitions; conduct reviews of Articles VIII, VIII, X (check with atty.), XII-XV
- Estimated number of meetings (6)

Complete the process of assisting the town in re-establishing the Conservation Advisory Council (\$750)

- Develop organization of the CAC; membership, objectives, and consider bylaws
- Develop routine and consider additional activities to be advanced by the CAC and identified for additional funding, e.g. Open Space Survey for landowners (precursor/ component to an open space plan); Connectivity Corridors (for

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recreation and/ or habitat and/or interpretive education); Partnership Building, e.g. DEC, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, adjacent towns, County Planning and Real Property (mapping); identification of potential uses for future open space lands.

Draft all revisions made with ZRC into zoning law text (\$1750)

(assumes GCP integrates all adopted zoning amendments to date into a single document)

- Includes referral of legal questions to attorney
- Review of draft document with committee (may result in further revisions)
- Extent of revisions to Article XIII (Signs) not yet known
- Expected coordination/ communications with General Code Publishers

Adoption preparation (\$750)

- Draft proposed revisions in local law format (zoning law will be repealed and replaced in its entirety)
- Lead introduction/ adoption of local law with all zoning revisions made by ZRC in 2022 - includes drafting and coordination of county referral and UDC substantial conformance review; SEQR review; town board meetings; public hearings, and potential future revisions

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Accept resignation-Harrington

RESOLUTION # 79-2022

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 YAES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED That the Town Board hereby accept with regret the resignation of Sean Harrington from the planning board effective April 22, 2022

5.2 Advertise planning board opening

RESOLUTION #80-2022

ADVERTISE POSITION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk publish an ad in the official papers of the town to request potential interested candidates for planning board position

5.3 Outdoor trash receptacles

RESOLUTION # 81-2022

PURCHASE OUTDOOR TRASH RECEPTACLES

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On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was.

ADOPTED 5 YES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that, the supervisor to work with building committee to purchase up to ten outside trash receptacles in accordance with the current procurement policy not to exceed \$2,000.00.

5.4 Water and Sewer schedule of fees

Tabled

5.5 ZBA schedule of fees

Tabled

5.6 Municipal parking signage

Public/ Municipal parking signs for Main St lot and for Bridge St lot

RESOLUTION # 82-2022

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PARKING SIGNS

On motion of Councilman Kevin McDonough, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the supervisor be hereby authorized to order/obtain new parking signs for the Main St and Bridge St municipal parking lots.

5.7 Narrowsburg Beautification Garden Swap

RESOLUTUION # 83-2022

NBG PLANT SWAP

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Narrowsburg Beautification Group to utilize municipal parking lot on Bridge St. for the garden swap event on June 4, 2022 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

5.8 NexiGo meeting 360 camera/microphone

Town Board discussed purchasing another camera for the hybrid meetings.

Tabled.

5.9 Shelter/Pavilion at park on the flats/dog park

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Greg Triggs to look into a dog park / dog park ideas

6 PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

Brendan Weiden re: Parking

“I suggested a grant to get a parking study done”

Parking is getting worse

“We need to review supply/demand”

Jim Powell re: Collapsed Bldg on 4th street

Supervisor Johnson had no further updates.

Mike Farrell & Brandi Merolla re: 11/9/22

Karl Wasner re: Hamlet Masterplan

Signage is the issue

Parking is not an issue

No need for expensive studies

Iris Helfeld re: Cannabis

Public Referendum is it going to be submitted by August

Ed Krause re: There are not any signs along the road by the Laundrette

7 CLOSING ITEMS

7.1 Board comment

Councilman Greg Triggs “thank you Sean Harrington for your time”

Councilman Kevin McDonough - Parking on Bridge Street

Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger – Rental / Appraisal

7.2 Adjournment/recess

With no further comments Councilman Kevin McDonough made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel. All in favor.

Respectively Submitted

Crystal Weston, Town Clerk