

Tusten Town Board

Special Meeting: Agenda Workshop

Zoom Meeting ID:

May 5, 2020

6:30 PM

Supervisor Ben Johnson	Present
Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger	Present
Councilwoman Jill Padua	Present
Councilwoman Brandi Merolla	Present
Councilman Bruce Gettel	Present
Others Present: Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; Danielle Jose (entered at 7:16 PM); Attorney for the Town Board; 4 members of the general public.	

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

1.3 Announcements:

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE WORKSHOPS-
PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR TOWN BOARD FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION/QUESTIONS.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold discussion on items, to set the agenda for the regular monthly meeting

2. **BOARD DISUCSSION ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** - Board members discussed the following topics no decisions were made unless otherwise noted.

2.1 Dog Fees & Kennels

- Dog enumeration - due to the current pandemic this is being placed on hold.
- Dog Fees - research in progress
- Dog leash law - Post Signs, Possible Locations: Flats (multiple), in town, TMR near trail and bridge?
- Dog Bite - there was a dog bite on the flats, someone from out of town was here with a dog they had recently adopted. The dog got loose and bit a town resident. She has multiple puncture wounds on her arm.
- REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM

2.2 Little Lake Erie Culvert Project

- Cackletown Rd Beaver Dam
- 2.3 Code Enforcement officer
- Re: Sewer Tank Inspector
- 2.4 Water Sewer (David Bunce)
- Software updates needed the W/S clerk computer for billing & reading, new reading meter equipment is needed as well.
 - Kirk Rd pump needs to be replaced.
 - REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM
- 2.5 Generators
- Town Hall will continue on May 18, 2020 Generators are still not in
 - CEO Jim Crowley is looking to begin the preliminary engineering for the sewer plant & well #3
 - REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM
- 2.6 SAM grant
- All SAM Grants are being reviewed for remaining funds
 - ROOF - received specs from Code/ Building
 - REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM
- 2.7 BAR Resolution to hold grievance day

RESOLUTION # 71-2020

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TO CONDUCT AGRIEVANCE DAY BY TELECONFERENCING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was
ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Review meets annually on AGrievance Day, which is May 26, 2020 for the purposes of reviewing duly filed grievances against property value assessments; and

WHEREAS, the world is in the midst of a global pandemic with respect to the virus COVID-19, resulting in the Governor=s declaration of a State of Emergency on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor also issued Executive Order 202.1 which: permits public bodies such as the Board of Assessment Review to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public, in-person access to meetings, and

authorizes such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tusten has subscribed to ZOOM, a teleconferencing application which satisfies the requirements of Executive Order 202.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUSTEN

That the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Tusten is authorized (but not required) to conduct its annual meeting using the ZOOM Application and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public, in-person access to the meeting; and be it further resolved

That the public shall have the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and such meeting is to be recorded and later transcribed; and be it further resolved

That a meeting notice shall be promulgated which shall give public notice regarding details on accessing the meeting remotely.

2.8 H.O.R.S.E. – Special Town Board Meeting will take place May 26, 2020 for review of the SEQRA re: HORSE

2.9 Community Hall Kitchen Stove

- Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger & Supervisor Bernard Johnson to review grant funding/reimbursement for stove

TABLED until further information is gathered

3. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

- Town of Tusten work status re: social distancing ...
 - Town Hall offices installing new mail/drop box, installing a “teller window/door”
- Parking Law on Bridge Street issues
- Wayne Bank – In progress
- Sullivan Renaissance Impact Grant- may or may not happen at this time due to Covid
- ZOOM meetings- continue to utilize zoom until further notice
- Lawn mowing bids will be reviewed May the 8th to be opened May11th2020 at 2:00 PM, award bid at the next regular meeting.
- Town Hall Parking Lot lines – Supervisor Bernard Johnson will be in touch with the Sullivan County DPW to get a date for the painting.

4. REMINDERS

- Lawn mowing BID to be received by May 8, 2020 at 3 PM. Opening BIDS on Monday May 11, 2020 Via ZOOM, Review and award at the Town Board Regular Meeting May 12, 2020
- Municipal Clean Up Day May 16, 2020 9am – 2 pm NO TIRES or assistance unloading

- Census, more people in Tusten have completed the census.

5. CLOSING ITEMS

4.1 Meeting reminders

Next Regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 12, 2020 via ZOOM

4.2 Adjournment

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilwoman Jill Padua to close the meeting at 7:14 PM. All in favor.