

Town of Milton
June 24, 2020
Regular Board Meeting
310 North Line Road and with Zoom Teleconferencing
7:30pm

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Zlotnick at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Frolish

Present: Supervisor Zlotnick
Councilman Blaisdell
Councilwoman Kerr
Councilman Frolish
Councilman Isachsen
Town Attorney Craig
Town Clerk Howe

Supervisor Zlotnick – Jimmy has been a summer tradition here at Town hall. He mows and helps out with the grounds crew.

Motion made by Councilman Isachsen to rehire James DePew, 436 Stone Church Road, at an hourly rate of \$11.80/hour' 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; Motion carried

Resolution 41-2020 to Modify Chapter 38, section 38-54(a) pf article VII of the Town Personnel Policies changing the pay period for employees from weekly to every other week (bi-weekly)

Discussion:

Councilman Frolish – Question – Do we know how much time it takes too do payroll?

Supervisor Zlotnick – About 8 to 10 hours a week.

Councilman Frolish – Where would we be saving time?

Supervisor Zlotnick – It would be 8 to 10 hours every 2 weeks.

Councilman Frolish – The time doesn't change. The payroll person will still be inputting the same amount of data. How does that save time?

Supervisor Zlotnick – We are now using the time clock.

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Councilman Frolish – They still enter the same amount of information every week versus every 2 weeks.

Supervisor Zlotnick – The pervious comptroller was looking into this. I’ve talked to other supervisors that’s how they are doing payroll.

Councilman Frolish – We are making a major change to our employees but they were never informed. Their opinions were never considered. They feel that this is being shoved down their throats.

Supervisor Zlotnick – For the first week in August we will work with any employee who needs help.

Councilman Frolish – We aren’t saving money, it just seems to be fashionable.

Supervisor Zlotnick – It will save money and time.

Councilman Blaisdell – When will this go into effect?

Supervisor Zlotnick – 6 weeks

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to approve Resolution 41-2020; 2nd by Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-no; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; Motion carried

Monthly Reports:

Animal Control	read
Building Department	read
Comptroller Budget vs. Actual Report, Cash Balances & Detail Transaction Report	none
Highway Department	read
Historian	read
Town Clerk/Registrar	read
Town Justice	read
Town Tax Collector	none
Youth Bureau	none

Liaison Reports:

Councilman Blaisdell: Buildings & Grounds	none
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Councilman Frolish: Highway Department	report
Councilman Isachsen: Building Department and Town Court	report
Councilwoman Kerr: Planning/Zoning Boards	report

Old Business:

Councilman Frolish - I would like to talk about the facilities. You changed the contract that the Town Board approved. Doesn't the Town Board have to approve the change?

Supervisor Zlotnick - I took it upon myself to narrow the contract. I asked him to concentrate on just getting us back into the building with a plan or intention of moving Highway and doing an addition.

Councilman Frolish - You haven't answered my question. Should that have been a Board decision because the Board approved the contract?

Supervisor Zlotnick - We need to get back to the building.

Councilman Frolish - Why haven't you brought this up before?

Supervisor Zlotnick - Joel was saying this would be a 3 year project.

Councilman Frolish - The Board has known for months that it could be a 3 year project and the cost. I have asked numerous times for input.

Supervisor Zlotnick - I have always wanted to get back into the building.

Councilman Frolish - You have always getting back with looking at an addition. How are we going to fund this?

Councilwoman Kerr - How are we going to fund any of these?

Councilman Frolish - A bond.

Councilwoman Kerr - My issue was why are we spending \$37,000 in options we can't even do?

Councilman Frolish - We don't even know what the cost is going to be?

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Councilwoman Kerr – We need the best option in the shortest amount of time.

Councilman Frolish – There are concerns with just going back into the building. The court has approximately 460sf. That allows for 9 people with the new restrictions. After counting the staff, only 3 people are allowed into the court. If the building is revamped, what about highway?

Supervisor Zlotnick – The highway area would be remediated for mold as well.

Councilman Frolish – So, we are spending money to revamp when we are going to be moving highway. I've talked with people from the public. Some want to know why we are screwing with that old building. Most don't want taxes to be raised. I guess I'm just tired of every time the board passes something, it either gets rescinded or overridden without the board doing it.

Supervisor Zlotnick – I've talked to people too. They want us back in the building.

Councilman Frolish – We will need to Bond and bring it to the people.

Supervisor Zlotnick – We can get some numbers together and next month we can give more information to the public.

Councilman Frolish – While you told Joel to work on only moving back in it might make sense to take out the rest of the sheetrock and re-plan the offices. What are you planning on doing with highway for the winter? A bond will take about 60 days and then the specs and the drawings would be another 60 days.

Supervisor Zlotnick – We will need to work on this. Once the well is fixed, the blue building will have water. They can work out of there for the winter.

Councilman Frolish – We have to stop sticking our heads in the sand and not spend money. We could have been working on this with the facilities committee. The Board needs to set a plan and follow through because that is the only way this will be completed.

New Business:

Supervisor Zlotnick – I have reached out to the Judges. There are a couple options for renting space for the court. I will send out the comparisons as soon as I get the last one.

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Town Clerk Howe – The Comptroller and I recently purchased Adobe Acrobat. We will be able to create fillable forms and, eventually, have the ability to send them directly to the appropriate department or person. It is a work in progress.

Public Comment:

Becky Dreher –Sunny Lane – Question about the payroll. There have been many mistakes over the past couple months. People being over paid or under paid. If that happens, would the Town issue a new check to make it right?

Supervisor Zlotnick – yes.

Bill Lewis – I would like to express my concerns over this payroll issue. We have some employees who are part-time and depend on the weekly paycheck. Process the data is going to take the same amount of time. The only savings will be the paper checks. It will take more time setting it up. Many of us have structured payments that will now have to be restructured. I really wish the Board would have reached out to the employees and asked for opinions.

Karen Staulters – Vichy Drive – Talking about the new facility. There was an idea in the past to sell that corner lot and move Town Hall. That is a commercial property and could help pay for a new building.

Tony Licata – Kaatskill Way – Switching payroll to 2 weeks. It's not a time issue it's your payroll clerk. They can't keep up. You won't be saving money or time-your payroll clerk can't do their job. Also, I think that MJ Engineering will just say to tear down the old building so be warned.

Question & Answers on ZOOM –
Board needs to speak up because people can't hear on Zoom.

Sharon Licata – Kaatskill Way – Isn't MJ doing a scope. I was under the impression that the building was condemned.

Public Comment closed.

Supervisor Zlotnick – We need to go into Executive Session to talk about an employment situation. We won't be doing any business when we come out so good evening to everyone.

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Motion made by Councilman Frolish to enter Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; Motion carried

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to return from Executive Session; 2nd by Councilman Frolish; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; Motion carried

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to adjourn; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; Motion carried

APPROVED