

Town of Milton
May 26, 2021
Town Board Meeting
310 North Line Road and Zoom as a Teleconferencing Meeting
7:30pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Isachsen

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

Motion by Councilman Frolish to accept minutes from April 28, 2021 and May 12, 2021 as written; 2nd by Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Supervisor Zlotnick – Before we open the public comment, I would like to set a few rules for public speaking. The member of the public who wished to speak will raise their hand to be recognized; proceed to the microphone and state your name and address; your time will be cut short of there are any derogatory comments; this is a time for public comments not for answering questions.

Councilman Frolish – I am disappointed on being a Town Councilman tonight. I never expected having a need to have sheriff deputies at a board meeting. I thin common sense should prevail. Let us proceed with the meeting and let the deputies get back to work. Unless someone here is afraid for their life, I don't think we need them standing around at our meeting.

Supervisor Zlotnick – I agree, but when speakers don't give when their time is up. If we could all get along.

Public Comment opened

Derrick Raeder – Liberty Drive – The town critically needs a town-wide reassessment. It should be done every 3-5 years and Milton hasn't done one since 2006. The policy of selective reassessment is against NYS law. I was reassessed this year for a building permit. The Board really needs to look into this.

Michael Landis – Meadowlark Drive – Thank you for allowing the public event on June 1st. I sent an email to the Board members asking for the location but have received no reply. I am asking the Board to announce where and what the capacity will be. What is the format? What can the residents expect from the event?

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Councilwoman Kerr – Hope to be able to get 65-70 people here.

Town Clerk Howe – The public notice was in the paper. June 1, 2021 at 7pm at 310 North Line Road.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Waiting on what attendance can be. Hoping for 35-40 people. The meeting will also be on Zoom. The Board will listen to everyone’s comments.

Tom Boghosian – Middle Line Road – Thank you John for your comments. As business owners effected by HSSW rates, we have been asking this Board to schedule a rate review. We asked that the Board require HSSW to answer questions. We have shared many documents regarding HSSW. The Board continues to disregard scheduling the hearing. This is a total disregard of Transportation Law.

Bruce Boghosian – Jockey Street – The Board should be more concerned with listening to the public instead of watching a clock for the 3 minutes. I agree with John. Having deputies here when we are just expressing our 1st amendment rights. I also agree with everything Tom stated.

Tony Dawson – Greenfield Avenue – I sent a letter requesting the complaints and proposed changes to zoning. On April 21 I was informed that Supervisor Zlotnick, Councilwoman Kerr and Councilman Isachsen refused stating attorney privilege. Your meeting is June 1st, about 4 days from now. The property owners haven’t been informed yet Ms. Kerr has an un-official response to Mr. Landis. Is this meeting going to be productive or just more assaults? I would like a response from the Board.

Public Comment closed

Councilman Frolish – This Resolution is for the custom site, correct?

Councilwoman Kerr – Are we within the procurement even with the add-ons?

Supervisor Zlotnick – Yes and yes. We looked at 4-5 proposals.

Motion made Councilman Frolish to approve Resolution 30-2021 approving Revise to update the Town website at a cost of \$11,400; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Supervisor Zlotnick – The 1st amount is for the Veterans Services. We have to put the money out first and then we get reimbursed. The 2nd is to cover the cost of the zoning Article 78 from Sticks N Stones.

Councilman Frolish – Has the Article 78 been settled?

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Supervisor Zlotnick – Yes, in the Town’s favor.

Councilman Frolish – Are we able to recoup?

Attorney Craig – It was a court order not a settlement.

Motion made Councilwoman Kerr to approve Resolution 31-2021 for Budgetary Amendments; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Town Clerk Howe – Just wanted to let the Board now that it has been a big help having someone working on the back issues. Greta has been making phone calls and has cleared up about 1/3 of the older license issues.

Councilwoman Kerr – Does she need the rabies shot etc?

Councilman Blaisdell – yes.

Motion made by Councilman Blaisdell to approve Resolution 32-2021 appointing Greta Brown-Vergare, 398 Ballston Road, Scotia, NY as part-time dog control officer starting May 27, 2021 up to 20 hours per week at \$15.53/hr; 2nd by Supervisor Zlotnick; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Councilman Frolish – I have a question; I didn’t see an application or resume for her.

Supervisor Zlotnick – She was one of the people we interviewed. I will send the paperwork in the morning.

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to approve Resolution 33-2021 appointing Jeanette McMullen, 12 Majesty’s Way, Mechanicville, NY, in the Assessor’s office starting June 1, 202, up to 20 hours per week at \$15/hour; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Motion made by Councilman Isachsen to allow William Wade to buy out a week of vacation; 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Councilwoman Kerr – I wish these people would take their vacations. They need the time off.

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Motion made by Councilman Frolish to allow Jacob Kupferman to carry over 40 hours of vacation; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Councilman Isachsen – Is this to fill a vacancy and for how long?

Councilman Blaisdell – It’s a yearly appointment. She will be good for the committee and the Town.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to appoint Sallie Poltynski, 1151 Goode Road, Ballston Spa, NY to the Open Space Committee; 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Town Clerk Howe – Mike Valentine called last week. The IDA is holding a public hearing for the new Napa on Rowland Street. They prefer having the meeting in the Town of the project. They may meet by Zoom or at the Solar building, but we needed to make sure they could use here if necessary.

Motion made by Councilman Blaisdell to allow Saratoga County IDA the use of the Town of Milton meeting room for a public hearing on June 8, 2021 at 8:30am; 2nd by Councilman Frolish Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Supervisor Zlotnick – I spoke with Bill Lewis about the “Zombie Property” issue. We have about 6 or so properties in need of maintenance. One property, the owner died and there are no relatives. It is totally over-grown. I think we need, over the next couple months, come up with a policy to allow the Town to have a company go in to clean ant then add the cost to the tax bill.

Attorney Craig – This has come up in the past and never gone anywhere. If the Board would like to make a motion, I can draft a Local Law for the Board to review.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Read Building Inspector Lewis’s letter into the record.

Monthly Reports and Liaison Reports and County Committee reports:

Animal Control

Building Department – **Liaison Report**

Building & Grounds – **Liaison Report**

Comptroller Budget vs. Actual Report, Cash Balances & Detail Transaction Report

Highway Department – **Liaison Report**

Historian

Town Clerk/Registrar

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Town Justice – **Liaison Report**
Town Tax Collector
Youth Bureau
Planning and Zoning Boards – **Liaison Report**

Old Business - Nothing

New Business

Supervisor Zlotnick – Chairman Bartow sent the Planning Board recommendations for the 272 Stone Church PDD. Please look over the letter and we will address at the next meeting. Chairman Bartow will also have recommendations regarding recreation for the PDD.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Our rolling average for Covid is 1.3. 65% of the county has had at least one vaccine. The zip codes of Rock City Falls and Middle Grove are lagging in vaccine %'s. I am working with Brenda Baird and the Rock City Fire Department about setting up a clinic tent on Saturday June 5th at the firehouse. The County Open Space committee has approved the purchase of land from Eric Smassanow for conservation. The Public Works committee has a project in Providence and is working on bridge reimbursements. There is an update to the Emergency Rental Assistance program. They will have a website portal opening June 1st and the phone number is 1-844-NY1RENT. Our Special meeting on June 1st will be in person and via Zoom.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to have the Town Attorney draft a Local Law addressing the issues of “Zombie Properties”; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Councilman Frolish – Mike and Tony made some good points. What is our goal? Are we trying to collect information? How can anyone speak when they don't have any idea of what we are looking for?

Supervisor Zlotnick – The purpose of the meeting is to hear from both sides. There will be a sign in sheet for anyone who wants to speak. Hopefully the owners of the junkyards will be here.

Councilwoman Kerr – Hoping to come to some compromise. Hearing what the residents and property owners have to say.

Councilman Frolish – Couldn't agree with you more. Take Metro Metals; he hasn't had any complaints.

Councilwoman Kerr – I sent letters to the owners of the Junkyards.

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Councilman Frolish – Dr. Landis, you have a Coalition and if you speak for them, we can cut down on speakers.

Supervisor Zlotnick – That’s helpful if we will be hearing the same issues over and over.

Councilman Frolish – I would like to have it written as to what the issues are.

Councilwoman Kerr – I think we have to listen to the individuals.

Public Comment opened

Michael Landis – I provided the Board with a packet to streamline the event. If you read that document, you will see what people have to say. We are expecting hearing a response from the Board.

Eric Smassanow – Middle Line Road – I didn’t know that the land had been voted on. Thank you to the Board, Saratoga County and Saratoga Plan. We didn’t sell land we sold the development rights so it would stay conserved.

Tony Dawson – Greenfield Avenue – I have not received any letter from Councilwoman Kerr as of today. November 2018 invites were sent out to all residents within 1000ft of the property. Recommend reasonable boundaries because only certain people are affected. We don’t know, walking into this meeting, what the residents’ concerns are. How can we compromise? I have mentioned, numerous times, and notified the Town that the properties on the northern boundary are in violation of deed restrictions and Town Code violations. Not fair for the Board to listen to 3 or 4 people that continue to complain yet ignore my complaints. Ask that the Board push this off for a couple weeks.

Derrick Raeder – Liberty Drive – I was looking for a follow up from the Board. Supervisor, please forward the information we discussed to the Board. Would have liked for you to have followed your work and already given it to the Board so the issue can be addressed. I would like a follow up.

Public Comment closed

Councilwoman Kerr – I have a pet peeve. I get notification every time the flag is to be flown at half-mast. It should be at half mast until May 30th for the shooting in CA.

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