

Town of Milton
September 22, 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 Councilwoman Kerr

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

Supervisor Zlotnick – Yesterday I received an email from County Health and a Milton resident has died due to COVID. I again ask that you wear a mask for everyone’s safety.

Historian Staulters – Presentation of the 2021 Historic Homes and Structures Committee Award to David & Linda McConnel of 520 Route 29. A plaque for the home and a notebook of all the research was presented to the homeowners. A name plate was added to the Award Plaque that hangs in Town Hall.

Public Hearing for Local Law 4-2021 was opened at 7:39pm

John Olenik – Van Tassel Lane – Why are we having this public hearing?

Supervisor Zlotnick – According to Building Inspector Lewis, there are several properties that are run down and not being taken care of. We need the legislation to hand the situation before it gets out of hand.

Public Hearing closed at 7:40pm

Cassidy from Spectrum has been working with the comptroller and the Town IT on the needs of the Town for a dedicated fiber optic line, for security measures. Handouts were given to the Board. The proposal includes a next generation firewall to block the outside and 32 physical phone upgrades.

Jeff with Accu-Networks – Moving to a fiber optic circuit increases reliability. If there is an issue, the “fix it” window is about 4 hours versus 2-3 days.

Cassidy with Spectrum – The phone system will be fully managed inhouse with an access portal. That allows you to make changes, such as employees names, on site. All employees will still have control over voicemails, messages etc. on their own phone.

Councilman Frolish – There are 32 phones?

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Cassidy – That number can easily be changed if you need more phones or less.

Councilman Frolish – What do we currently pay?

Comptroller Braymer – About \$12,000 annually but we pay to 3 different providers. This would eliminate one by combining. This is a little more, but our current system is designed for residential use not business. This would be a start and we can look at other benefits as we go along.

Councilman Frolish – This is an introductory price. How long before it increases?

Cassidy – The introductory price is for a 36-month contract. Once that is up, it goes to a month by month at the same price. You can enter into a new contract at the end of the 36-months and that should lower the cost.

Councilman Frolish – You supply the fiber optics to the building, configure the building and do the drops to the phones.

Cassidy – Yes. This option allows for replacement of the existing equipment and fire wall every 3 to 5 years.

Councilman Frolish – Will you do the drops for the phone and the computers?

Cassidy – Every drop will have 2 lines.

Supervisor Zlotnick – 32 drops, does that include the community center?

Cassidy – This proposal is for 503 Geyser Road only. We can do a survey for the community center.

Councilwoman Kerr – How long for we have before we have to make a decision?

Jenny Lippman, MJ Engineering – To keep on schedule, the system would have to be approved before employees are back in the building.

Councilman Frolish – What is Spectrum's construction schedule?

Cassidy – It is usually a 60 to 90-day window. Once the final end of the project, that is when the contract would take effect.

Councilman Frolish – It is more important to get the wiring done before closing the ceiling.

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Supervisor Zlotnick – We are going to jump around a little. Resolution 49-2021 is for a Budget Amendment.

Councilman Isachsen – We talked about this at the last meeting. I spoke with KamCrest, and they can split the invoice and the equipment for here and Town hall. They will set the unit here and the vendor will configure. Jeff will do the necessary configuration at the community center. We can add a support package for \$250 annually. Even with that, this vendor is still the lowest. My recommendation.

Jeff with Accu-Networks – The poly system is a conference bar that will show the whole Board. It also has a voice tracking system. It allows uploading documents for the audience and zoom to see.

Councilman Frolish – Will you install at Town Hall.

Jeff – It's just a basic connection to the network there.

Councilman Isachsen – The bid amount includes the installation at Town Hall.

Councilman Frolish – Jeff, would your cost be under \$1,000?

Jeff – Yes, including both locations.

Councilwoman Kerr – This will allow contractors to put their information on the screens?

Jeff – Yes. It allows a HDMI connection to devices.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve the budget amendment; 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Public comment opened

Natalia Martinez – 9 Pheasant Run – I reached out to Mr. Zlotnick regarding bullets reaching houses from the Gun Club. A contractor pulled a bullet from my roof, and it came from the direction of the gun club. It has also happened at another house in the neighborhood. Both have been reported to the sheriff. We want to have a meeting about what safety measures need to be implemented.

Frank Rossi Jr – Saratoga Avenue – Mr. Supervisor, I received an undated letter on behalf of Frank Rossi Sr asking to canvass within Mohican Hills. Our policy is to allow only 1 day per candidate. Gina Marozzi will be in contact. We will be taking the names of any resident that does not want to be contacted. We have also offered this to all the candidates. Now I want to address conduct. Someone on your Facebook page

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directly threatened another person. Threats and confrontation of females by this individual should not be allowed and you should make sure it doesn't continue. Please get in front of this and make them stop.

Barbara Broderson - Edmund Drive – You are talking about install equipment here. Will this be permanent?

Supervisor Zlotnick – No.

Barbara Broderson – So you are putting it in for 4 months? How does this affect us moving back in here? How long is it going to take us to get back in? You were \$500,000 over budget. Has anything changed?

Mike Batty – Huntington Way – My house was hit Monday at 4pm by a bullet. It broke a window. I knew there was a gun club, but I didn't know there would be safety issues. Neighbors heard the bullet. I think the Board needs to address this immediately. There is no-one at the club to make sure everyone is following the rules. Last spring, I think my house was hit also. We hear louder bangs and think that larger guns are being used. Concerned for safety.

Councilwoman Kerr – Are we going to have a discussion after public hearing about this?

Supervisor Zlotnick – yes.

Bruce Boghosian – Jockey Street – As I listen to this conversation it reminds me of something Paul Brown said. “If you lie down with lions, you're going to get scratched”. Jen, you mentioned the Town hooking into public sewer. The sewer connection fee was not included in the bid. So, remember that has to be paid.

Gina Marozzi – Old Glory Lane – I read a Facebook conversation and I was confused. It congratulated Benny for the Town receiving \$1.2 million in Covid relief and giving the Village \$600,000.

Supervisor Zlotnick – That was part of the original relief where the Towns gave to the Villages.

Gina Marozzi – This changed before 9/14/21. Don't you feel that this part is mis-leading?

Supervisor Zlotnick – No.

Gina Marozzi – It also stated that the funding can only be used in certain ways. How?

Supervisor Zlotnick – We can discuss ARPA funds after the meeting.

Gina Marozzi – I would think that if a post was made in your behalf, you would want to clarify.

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Brenda Clark –Huntington Way – Monday I was outside and heard gunfire. It was different from the usual noise. We heard a whizzing. Then we heard from a neighbor that his window was broken. This is a very big concern. Don't want to get the club closed, just want to get these safety issues resolved.

Sharon Licata – Ichabod Lane – Regarding the ARPA funds for Milton, I requested for a committee to be set up for ideas on how to spend the money. I haven't heard anything back. The requirements are specific. I again request that a committee be put together.

Public comment closed

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021, and the September 8, 2021, meetings as presented; 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 approve Resolution 50-2021 for the purchase of audio/visual equipment from KamCrest at the bid amount; 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 Frolish to approve Resolution 51-2021 supporting the Town Court in applying for a JCAP Grant; 2nd by Councilwoman Kerr; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Councilman Frolish – This is a matching grant?

Judge Brown – Not matching. We have to have the money in the budget in case the amount goes over. We pay and then are reimbursed.

Motion made by Councilman Blaisdell to approve Resolution 48-2021 requesting a speed study on Paisley Road; 2nd by Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Supervisor Zlotnick – Next is the Resolution for the Bond Amendment

Councilman Frolish – I ran some numbers and looked at the contracts. It looks like we have spent closer to \$1.4 million.

Comptroller Braymer – Yes but there are a few figures not included yet. Hoping to close out at \$1.5 million. Going with \$1.65 million so we have a little flexibility and don't have to do this again.

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Councilman Frolish – There are contingencies in the contracts.

Comptroller Braymer – There is money factored into the contracts for a cushion. All this resolution does is increases the money we can use towards the project. Doesn't mean we will go to that figure.

Councilman Frolish - I would be more comfortable if we had been more realistic as to what we are spending. Want everyone to know we won't ne spending the \$1.65million but closer to \$1.4million.

Comptroller Braymer – Closer to \$1.5million, if the Board approves the addons also. The security entry coded cards system and the sewer hookup.

Councilman Frolish – They aren't really addons, they were part of the bids.

Councilwoman Kerr – It was explained me that the cushion was there so we didn't have to do this again.

Jenn Lippmann – When the bids went out, due to cost, we split out the security entry and sewer. So, the bids were the base bid and then the 2 addalts.

Councilman Frolish – Total number was \$588,000 with the sewer and security entry.

Jenny Lippmann – We don't have the sewer hook-up fees yet because we'll have to wait for additional information.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve Resolution 53-2021 to amend the bond resolution; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Resolution 54-2021 Contract #1 Construction

Jenny Lippmann – All the work associated with the interior – ceilings, flooring and any damaged areas, the sewer installation and adding the security entry card reader.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Jenny can you please explain the sewer.

Jenny Lippmann – Right now there are 2 septic tanks. One in the front of court and one under the back parking lot. They are old systems and not up to code. Hooking into the sewer system, brings them up to code.

Councilwoman Kerr – Who will oversee the card system?

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Councilman Frolish – Probably the Town Clerk office.

Supervisor Zlotnick – The new system will cover all access to the building for safety reasons.

Councilwoman Kerr – Much better for the safety issues.

Jenny Lippmann – The proposal at this time, will be through the town clerk's office.

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to approve Resolution 54-2021 awarding Contract #1 – Construction; 2nd by Councilman Frolish; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Resolution 55-2021 Contract #2 Plumbing

Councilman Frolish – This will deal with the sewage overflow in court and the building department. This will correct all the issues.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve Resolution 55-2021 awarding Contract #2 – Plumbing; 2nd Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Resolution 56-2021 Contract #3 HVAC

Jenny Lippmann – The HVAC is being replaced. The existing units are aging, and they are residential units and not suited for commercial space. The air conditioning units and ventilation are also be upgraded.

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to approve Resolution 56-2021 awarding Contract #3 – HVAC; 2nd by Councilman Frolish; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Resolution 57-2021 Contract #4 Electrical

Jenny Lippmann – This includes new wiring, new lights, new IT closet and the new fire alarm system.
Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve Resolution 57-2021 awarding Contract #4 – Electrical; 2nd by Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to approve the easement with Niagara Mohawk and have the Supervisor sign the necessary paperwork; 2nd by Councilman Blaisdell;

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Discussion:
Councilwoman Kerr – Where is this easement?

Supervisor Zlotnick – Brook Road

Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes;
Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Motion made by Councilwoman Kerr to re-appoint Sharon Licata to the budget committee; 2nd by
Councilman Isachsen; Councilman Blaisdell-yes; Councilwoman Kerr-yes; Councilman Frolish-yes;
Councilman Isachsen-yes; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

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 - **Filed**

Highway Department – **Liaison Report**

Historian

Town Clerk/Registrar

Town Justice – **Liaison Report**

Town Tax Collector

Youth Bureau

Planning and Zoning Boards – **Liaison Report**

Supervisors report on County committees – There were no meetings this month.

Old Business –

Supervisor Zlotnick – We looked at the CDTA agreement regarding the parking lot and it's okay to go ahead
with selling to Community Ambulance. I would like to ask for a motion to sell for \$100,000 to the
Community Ambulance Corp, 2 cares of land, to be determined at a separate time.

Councilman Frolish – I will make that motion

Councilwoman Kerr – What were the appraisals?

Supervisor Zlotnick – Average of \$100,000/acre

Councilman Blaisdell – Please give more information.

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Supervisor Zlotnick – The ambulance corps wants to move to Town Center. The cost will be passed through to the residents.

Councilwoman Kerr – Can we legally sell for under the appraisal values?

Attorney Craig – NYS Constitution says we have to get fair market value.

Councilwoman Kerr – Don't want to vote on anything that doesn't follow the NYS Constitution.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Don't see an issue. I have talked with Mr. Otten. If someone wants to take the Town to Court...

Councilwoman Kerr – We have 2 appraisals at \$100,000/acre.

Supervisor Zlotnick – We are selling, we can set the amount.

Attorney Craig – The vote tonight would be for me to write up a Resolution with the cost. The Board selling for less than fair market value is illegal.

Councilwoman Kerr – I will agree to selling but don't want to set a price.

Councilman Frolish – If we rely on NYS to budget, we are in tough shape. We are using the same taxpayer money. We are not benefiting. Moving the ambulance makes it more centrally located. When the fire department needed 2 acres, the County gave to the district. When budget time, the ambulance corps will just increase their budget.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Will amend the motion to have Jim write a resolution agreeing to sell. The ambulance will just have to increase their budget.

Councilwoman Kerr – If we approve the whole thing.

Motion made by Councilman Frolish to ask Town Attorney to write up a resolution with an agreement to sell 2 acres of land to Community Ambulance Corp; 2nd by Supervisor Zlotnick; Councilman Blaisdell-yes, want more information; Councilwoman Kerr-yes, just the contract; Councilman Frolish-yes; Councilman Isachsen-yes, no cost; Supervisor Zlotnick-yes; motion carried

Supervisor Zlotnick – We received the Highway Budget and again they are requesting work on the gas island begin.

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Councilman Frolish – Where is the proposal from MJ? I would like more information. I’m nervous about starting a project in winter.

Councilwoman Kerr – I want to see the Town Hall project complete before we jump into another major project.

Supervisor Zlotnick – You don’t think the Town can handle 2 projects?

Councilwoman Kerr – Not the way Town Hall had been handled.

Public comment opened –

Sharon Licata – Ichabod Lane – We are opposed to the expansion of the airport. Recently a U-Tube video surfaced for the expansion of the terminal. I forwarded this to the Supervisor. Who commissioned the video and who is spearheading? They are looking for grant money.

Tony Licata – Ichabod Lane – The video should be made public. Why are they hiding it? Why doesn’t the Town know about it? They have lied to us before.

Suzanne Canell – Surrey Lane – John Olenik and myself have a meeting with Jim Craig and Benny to see if we can do something about the insurance denial. I don’t like not being able to hear and we need visual aids for the audience. It’s our money. Fix this. If people don’t know how to speak in public – project, use the microphone, speak clearly.

Mike Batty – Huntington Way – Where do we go from here with the gun club? What’s the next step? Everyone has some safety concerns, the gun club, the Board and the residents.

Councilman Frolish – We have to wait until the sheriff investigations are complete, so we are going in the right direction.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Once the investigations are complete, we will reach out to everyone for a resolution.

Bruce Boghosian – Jockey Street – Mr. Supervisor, you took an oath of office to uphold the NYS Constitution. Yet tonight you’ve shown you are willing to violate the constitution to get what you want. I understand why you don’t care about transportation law. What about a long-term lease for the ambulance corps?

Attorney Craig – It is also a no go.

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Bruce Boghosian – Approved hooking into the sewer but you don't have a permit. You have to pay the connection fees first. Does anyone know the connection fees? Didn't think so. There are 5 bathrooms and sf at \$2,000/ERU. The Town hasn't had a rate review, so the fee is illegal.

Public comment closed

Supervisor Zlotnick – The video was an artist rendering of how the grant money would be used, if the grant is approved. The County paid for the video. They don't know how or who leaked the video.

Bruce Boghosian – Will you address my concerns like you did Mr. Licata?

Supervisor Zlotnick – No. Sorry Ms. Juda, Mr. Boghosian spoiled public comment and it's closed.

Councilman Frolish – I would like to hear.

Michelle Juda – Van Tassel Lane – Appreciate that the financials are filed but we really want a summary at the meetings. Concerned about the audits. Heard that the 2020 wasn't done but didn't know that it hadn't even been started. We really need to hear from the comptroller.

Ray Otten – Community Ambulance Corps – When are budgets requests due? We may need to make changes.

Supervisor Zlotnick – The 20th.

Ray Otten – We want to move to Town Center because it is central to our calls, not because we are covering in Greenfield and Corinth as Ms. Kerr stated.

Councilwoman Kerr – I was going on what you have stated before about expanding into those towns.

Ray Otten – Not true

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