

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF COXSACKIE
March 31, 2016**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Thomas Burke, Councilman
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Linda Wilkinson, Councilwoman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Larry Ross, Carlton Wilkinson, Karen Pautz

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Richard Hanse with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor stated that Dawn Smith needed to be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review. Michael Veeder made the motion which was seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

Supervisor asked for a motion to appoint Mark Maraglio to the Board of Assessment Review. Thomas Burke made the motion which was seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

Councilwoman Wilkinson as insurance liaison gave an update. She, Tom and Karen looked at two new insurance plans--MVP and Blue Shield. The current CDPHP plan has been discontinued. If the Town stays with CDPHP (on a different plan) the premium increase is 14%. The Blue Shield plan is an increase of 1%, is comparable to the current plan and is in line with the EMS contract. Currently there is \$40,000 left in the HRA that will be carried over. General discussion ensued.

Tom stated that they also met with two brokers, Gallagher (current) and Marshall & Sterling. At this time they are recommending a change in brokers to Marshall and Sterling.

Linda Wilkinson made a motion to offer the bronze plan through Blue Shield to the eligible Town employees and officials. Thomas Burke seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

Thomas Burke made a motion to switch health insurance brokers and go with Marshall & Sterling. Linda Wilkinson seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

The Delta Dental will be renewed it is the same plan. Vision benefits are included in the Blue Shield Plan.

Supervisor stated that there is a training opportunity through NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets for the dog control officer, Mark Misuraca. The registration fee is \$50 and classes are May 10 and 11 in Albany. Mike Veeder made the motion authorizing the training which was seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

There is training available for highway superintendent Larry Ross. The registration fee is \$110 and the school is June 5-8 in Ithaca. The Town will also pay for lodging. Thomas Burke made the motion authorizing the training which was seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

Councilman Burke reported that as the Village liaison he met with Mark regarding the floor and sublease agreement. These are ongoing issues that have been discussed at length several times. Tom is going to recommend at the board meeting that the sublease agreement be terminated and that the Town split the cost of replacing the tiles with the Village. Councilman Veeder asked if the mortgage payment on the EMS station could be negotiated. Tom will speak with Mark about that.

Councilman Burke met with Joan Tailleir and Gordon Pebler regarding the unsafe buildings. He will keep the board apprised of the progress.

Supervisor asked for authorization to sign an attestation with MultiMed allowing them to accept or reject settlements (equal to or in excess of 90% of the full amount billed) on behalf of the Town. Patrick Kennedy made the motion which was seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried authorizing the supervisor to sign.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$18,977.04 were audited on abstract #5, voucher numbers 2016-225 through 2016-279 and Capital (H) Fund new building payment approved in the amount of \$22.50 check number 279.

Supervisor stated that in accordance with the EMS contract he would like to appoint a labor safety management committee not to meet more than quarterly. He is proposing Councilman Veeder and Kennedy and Book keeper Karen Pautz.

Rick stated that all Town employees/officials are required to take mandatory training on workplace violence, sexual harassment and anti-discrimination. PERMA offers free on-line training. Certificates of completion need to be filed in the Town Clerk's office. Rick will be sending out a memo on this matter in the near future.

It was noted that immediately following the meeting there would be a joint informational meeting at the Village building with a representative from Good Energy regarding community energy aggregation.

At 6:55 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Veeder, seconded by Thomas Burke and duly carried.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk