

**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF COXSACKIE  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**January 26, 2017**

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

Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry would like to purchase a new all-purpose plow truck; the order needs to be placed before the pricing goes up. Discussion ensued regarding equipment replacement schedule, bond process, etc.

Linda, Larry, Tom, and Rick did a site review of 56 Bailey Street with the Army Corp of Engineers, DEC, John Bishop and Dan Hershberg.

Discussion ensued on their findings, timeline, and additional work to be done. Hershberg & Hershberg submitted an amended proposal for engineering and planning services in the maximum amount of \$6200 which would meet the requirements of the Army Corp. The original scope of work has changed due to redesigns and mapping because of the wetland issue. The original proposals totaled \$7600; that work has been completed and the money spent.

Linda stated that the trees need to be cleared, but the stumps can remain. Larry and the crew can do the clearing once the trees are marked. If less than ¼ acre is disturbed than DEC does not need to be involved. Additional expenses will likely be incurred with North Country Ecological Services. Linda also indicated that they are hoping to have bids out in March and begin construction in April.

A motion to accept the amended proposal in the amount of \$6,200 from Hershberg & Hershberg was made by Thomas Burke, seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

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

Rick stated that Jessica Swartout and Merv Swartout are being terminated for job abandonment effective January 31, 2017 and will no longer be on the Town's health insurance. Patrick and Rick spoke with the union representative and the labor attorney; said termination is in accordance with the contract and the board was in agreement of the termination.

Rick distributed information for board review regarding a county-wide shared services property tax savings plan which would be state mandated.

The Town received notice that Joshua Drabick has passed the T & E exam for EMT and is now eligible for appointment. A motion to hire Joshua Drabick as a part-time EMT was made by Thomas Burke, seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

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

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$61,728.56 were audited on abstract #2, voucher numbers 2017-048 through 2017-095.

Capital (H) Fund New Building approved in the amount of \$9,067.01 check numbers 291 through 293.

The year-end accounts of the Supervisor were presented for review.

The regular board meeting will be held on February 14, due to the proximity of the workshop meeting scheduled the following week on February 23, the board was in agreement to cancel the February 23 workshop meeting. The next committee meeting of the highway garage/municipal building will take place on January 30.

Patrick Kennedy once again questioned why the new time keeping system that was purchased for use at the EMS station and Highway department is not being used. The system was purchased almost 2 years ago and he remains unclear why the system has not been implemented. Rick will look into this matter.

At 6:35 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Thomas Burke and duly carried.

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Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk