

TOWN BOARD/WORKSHOP MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Town Board took place on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Town of Kent, New York, 10512.

CAC Presentation – Beth Herr, Chairlady addressed the board she spoke of the wonderful group of people on the committee and their responsibilities. She said their website attracts approximately 150 visitors each month it has links to various hikes and the Kent CAC Nature Almanac. She spoke of the successful hike they led on New Year's Day and a planned hike to Hawk Rock on May 3rd. The CAC will be showing a film called "Bag It" at the Kent Library on April 25, 2015. On June 20th they will be hosting a Fire Fly Social, a time to get together over some ice cream. They will also be participating in the North American Butterfly Count on July 11th. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Fire Tower they will be hosting the Nimham Mountain Festival in October due to that they will hold a few days of maintenance of the Fire Tower. She spoke about the current Photo Competition for pictures capturing the nature of Kent which will be displayed at the Kent Library in the month of June and afterwards in the entryway at Town Hall, she encouraged residents to participate and share their photographs, they can be submitted directly on the website at www.kentcac.info or emailing her directly at herrszur@comcast.net by May 15th.

Dave Ehnebuske, Co Chairperson spoke about the non-profit called the Kent Conservation Foundation, their mission is to carryout projects that the Kent CAC would like to see happen. One example is the stewardship agreement for the Fire Tower. They are getting to the point that major work is anticipated. They are in the process of applying for a 501C to be tax exempt. The first project is the replacement of the floor in the Fire Tower which is original. The second project is hiring a Civil Engineer for a long term maintenance plan, possibly painting.

Councilman Huestis suggested possible trails at Huestis Park utilizing the approximately 100 acres there which abuts Madden Farms and asked for their expertise.

The board continued the workshop and reviewed and discussed all the items on the Workshop Agenda.

Public Comment

Sue Kotzur Chairperson of the Recycling Center stated to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 2, 2015 you must call to register.

Councilman Huestis thanked all for the get well wishes for his mom, who is recuperating. He also wished Diane O'Brien our clerk who works for Sanitation the best on her recent surgery. He misses Councilman Tierney and hopes he is back by the next meeting. He said we lost a very dedicated resident, Frank Heitman, he was active with recreation, his wife worked in the courts, his suffering is over, rest in peace. He urged all to volunteer; the Historical Society is seeking help, the Kent CAC, Recycling, Recreation get involved. He rallied all to participate in Kent Cleanup Day. The Kent Historical Society on April 25, 2015 at noon is giving a tour of the lower level of the Putnam County Park and Veterans Museum and invited all to attend there is no cost.

Pledge of Allegiance - At 8:50 p.m. Supervisor Fleming called the Town Board Meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call

Supervisor Maureen Fleming – present Councilman Paul Denbaum – present
Councilwoman Penny Osborn – present Councilman Bill Huestis – present
Councilman Mike Tierney – not present

Also Present: Town Clerk Yolanda "Lana" Cappelli, Police Chief Alex DiVernieri, Town Counsel Jay Hogan of Hogan and Rossi, Beth Herr, Chairperson of the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, Dave Ehnebuske, Co-Chairperson of the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, Recreation Director Lou Fernandez, and Sue Kotzur, Co-Chair of Recycling.

Resolution #127 - Approve Playground Safety Purchase

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent Director of Recreation and Parks has requested authorization to purchase up to 100 cubic yards of manufactured safety surfacing to replenish and maintain the playgrounds at Edward Ryan Memorial Park and Huestis Park, a copy of which request is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy, the Town's Director of Recreation and Parks made 3 requests for quotes to suppliers of manufactured safety surfacing, and received 3 written quotes in response to such request, copies of which are annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Deer River Ranch, Inc. (a Zeager Company) has submitted the lowest quote dated March 26, 2015 of \$2,678.54 for 100 cubic yards of manufactured safety surfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kent wishes to accept the quote submitted by Deer River Ranch, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby approves the purchase of 100 cubic yards of manufactured safety surfacing from Deer River Ranch, Inc. to replenish and maintain the playgrounds at Edward Ryan Memorial Park and Huestis Park for the prices set forth on the quote annexed hereto in a total amount not to exceed \$2,678.54; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution, consistent with the terms hereof, all in form satisfactory to the Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #128 - Approve Recreation Department Seasonal Personnel Hiring

On a motion Councilman Denbaum

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of Recreation Director Fernandez the following were rehired as seasonal Parks Department personnel: Brian DeNapoli, Edison Ramon, Ryan Herde, Kevin Daly, Anthony Ardizone, and James Panissidi at a rate of \$8.75 per hour.

Roll Call:

Councilman Denbaum – nay, last year we had 5 individuals which was adequate, and given no reason why we needed an additional individual except that we should have had 6 last year. If the Director wants an additional individual in the future because it is not working out, he would be willing to hear what he has to say. He urged the board to vote this down and would approve the hiring of 5 individuals.

Councilwoman Osborn – aye, because he lost experience workers and is going to need the manpower.

Councilman Huestis – aye, but looks forward to conversations with his colleague to his right concerning Recreation and Parks, having managed it for 26 years. He said there is less travel teams, games, hopefully they will continue the historic preservation up on top. He knows he has taken the brunt with the experience issue as he knows what we had in the past. In the future he is going to be tougher.

Supervisor Fleming - aye

Motion carried

Resolution #129 - Approve Agreement with US Sports Institute

On a motion Councilman Denbaum

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

Resolved: The agreement with US Sports Institute was approved.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #130- Approve Procedure for Reappointment of Members of Boards/Committees

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kent is vested with the authority to appoint certain officers of the Town pursuant to Town Law §20(1); and

WHEREAS, to assist the Town Board in appointing the most qualified persons to Town offices, the Town Board wishes to establish a policy requiring any person holding an appointed Town office to notify the Town Board of his or her intention to seek reappointment to such office no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration his or her term; and

WHEREAS, said policy will ensure that the Town Board has adequate time to advertise for any offices that will become vacant at the expiration of an appointed official's term, and to obtain a sufficient applicant pool from which to select and appoint a qualified person to serve in such office;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby adopts a policy requiring all appointed Town officers to notify the Town Board in writing of his or her intention to seek reappointment no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration his or her term of office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #131 - Supervisor to Sign the Putnam County Real Property Tax Service Contract

On a motion by Councilman Osborn

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent has received from the Director of Real Property Tax Services of the County of Putnam an agreement entitled "Putnam County Real Property Tax Service Contract" in the form annexed hereto (the "Contract") whereby the County proposes to provide real property tax-related services to the Town for the 2015 calendar year as described in the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kent has determined that the Contract is in the best interests of the Town and desires to enter into the Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby approves the Contract with the County of Putnam in the form annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute the attached Contract and any and all other documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #132 - Accept Resignation of Police Officer Matthew Kraisky

On a motion Councilwoman Osborn

Seconded by Councilman Denbaum

Resolved: The resignation of Police Officer Matthew Kraisky was accepted with regret.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #133 - Accept the resignation of AJ Batra

On a motion by Councilwoman Osborn

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

Resolved: The resignation of Amitoj Batra a Clerk for the Building Department was accepted with regret.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #134 - Approve Hiring of Andrea McKinley- Supervising Lifeguard -Lake Carmel Park District

On a motion by Councilwoman Osborn

Seconded by Councilman Denbaum

Resolved: Andrea McKinley was rehired as Supervisor of Lifeguards for the Lake Carmel Park District.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #135 - Exclude Bates Property from Sewer District

On a motion Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilman Huestis

WHEREAS, certain property with a street address of 392 Nichols Street, shown on the Town of Kent Tax Map as Section 33.18, Block 1, Lot 23 (the "Premises") has been included in the Town of Kent Route 52 Sewer District;

WHEREAS, George E. and Susan Bates, the owners of the Premises have made a request to the Town of Kent Town Board to be excluded from the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, section 307 of the Town of Kent Sewer Use Law provides that "unless an exemption is granted by the Town Board, at such time that a public sewer becomes available to a property and within the time period specified by the Board, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer . . ."

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent Town Board has determined that the Premises was erroneously included in the Sewer District, and wishes to exclude the Premises from the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent Town Board is without authority to correct any assessments against the Premises relating to the Sewer District, such authority being vested in the Town's Board of Assessment Review;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent grants an exemption pursuant to section 307 of the Town of Kent Sewer Use Law, thereby excluding the Premises from the Sewer District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the owners of the Premises are encouraged to petition the Town of Kent Board of Assessment Review to amend the assessment relating to the Premises to reflect that the Premises has been excluded from the Sewer District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #136 - Approve promotion of Pat Esposito from MEO to CEO

On a motion Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

Resolved: Pat Esposito was promoted to the position of CEO in the Highway Department, effective April 6, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #137 – Add Proclamation to the Agenda

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilman Denbaum

Resolved: Purple Heart Town Proclamation was added to the agenda for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously

Purple Heart Town

Supervisor Fleming said she was contacted by the Yorktown Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart who extended the invitation to Kent to be a Purple Heart Town, the second in the County which is a great honor. She prepared a proclamation to be approved at the next meeting with the members of the order presented.

Resolution #138 - Approve Vouchers & Claims

On a motion Councilman Huestis

Seconded by Councilwoman Osborn

Resolved: All Vouchers #200132706 - #200132800 and claims submitted by:

1. City Carting	\$4,693.98	Lake Carmel Garbage
	\$4,280.20	
	\$4,211.78	
2. Morton Salt	\$38,056.92	Salt
3. National Gear & Piston	\$2,015.26	Auto Parts
4. NYCOMCO	\$2,622.00	2 Way Radio: Police
5. Royal Carting	\$3,589.17	Recycling Garbage
6. Town of Kent Municipal Repairs	\$21,162.81	Chargebacks: Highway
	\$3,460.55	Chargebacks: Recreation
	\$6,238.04	Chargebacks: Sanitation

In the amount of \$117,666.88 was approved.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

None

Resolution #139 – Adjournment

On a motion by Councilman Huestis

Seconded by Supervisor Fleming

Resolved: The Town Board meeting of April 7, 2015 adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda D. Cappelli
Town Clerk