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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-April 2, 2015

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

Steve Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

John Lant-Councilman

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, Jeff Reale, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #89

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2015 meeting.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment Session

Connie Towers, Vice President of Wilton Food Pantry, said the pantry is having their 4th Annual Empty Bowls event on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Saratoga Wilton Elks Lodge. It's a great community event where everyone comes together, local businesses donate auction items and there is a simple meal of chili and soup with bread. There is live music. Tickets are \$15 and \$20 in advance. The cost allows you to purchase a handcrafted bowl made by Skidmore artisans. The soup and chili are made by Skidmore Dining. It's a great time to get out and meet people. There are sponsorships still available starting at \$250. Tickets can be purchased this evening after the meeting. If you are interested in donating an auction item or a sponsorship you can contact us at www.wiltonfoodpantry.org. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Saratoga Wilton Elks Lodge on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. They have given us the venue for four years and they are wonderful. We have served almost 29,000 meals last year to 305 Town of Wilton families.

Supervisor Johnson said he wanted to thank the pantry and all of the volunteers and would like to encourage everyone to come out and participate. There is a great silent auction with items to bid on. Ms. Towers said Ray O'Connor has been writing a book over the past three years and is due to come out in May. He has offered to do a presentation and will auction off a hard cover edition before it is out in stores.

Sweeten the Bowl will also be available for an extra dollar. Sundaes Best will offer ice cream with hot fudge.

Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond Fishing Program

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #90**Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond, Scout Pond, Fishing Program**

The Town of Wilton, owners of property known as Camp Saratoga, has stocked Scout Pond for resident fishing.

1. The stocking program is for the **Town of Wilton residents only**.
2. April 1st to July 1st will be reserved for fishing by Town of Wilton resident **youths age 16 or under** and may be assisted by an immediate adult family member.
3. The remainder of the trout fishing season will be open to Town residents to October 15th, the last day of trout season, for all persons over the age of 16 with the required valid New York State Fishing License.
4. Fishing limit is 2 per day.

5. Adult fishing shall be after July 1st (catch and release is recommended).
6. **No** live bait is permitted (worms and lures permitted).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Peddling and Soliciting License

Supervisor Johnson said there is an application from AMP, LLC before the board for peddling and soliciting. The clerk noted the applicant will be offering residents electricity providers on the basis of who has the best rate. The applicants will be soliciting for a period of 28 days.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #91

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a Peddling and Soliciting application for AMP, LLC.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Road Dedication-Pine Brook Landing, Rose Terrace Amendment

Attorney Schachner suggested the board amend the prior resolution for the road acceptance contingent upon attorney review. After review the dedication should include three stormwater areas. The applicant has paid the appropriate fee for the town to own and manage those areas.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION #75 OF 2015

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted Resolution #75 of 2015 on March 5, 2015, accepting dedication of Rose Terrace, a road in the Pine Brook Landing Subdivision, contingent upon Town Counsel's review; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Deed conveying Rose Terrace to the Town will also convey three Stormwater Management Areas located in the Subdivision, which the Town will be responsible for maintaining after conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also understands that the Developer has paid all required fees to allow the Town to accept the Stormwater Management Areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board amends Resolution #75 of 2015 to read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the following road dedication in the Pine Brook Landing Subdivision, contingent upon final review by Town Counsel;

Rose Terrace

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to accept Stormwater Management Areas #1, #2 and #3 in the Pine Brook Landing Subdivision, contingent upon final review and approval from Town Counsel and the Town Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Counsel are authorized to finalize and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the Road and Stormwater Management Areas.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Wilton Zoning Board of Appeals Resignation
Rocco Angerami

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation from Rocco Angerami for the Zoning Board of Appeals effective April 1, 2015.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Appointments

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #93

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Debi Zellan to the Historic Preservation Board. Term to expire 12/31/2019.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #94

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Gerard Zabala to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fulfill a vacated term to expire 12/31/2019.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Gavin Park Camp Immunization Policy

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said with all the recent outbreaks of diseases, which are preventable with vaccines, like measles, mumps and whooping cough, the town is recommending a new policy for all campers and camp staff to have updated immunization records. The town physician will be reviewing the records. If they are not up to date, a letter would be written to the family recommending updated immunizations. The policy would state if there is an outbreak the town would do whatever necessary to

send campers or staff home if they are not fully vaccinated. **Supervisor Johnson** said the policy has been reviewed by town counsel and is a combined effort of Steve Porto, Park and Recreation Director, Tracey Kubis, Assistant Park and Recreation Director, Nancy Riely, Safety Officer and Deputy Supervisor Streicher. It is important to look at this since summer camp registrations are ongoing. Tina Weber asked what will happen to those who don't believe in vaccinating. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said there is a form to fill out if a person cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons and they will receive an exemption. If it is a personal belief, they will have to sign a refusal to vaccinate form. The New York State Department of Health recommends vaccinations but do not require them. Summer camp is under the guidance and licensing of Department of Health. If there is an outbreak, the unvaccinated campers will have to leave. **Supervisor Johnson** said the camper will not be refused admittance to camp unless there is an outbreak. **Julie Hotaling** said children have to be vaccinated to attend college. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said it depends on whether a school is public or private. **Nancy Gatland** said unvaccinated children will be allowed into summer camp and spread disease before anyone knows. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the vaccinated children will be protected. **Ms. Gatland** said we can't forget there may be children in the program that cannot be vaccinated due to health reasons and it will already be spread before you know about it. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said he would like everyone to be vaccinated but everyone has a different opinion. The New York State Department of Health recommends being fully vaccinated but it is not required and that is who licenses summer camp. **Councilman McEachron** said registration has already started. How will the new policy affect the program? **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said immunization records are a current requirement. The only difference will be the review from the town health officer and if not fully vaccinated a letter will be sent to the family. There is no major change. **Tracey Kubis** said all currently registered campers have supplied a current vaccination record. The policy has always been in effect.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #95

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to
approve the Gavin Park Summer Camp
Immunization Policy (attached).

The adoption of the resolution was
seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly
put to a vote, all in favor. The motion
passed 5-0.

Solar Power Update

Mr. Reale said the Public Service Commission has loosened up some of their regulations and is allowing vendors to get "grandfathered" credits that have not been used up. All applicants have until May 1, 2015 to apply for the credits. Solar City was asked to put together some new numbers based on the "grandfathered" credits. An email was sent to board members because the numbers are very confusing because they use two different numbers. The grid escalator is the amount they estimate electricity cost will increase over the next 20 years. The higher the number, the higher the savings. The other number is the remote net meter. That is the credit you will receive from the solar project. Ryan Riper said what it really comes down to is the PPA. The PPA is the cost the town would pay the solar vendor for putting

in the project. The PPA from Solar City is .088 which is 34% less than the previous vendor. There are some other numbers but it isn't really comparing apples to apples. Solar City, with a grid escalation of 2% and a remote net metering fixed at .136%, potentially the town could save over \$800,000. If electricity only goes up 1%, the savings will be around \$651,000. It is still more than what was reported last month with another vendor with his grid escalator at 2.5%. He was projecting the electric rates going higher. There is no way to know what the electricity rates will be in the future. **Councilman McEachron** asked what the savings will be if the electric rates remained the same. **Mr. Reale** said the savings might be around \$300,000 to \$400,000 if the rates stay constant. History shows it will be about a 1% increase. The credits are out there. It won't cost the town any money for the project. Solar City looked at the site and said it looked good and can get close to the 450kw project that has been discussed. The town board will have to approve moving forward on the project. **Supervisor Johnson** noted the application fee is \$350. **Mr. Reale** said there will be some minor engineering costs if the town decides to pull out. The most important deadline is May 1, 2015. If the town decides to go ahead and submit the application with Solar City, we are allowed to go through MEGA. MEGA has already gone through the bidding process so our procurement policy will be met. MEGA is a large conglomerate that has partnered with New York State. They have done all of the bidding requirements for us. Municipalities can go to MEGA for a project. MEGA has partnered with Solar City. It is like using OGS to buy a truck off state contract. **Supervisor Johnson** said MEGA works through the New York State Association of Counties and they offer discounted utility services. **Mr. Reale** said a lot of counties and local municipalities use them. **Supervisor Johnson** said Gordon Boyd, owner of SYNERGY works locally with MEGA and is also partnered with Solar City. **Mr. Reale** said Solar City has a project in Halfmoon and Moreau may also have one. If the board decides to move forward, those municipalities will be contacted. **Supervisor Johnson** suggested moving forward due to the deadline. The landfill is a great site for the project.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the application submission to Solar City.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman Lant said two months ago he spoke about Gavin Park Summer Camp and children with disabilities and autism. A lot of families don't send their kids to camp because they feel as though the staff is not trained. We have at least five families with children with disabilities that would like to attend camp. No child should be left out of camp and they should be able to enjoy their youth. There are few people that are educated in working with children with disabilities and are willing to train staff. He said he would like to talk to Steve Porto, Director of Park and Recreation and would also like the board's support. The town probably won't be able to offer it this summer but we should spend some money to hire someone for seven weeks and train staff. **Supervisor Johnson** said he supports the idea. The camp

tries to be all inclusive but there are some children that may not be accommodated without an aide at this time. We have a disabled camper who comes to camp every year. He has an aide, goes on field trips and is able to participate and has enjoyed being part of the camp. We should continue down that road with whatever we can do to make the camp more inclusive.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said registration for Gavin Park Summer Camp for Wilton Residents is ongoing through April 27, 2015. We are approximately at 50% capacity for a total of 280 campers.

Supervisor Johnson said periodically the town board will go to Wilton Mall. It's called Town Hall to the Mall and it will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wilton Recreation and Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park will be featured. There will be a table with information regarding services available at the town. We will be in the food court area.

Councilman McEachron said he would like to get a needs assessment on equipment and buildings. **Supervisor Johnson** said a few years ago he formed a committee with department heads and they put together a needs assessment. It should be done again and be proactive instead of reactive so we can plan for expenses. **Supervisor Johnson** said the highway department has a long range plan on equipment replacement. **Councilman Lant** said the assessment would be for all departments. **Councilman McEachron** said he would like to get a report on hours and miles on equipment and vehicles. **Mr. Reale** said that information is being recorded at the gas tanks.

Mr. Riper said a Comprehensive Plan Update Committee public hearing is tentatively set for Tuesday, May 12, 2015. A final draft will be available on the website mid to late April with hard copies available at town hall. The town board will have a public hearing as well.

Comptroller's Report

1.) February 2015 Cash Disbursements

General Fund	\$246,624
<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>\$302,463</u>
Total	\$549,087

2.) 2015 Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #97

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2015 budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 4/02/2015 report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Personnel

a.)

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #98

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation from Delbert Kenyon as Building Maintenance Worker, effective January 30, 2015.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

b.)

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #99

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to ratify the decision to hire Roy Vanderbogart as a permanent full time Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker at a rate of \$14.78 per hour with benefits at 40 hours per week, effective 3/31/2015.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

c.)

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #100

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Jason Strong as a permanent full time Building and Grounds

Department at a rate of \$13.93 per hour with benefits, effective 4/8/2015.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

d.)

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to pay out Mark Mykins for 40 hours of accrued Comp Time.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

e.)

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #102

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the creation of a Park and Recreation Office Specialist position and appoint Kim Brock at a rate of \$20.61 per hour with benefits, effective 1/1/2015.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4.) 2015 Salary Step Schedule-Update

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #103

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve salary step updates (attached).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

5.) Annual Update Document

Mr. Reale said he completed the annual financial report that gets reported to New York State. It has been filed with the state's comptroller's office and the town clerk. It is also posted to the town's website.

6.) Disposal of Town Assets

Mr. Reale said Steve Porto, Park and Recreation Director, has requested permission to dispose of a 1998 Chevy pickup. There is a local auction in May of 2015.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #104

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Park and Recreation Department to send the 1998 Chevrolet pickup to auction.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said the board will have an executive session to discuss the performance of a particular employee.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman McEachron with all board members in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to reconvene at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lant with all board members in favor, except Councilman McEachron, who was excused. The motion carried 4-0

No action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher and seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Councilman, John Lant

_____ Councilman, John McEachron

_____ Deputy Supervisor Steve Streicher

_____ Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar