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VIRTUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING via ZOOM-July 2, 2020

Supervisor Lant called the Virtual Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

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

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Ray O'Connor-Councilman

Also present were Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria E. Moran, CPA, CGFM, Comptroller and Mark Schachner, Town Counsel.

Supervisor Lant recommended suspending the normal practice of the public comment portion of the meeting for the time being.

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

RESOLUTION #127

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to suspend public comment for the July 2, 2020 meeting.

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

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by **Councilman O'Connor**, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #128

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 meeting, as typed.

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

Maps, Plan and Reports-Davidson Dr. Water District

Supervisor Lant informed everyone that it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money. It is the residents that would be hooking into it. Mr. Mooney said the residents approached the town, to develop the district. We have produced the maps, plans and reports. Mr. Schachner has reviewed them, and we are ready to go. **Councilwoman Kolligian** asked if people had to pay for that connection fee in one installment or will the town work with them. **Councilman McEachron** asked how many years. Mr. Mooney said yes, it is 20 years. It is an additional assessment on their taxes for the next 20 years. So rather than a huge burden right away, it's broken up for the next 20 years.

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

RESOLUTION # 129

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the maps, plans and reports submitted by Wilton Water and Sewer Authority for the Davidson Drive Water District.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by **Councilwoman Kolligian** duly put to a vote, all in favor, except **Supervisor Lant** who recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

Set Public Hearing

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

RESOLUTION #130

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set the Public Hearing for the Davidson Drive Water District for August 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by **Deputy Supervisor McEachron** duly put to a vote, all in favor except **Supervisor Lant** who recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution

Supervisor Lant stated that this is if an elected official wanted to sign up for the state pension plan. **Councilman O'Connor** asked if this was any different from what was previously in place. Comptroller Moran said, no It isn't. This is a standard form. Since there isn't a lot of turn over, you don't see it that often. When there is a new public official, this form must be filled out and submitted to NYSLRS. It just outlines the number of standard workdays that the person's pension is going to be based on. It needs to be approved by the board.

On a motion introduced by **Councilman O'Connor**, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #131

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for **Supervisor Lant**.

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

NYSDOT Responses

Supervisor Lant explained that he was not happy about the outcome of the report sent by DOT. I'm going to send them a letter stating my feelings. He said North Road has a speed limit of 30 and there isn't a house on it. But you can drive up Dimmick Road at 55 where it's lined with homes. Jones and 50 you turn right to go to the mall and it's 45 and there are no houses. **Supervisor Lant** asked Ryan Riper to tell us more about it. Mr. Riper said he'll go over the roads. It started almost two years ago that Kirk Woodcock requested that DOT evaluate the speeds on these roads and that he did not have any record for setting speed limits. DOT is the organization that sets the speeds in almost every town. Worth Road is currently posted at 40 mph. Based on DOT's reporting it is an appropriate speed. Waller Road is currently posted at 30 mph. Based on their review, they determined that 40 mph is appropriate for that road. North Road is 30 mph and they said that was appropriate for the road. Blanchard Road is not a posted road which means it's 55 mph and they feel that is appropriate as well. There are a lot of factors that go into this evaluation of speed limits. The state has guidelines they go by and they try to keep it consistent from town to town. That way you don't enter a different town and that same road changes from 50 mph to 30 mph. He asked the board if they had any questions. **Deputy Supervisor McEachron** stated **Supervisor Lant**, you don't like their assessment based on when you compare them from road to road? **Supervisor Lant** indicated he didn't believe there is a town road in Wilton where you should drive 55. **Deputy McEachron** asked why we can't just put a sign up. **Supervisor Lant** said you have to follow DOT rules and

regulation's. **Councilman O'Connor** is going to make some calls. I'll let him handle this. We could possibly form a committee and put them in charge. **Councilman O'Connor** said he had a conversation with the Chief of Staff at Carrie Woerner's office about obtaining home rule so we could set our own speed limits. There are upsides and downsides in doing that. There are liability issues and an onslaught of people that will come to the town with their requests. **Deputy Supervisor McEachron** stated he doesn't understand the Waller Road increase from 30 to 40 mph. **Supervisor Lant** stated he's asked the Troopers and the Sheriff to put radar on some of these roads. He said sometimes they do.

Reappointment-Park and Recreation Commission

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

RESOLUTION #132

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to not approve the reappointment of Dan Warren to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term of 3 years, 9/1/17-8/31/2020.

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

Resignation-Zoning Board of Appeals

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

RESOLUTION #133

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of David Querrard as 1st Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Resignation Ethics Advisory Board

On a motion introduced by **Councilman O'Connor**, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #134

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Leonard Fornabia as a member of the Ethics advisory Board.

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

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Kolligian said the Senior Center is going well, they're loving their lunches and they can't wait until they can get back in the building. She told Robin she would let her know as soon as that could happen.

She also talked about the short-term rental. She started the first draft and got some feedback about it. She also said she spoke with SEDC about a client they had coming in for exit 16. They said exit 16 is on their radar for possible development. She will stay on top of it.

She also did some research on the Champlain Hudson project. It's her understanding that we should make sure the Saratoga County IDA is involved. They hadn't heard from them in 3 years so is confused as to the lag in between them being at our meeting looking for a resolution soon when the IDA hasn't heard from them. We were concerned because we don't have a town tax, we won't make anything on them coming in. Just because we're fiscally responsible that we're not getting much in return. However, the three school districts will. If the IDA is involved, Champlain Hudson will have to do RFP's to local contractors. Although the town might not be getting anything, we may be getting jobs. Ryan Riper said when we talked to them back in early March, we talked about the trail connection and he didn't seem to have a problem with that. There was further discussion about payment in lieu of taxes. I think we need to find out legally what can be requested. **Councilman O'Connor** stated he had a conversation with **Councilwoman Kolligian** about what she just said to the rest of the board. So, he contacted legal counsel to the IDA about possibly adopting a utility tax that would apply to this company. They said they would do some research on that. Ryan Riper said the total cost of this project is 3 billion dollars.

Councilman Bogardus said the court building is moving along. We are having some difficulty with the paving in front of the building relating to issues with contractors to come and pave it. We'd like to get Highway to do it and we're working on that. The interior is complete except the utility closet and staff bathroom is not finished. The signage out front is new and up. They have some concerns about ice buildup in the winter.

Councilman O'Connor wanted a consensus of the board about a highway situation. His mechanic had to go out of town, and in returning from out of state, had to be quarantined. For the mechanical repairs, which he doesn't have anybody on board that's qualified, he would like to bring in another mechanic. **Councilman O'Connor** suggested he farm out those repairs rather than bring in another mechanic on staff. The board decided that was a good idea. **Deputy Supervisor McEachron** said I also don't know why we can't get the front of our court building paved and we have to farm it out. We're short on funds for a lot of reasons, and to think about getting a quote on paving when that's something our town does for a living, I just don't understand it.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2020 Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION #135

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2020 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/2/2020 Report to the Town Board.

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

2.) 2020 Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #136

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2020 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/2/2020 Report to the Town Board.

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

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Bogardus** and seconded by **Councilman O'Connor** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian

Councilman, Ray O'Connor

