

# TOWN OF WILTON

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## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-December 7, 2017

**Supervisor Johnson** said the public hearing for Canyon Run Extension Drainage District was canceled and will be rescheduled for January 4, 2018. **Mark Schachner, Town Counsel** said the creation of a drainage district, which is a special district under New York Law, requires more than the scheduling of a public hearing. It also requires the adoption of an order that is based on the map plan and report that is filed by whoever wishes to have the special district created. We now have the map plan and report. It needed some refinements and those appear to have been made. If the town board is comfortable with it, as is, and we are as Town Counsel and Ryan Riper as Town Engineer, the order can be adopted. The order has to happen prior to or at the same time as scheduling of the public hearing. The proposed order before the board includes adoption of the map plan and report. It doesn't mean anything is being approved or the district is formed or created. It only advances the project with a step required by state law. If the order is adopted it includes in its terms the scheduling of a public hearing.

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 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 the following board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

Steven Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

John Lant-Councilman

Councilman John McEachron was excused.

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

**Supervisor Johnson** said this meeting is Councilwoman Klepetar's last meeting after serving for four years. He thanked Councilwoman Klepetar for her hard work and her contributions to the board. All board members thanked her as well.

**Public Comment Session**

**Scott Kingsley** of 105 Traver Road said as we close out 2017 he wanted to thank all of the members of the Town Board and town employees for another year of great outstanding service to the Town of Wilton especially to Councilwoman Klepetar, as this is her last meeting, for her four years on the board. Being a public official, regardless of party or position is a hard job. It is no easy task. Not just running for office but in serving in any capacity. Like lawyers, it is easy to kick politicians around a little bit. The board does a fantastic job and sacrifice time out of your family lives to make sure our community functions, thank you. To all the employees at the town; happy holidays and Merry Christmas and a great 2018.

**Alan Ross** of 29 Edie Road said he was present to speak about the indoor Pickleball fees. He said at the September meeting the town board decided to make a change in the Pickleball fee structure. Beginning January 1, 2018, Wilton residents will continue to pay \$3 while non-residents will pay \$5 per session. Some changes are needed or desirable and sometimes they are not. This is one of the times we think change is not needed nor desirable. There is no need to change the current fee of \$3 for everyone. The reason is the amount collected from the current \$3 fee more than covers the cost of the Pickleball program. A conservative estimate indicates that \$3 per player times 25 players average per day results in \$75 per day times five days per week results in \$375 per week time four weeks is \$1500 per month times seven months is \$10,500. That seems to be a considerable amount for maintaining the expenses for the two hour daily lights, heat, staff and minimal equipment. From the player's standpoint, there is no desire to have higher fees for non-residents. As residents, we enjoy the benefit from non-residents coming to play at Gavin Park. Based on a recent informal player's survey, it was found non-residents make up approximately two thirds of all players on a given day. We maintain an informal email list and there are currently over 115 players on the list. Not all play every day or every week but on an average day there are between 25 and 30 players. For the most part they are seniors. We play in the morning from 9:30 to 11:30. It is a great benefit for the seniors to have this opportunity. We residents like having more people to play with. Non-residents provide more and varied opportunities for the residents to play. Non-residents have become friends and provide a great deal of social enjoyment. Residents do not want non-residents dissuaded from playing at Gavin because of the additional fee costs. Non-residents already spend extra gas money just to travel to Gavin Park. **Mr. Ross** asked the board to consider these factors. It is a wonderful experience just the way it is. If it ain't broke we are asking you not to fix it by changing the fee schedule and to keep the fee \$3 for everyone.

**Karen Dwyer Smith** said she would like to add to Mr. Ross's plea. There are people who feel it inevitable to have this happen to the Pickleball players when there are other drop in programs where all pay the same rate whether they are resident of non-resident. She said she wonders what the difference is and how we got to this.

**Pat Tuz** of 2 Amanda Court said as Chairman of the Wilton Democratic Committee she felt it important to congratulate all of the candidates on a well done campaign this year. She said as a non-candidate she particularly enjoyed it because she really enjoyed talking to our residents and wanted to share what she

found on the campaign trail. All candidates displayed such good character and that is something that is so much more important than what party you are in and something that is sorely lacking in many of our officials. Our democratically endorsed candidates did well and we're very excited. We can only urge the board to consider the concerns of our residents and want to share what they said. She said, sadly, Joanne Klepetar is leaving, and doesn't think it is good to have a one party town government. It doesn't do anybody any good. In 1970, the population was 3,000. Forty years later it has multiplied five times to 16,211. That is huge, very fast growing. There is more land to develop and more developers want to develop the land. That is great depending on who's looking at it. The one thing that always came across this time, last time and every time is that people are very concerned about developments, the repercussion of development, overcrowding of schools, traffic and water. That is no surprise to anyone because your fall phone survey asked people their concerns and development was one that ranks very high with everyone. It is not particularly articulated by the town residents but asked the board to reconsider the reinstatement of a separate town planning position. The growth is amazing and great but it does yield a lot of problems. Another thing people are concerned about are bike paths, safe multi-use paths and wide paved shoulders in the more populated areas of town. All three of our town plans mention that we have them but said she hasn't seen any of them. It indicates that people want them and they are a good selling point to encourage businesses to move here. It is mentioned on the Blueprint for Economic Development. Let's make it a reality. People mention they want a swimming pool at Gavin Park. There is lots of stuff to be done. She said she enjoys working on projects in the town. There are so many more places we can go with it. She said she would offer her help and her services and would be happy to work on any committees that will be set up.

**Jim Swart** from Queensbury said he is one of the non-residents that would be affected by the proposed fee increase. The Gavin Park facility is a wonderful facility. It has six courts and two gymnasiums that makes it available to a wide range of people and activities. It is commendable the town has this resource available. As a recent convert to Pickleball, it is a great sport and keeps people active, especially seniors. It is also a great social event. The Pickleball players are more of a community. The proposed \$5 fee may result in fewer non-residents attending. We can go to Saratoga Rec for \$4, which is \$1 more than the resident's fee. He said he would be upset not to be able to play at Gavin Park. He could play but doesn't feel the \$2 increase is warranted. It would limit the amount of time he could play.

**Tony DiPalma** of Malta said he is present on behalf of fellow picklers. He said he is a member of the YMCA in Clifton Park and have played there as a Silver Sneaker, which means playing for free. Because of the facility at Gavin Park, it is well worth the \$3 and the drive up here. If it goes up to \$5, people will go play elsewhere.

### **Approve Pending Minutes**

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

### **RESOLUTION #166**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 4-0.

**Consideration of an Order Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Canyon Run Extension Drainage District**

**Supervisor Johnson** asked if there were any questions. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked what the advantage would be to the town for establishing a drainage district. **Councilman Lant** asked who would benefit from the district; the developer, the town, the homeowners? All of the wetlands and drainage is concerning. Years ago Jones Road flooded out. **Mr. Riper** said the developer will benefit because homes are being built. It is an engineer solution to the requirements of our groundwater separation for the slab of basements in the homes, to be greater than three feet above seasonal high ground water mark. It is a standard that was set several years ago. **Councilman Lant** said during hurricane Katrina, the Army Corp of Engineers put in all of the levees. When the storm went through, it took them all out. The river went back to its natural course and they're probably a lot smarter than the people we have her elooking at our stuff. He said he has a problem with the project. If a person lives there for five or ten years and then there is a problem, who are they going to come back on? We heard from people last year about their wells going dry and we were blamed. High water tables a couple years ago in Knollwood and they blamed us. **Supervisor Johnson** said we had the same situation in Olson Farm and the drainage district is working well. **Councilman Lant** said he hunts in an area and has never seen so many swamps. He said he's not a builder and doesn't know anything about the soils but does know a little bit about what Mother Nature can do. Some of the projects before our time have cattails around the buildings. As a kid you knew cattails meant there was water. He said he thinks all of these things will come back and haunt us. Maybe not this board or the next but somebody will. **Supervisor Johnson** asked Mr. Riper to explain some of the studies done. **Councilman Lant** said he knew all about studies. He said he's seen them on roads where they report only some of the accidents. He said he was a chief for 25 years at Maple Avenue Fire Department. We would have one hundred accidents on Route 50. The studies would show there were twenty. There is always somebody paying for a study that benefits them. **Supervisor Johnson** said the project can still be built without the drainage district. The lots can be filled making ant hills. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if the town ever denies a builder from building on their property. What provisions would keep a developer from developing? How far do you go to let someone develop their land? **Town Counsel Schachner** said if the board is inclined not to adopt the order and not have a public hearing this is a perfectly good time to debate. If the board is inclined to adopt the order and schedule the public hearing, the board may want to air your views when the applicant and the potentially affected members of the public are present. **Supervisor Johnson** said, to answer Councilwoman Klepetar's question, the property is zoned R-1 and they meet the building codes and the groundwater separation. It makes a better project and better for the residents with a drainage district. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said there are no residents now. **Supervisor Johnson** said the surrounding residents in the adjacent subdivision. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked how many homes can be built if the drainage district is not put in. **Mr. Riper** said the same number of homes can be built with or without the district. The developer could bring in three feet of fill. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said that could possibly cause issues with nearby developments. **Mr. Riper** said when the subdivision is

designed it is designed such that no surface water is to run to other properties. It is contained within its own boundaries. Ground water is different. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** asked if the developer can choose the plan. **Mr. Riper** said they could. The developer meets zoning and this is an engineered system that would be a better design to control groundwater. **Councilman Lant** said there was a trailer park in that area in the 1960's and it flooded. They had to move all the trailers out of there. There was a problem off Gailor Road when all of the neighbor's yards were flooded. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said he would like to hear the pros and cons from the professionals. **Mr. Riper** said the applicant completed a hydrogeological study which was requested by the planning board. They are not here to represent the project since the public hearing was canceled. They will be here to present if a public hearing is scheduled. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said he is concerned if we don't decide which way the development will be built. They will still build and would rather them do it the way the town wants them to do it.

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

**RESOLUTION #167**

WHEREAS, a Petition dated October 5, 2017, requesting that a groundwater drainage district to serve the proposed 44-lot Canyon Run [Conservation] [Extension] Subdivision (the "Subdivision"), as hereinafter described, be established in the Town, has been duly presented to the Wilton Town Board (the "Town Board") in accordance with New York Town Law Article 12; and

WHEREAS, the Petition was accompanied by an Engineer's Report ("Report") prepared by Environmental Design Partnership, LLP ("EDP") concerning the proposed Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Report has been filed in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Report delineates the boundaries of the proposed Drainage District, a general plan of the proposed system, a report of the proposed method of operation, all outlets and the terminus and course of the proposed drainage system discharge and is consistent with, so far as

possible, any comprehensive plan for sewers developed and maintained pursuant to General Municipal Law §99-f; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

1. The boundaries of the proposed Drainage District are as set forth in the Report and as follows: Tax Map Parcels 128.-1- 86, 128.-1-90, 128.5-3-27 through 38; and 128.5-3-98.

2. The proposed improvements consist of construction and installation of two independent foundation drainage systems for each home, including an external perimeter drain around each foundation with a connection to the gravity collection system and an internal drain along the perimeter of each foundation to be connected to a sump pit with the pump discharge to the roadway ditch. The collection system is proposed within the proposed Right-of-Way and will discharge into an existing stream corridor located to the northwest of the project site along Gailor Road. A permit for the proposed collection system discharge has been obtained from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to allow discharge into the State jurisdictional wetland and stream.

3. All costs associated with the construction and installation of the new Drainage District facilities, including materials, excavation and labor costs, will be paid by the Subdivision developer.

4. The estimated annual cost of the District to the typical property in the

District, which typical property is a three or four bedroom single family home, for operation and maintenance and other charges would be approximately \$41 for each of the 44 homes upon full build-out. There would be a per lot initial payment of \$100 to be contributed to the Town for placement in the Town's dedicated account. The cost to construct the drainage system for each new structure would be included in the total cost of each home.

5. The developer of the Subdivision will pay all costs of the improvements, so there will be no financing required by the Town in connection with the District.

6. A detailed explanation of how the estimated costs of the District were computed is included in the Report which has been filed with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection.

7. The Town Board shall meet and hold a public hearing at the Wilton Town Hall, 22 Traver Road, Wilton, New York at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 4, 2017 to consider the Report and to hear all persons interested in the proposed Drainage District and to take such other and further action as may be required or authorized by law.

8. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to duly publish and post this Order not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days before the Public Hearing date and to file a certified copy of this Order with the State Comptroller on or about the date of publication, all as required by Town Law §193.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 4-0.

Duly adopted this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2017.

### **Pickleball Fees**

**Supervisor Johnson** said the board approved a fee schedule for all programs at Gavin Park to take effect January 1, 2018. The Pickleball fees continued at \$3 for residents and the non-resident rate increased to \$5. Since then we have had several requests to keep the fees at \$3. The board requested the Park and Recreation Commission to review the fees. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the commission discussed the fees and all five members felt strongly the new fees are appropriate. Mark Marino was there and gave his opinion. **Mark Marino**, Recreation Administrator said he heard a lot of good things from the Pickleball players and we respect the pickleballers and enjoy having them at Gavin Park. Some of the things not talked about and should be included in the discussion, for example, they do not have to pay for Pickleball on the outdoor courts from April to September. There is no charge. They can play seven days a week. He said he didn't know of very many places that offer that opportunity but Gavin Park does. The tennis courts have windscreens. Initially, the pickleballers contributed to the purchase of them but now one has to be replaced at a cost of \$750. The windscreens are there to enhance play. It keeps the wind from blowing the ball from side to side. There are six very nice indoor courts. We serve two to three pots of coffee daily at no charge. We set up and break down the nets for the players. We provide specialty pickleballs and nets. We purchase approximately 60 balls every year to replace the ones that are missing. All of the courts are lined specifically for Pickleball, indoor and outdoor. We prepare and maintain gyms for favorable Pickleball play; we move the backboards, cleanup after games, pick up all the balls and all of the trash after they leave. We provide a very comfortable and controlled climate. A thermostat and motor were recently replaced in the heating system in the Dailey Gym at a cost of \$1,900. We have a friendly and professional atmosphere. We greet them and talk with them. The over 30 men's basketball is \$5, the Splashpark is \$5 and \$3. The Splashpark brought in over \$20,000 this past year between entry fees and concession. We have a similar pay structure for the Splashpark and we had a short season. In conclusion, he said he feels as we offer the best overall package, dollar for dollar. We have some feedback from some of the players. One non-resident is hoping the board will stick with the 2018 charges because he feels the facility is becoming too crowded and he has played here for a number of years. One problem that was expressed recently is a couple of residents are complaining they are not getting enough play time because we have too many people. We had a record 48 people on a Monday. Because of so many people a game that would play eleven had to be reduced to seven to get a rotation involved. Our town residents are being bumped out of playing. We are trying to preserve the opportunity for town residents to play in our facility first. One woman from Northville recently praised the program for being an opportunity to meet nice people at a great facility. If the price goes to \$5, she still believes it is very reasonable. Most people say they will come not matter what. What is happening is we are hearing from a small group of people presenting their position but they are not speaking for the majority. The majority are very comfortable with the fee increase.

**Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said it is difficult to raise rates but the price has remained the same for six years. The Park and Recreation Commission felt the increase was appropriate. They also noted the other drop in programs cost \$5. They did feel the senior residents should be \$3. **Supervisor Johnson** said the new fee schedule will take effect on January 1, 2018. All board members agreed.



**Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park**

**Margo Olsen**, Executive Director of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park noted there are several events coming up in the next couple of months. She said they are optimistic winter is here along with the winter season everyone looks forward to. We are hoping for snow. We have been preparing trail work in anticipation of grooming at Camp Saratoga and Opdahl Farm. The town helped purchase a pull behind mower and it is very much appreciated. The mower will also help with maintenance in and around Camp Saratoga. The ATV is owned by WWPP so we will be able to lend it out to mow around the buildings and the parade ground.

**Ms. Olsen** said there were a lot of public programs, field trips, visiting classrooms, after school programs, Moreau Naturefest, Winter Raptor Fest and Regional Science Festival.

We had our annual meeting and our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Show and Contest. The photos are on display at the office on 80 Scout Road. Larry Gordon has been working with our interns and volunteers preparing for our bicentennial trail project. It is collaboration with the Town and the New York State DEC, Saratoga County, the Nature Conservancy and Wilton Preserve and Park that we are all able to bring our resources together and accomplish great things for the community as a whole. The trail will be open the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 along with the history tours that will be culminating at Camp Saratoga. Everyone is very excited about the Karner Blueberry ice cream which Stewart's will be offering.

We worked on conservation projects this fall. On the other side of Route 50 on the Fox Parcel there is new habitat work going on. Our volunteers were out helping DEC who were doing the trail mowing and habitat work as well as picking seeds for the lupine.

**Ms. Olsen** thanked all of those who attended our Wild About Blue fundraiser. It is our only fundraising event of the year and raised almost \$25,000. The money will support our programming, most of which goes towards our internship program. We have two interns and they are really responsible for doing a great deal of work we do. They work with the public and programming. We had over 8,500 people attend our programs in 2017. That is only a small amount as we are not able to count the number of people out on the trails, people at the pond, walking the dog and just getting out in nature. There are always cars in the parking lot. There is always people out using the trails. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked Ms. Olsen for a job well done. **Ms. Olsen** said snow shoe and cross country ski rentals will begin after January, 1, 2018. The annual moonlight ski will be called a candlelight ski and snowshoe this year. It will be held January 20, 2018 since there is no Saturday with any kind of full moon.

**Highway Staffing**

**Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said the NYSDOT has signs out for CDL drivers. It is getting very complicated to get someone into the highway department. He said he has one employee who is retiring in March, another who is considering leaving and another with some medical problems. The highway department liaison will be kept in the loop.

**Bid Award-GP2-2107-Gavin Park Pavilion**

Supervisor Johnson said this item was funded in the budget for \$150,000. We went out to bid for materials only. Our town building and grounds staff will be constructing the building. We have enough money in the budget for the materials but as we get into the project next year it does not include the foundation and some electrical work. We have a \$30,000 cushion but it is likely we will need additional monies for completion of the capitol project.

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

**RESOLUTION #168**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the bid for GP2-2017, Pavilion Building, from Munter Enterprise in the amount of \$120,900 which was low bidder.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Council Lant duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**Sonoma Grove-Road Dedication**

**Mr. Riper** said there is a new subdivision off Loudon Road. There are two roads under consideration for the board's approval. He said he and the highway superintendent have been out to inspect the road and it meets town standards. All documentation has been submitted.

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

**RESOLUTION # 169**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the road dedication of the following roads in Sonoma Grove Subdivision contingent upon approval from Town Counsel, Town Engineer and the Town Highway Superintendent;

**Berkeley Way  
Brentwood Boulevard**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**Speed Limit Reduction Requests**

**Supervisor Johnson** said Highway Superintendent Woodcock has requested speed limit reductions on several roads. The process is to forward the requests to Saratoga County and they will forward it to NYSDOT for studies.

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

**RESOLUTION #170**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to request a speed limit reduction for the following roads:

**Waller Road  
Worth Road  
North Road  
Blanchard Road**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Councilman Lant** said he received a phone call from Laura Vincek. She owns the field next to Gavin Park which we use for parking and she is willing to lease the field again for \$10,000. Some of the events we have are charged for the parking. **Mr. Marino** said the event holders are charged \$650 per day or two days for \$1,300. **Councilman Lant** said the Vincek's don't want the whole field leased anymore because the traffic ruins the soil. **Mr. Marino** said if people park the cars the way they should be parked, it's about a half field, without supervision, they use about three quarters of the field. **Councilman Lant** said Mrs. Vincek would like some barricades up with the two upper driveways used. We could put some cables on the other entrances to keep people out.

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

### **RESOLUTION #171**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the lease amount of the Vincek Field, portion of Tax Map No. 153.-3-102.1, of \$10,000.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**Councilman Lant** said Deputy Supervisor Streicher spoke to him about a storage area at Gavin Park with a wooded area. Some of the woods could be cleared and gravel put down. If a parking problem comes up we could have additional parking. Larry Gordon may be able to get students from BOCES to clear the area.

**Councilwoman Klepetar** said she is on the Code Revision Committee. We have not met since May and that is a concern. **Supervisor Johnson** said he spoke to Bob Barrett, the committee chairman. The Solar Law was completed. **Mr. Riper** said Mr. Barrett had surgery scheduled after the Solar Law was completed. There has been coordination going back and forth. Yesterday there was an email from Mr.

Barrrett to Mr. Mykins to confirm some dates. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said there was an email she was copied on about a week ago looking for some dates for the committee to meet.

**Councilman Lant** said Highway Superintendent Woodcock spoke to him about Letters of Credit and he is concerned about them. Some of the times are running out. **Supervisor Johnson** said Mr. Riper has spoken to him about a couple of roads. **Mr. Riper** said the Letters of Credit is never lost. They are extended. **Councilman Lant** asked if the roads will ever be completed. **Mr. Riper** said they are finished when requested. He said he will usually confer with Highway Superintendent when a subdivision needs to be done. We like to have the subdivision 80% to 90% built out. That way the heavy truck traffic is off before the final pavement is put down. Some of the subdivisions are getting old. **Councilman Lant** asked about the road off Route 9 that goes to nowhere. **Mr. Riper** said Hilltop Drive has been discussed several times. The road needs some work. We met with the contractor about a year and a half ago. We will need to put pressure on him or pull the letter of credit and do the work ourselves. **Councilman Lant** asked if that is something lawyers can do or the town engineer. **Mr. Riper** said it's whatever the town board wants to do. If you want to pull the letter of credit, you can. **Councilman Lant** said things like this should be taken care of. People complain about the growth and this is all part of it. **Supervisor Johnson** said the town can pull a letter of credit any time we want but we would have to do the work. **Councilman Lant** said the Highway Superintendent Woodcock should get together with Councilman McEachron and come up with a plan. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said some of the roads are getting older and the binder course is getting destroyed more every day. It's going to need to be addressed in a different way. He said his concern is the letter of credit isn't enough to do what we have to do if we lose the letter of credit. The price of blacktop goes up. Are we being slighted on the price to get the job done? The town shouldn't pay anything to put a top on a road. It is the developer's cost.

**Supervisor Johnson** thanked the Bicentennial Committee for their work this year. Our Chair, Susan Lant, our Event Coordinator, Fran Dingeman, the entire Bicentennial Committee and especially Nancy Riely have all worked endless hours over the past year putting together the events for next year. The events are moving along as scheduled. The first event is Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the McGregor Country Club. It is called the Kick-Off Gala. Over 150 tickets have been spoken for. There are approximately 100 left. They can be purchased on line or at town hall. The event is expected to be sold out.

**Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the tree lighting ceremony was held on December 1, 2017 at Gavin Park. It was a beautiful night and Santa Claus was there. He thanked Mark Marino, John King and the entire staff at Gavin Park. The Wilton and Greenfield Fire Departments arrived with Santa. It was exciting for the kids and thank you to all.

Last month we discussed speed limit reductions on roads in subdivisions. Mr. Riper has been researching information.

**Supervisor Johnson** said the town received a letter from Debra Case. We had some restoration of headstones in the Loudon Cemetery. Mrs. Case indicated she had grandparents and great grandparents buried in the cemetery and commended the job well done.

### **Comptroller's Report**

#### **1.) 2017 Budget Transfers**

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

**RESOLUTION #172**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the 2017 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 12/7/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**2.) Personnel**

**a.**

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

**RESOLUTION #173**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve overnight travel to New York City for the Association of Towns meeting to be held February 18-21, 2018 for the following:

**Arthur Johnson  
Steve Streicher  
Jeffrey Reale  
Sue Baldwin  
Ryan Riper  
Christopher Ramsdill  
Planning-TBD**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**b.**

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

**RESOLUTION #174**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** to approve the appointment of Marcus Hart to the permanent position of Assistant Building Inspector.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

**3.) Traffic Study-Route 50 and Jones Road**

**Mr. Riper** said the town recently hired a consultant with the funds of developers, to take a look at traffic along Jones Road, Route 50, Ingersoll Road and Old Gick Road, for potential future improvements in the area to help with traffic issues, level of service and accidents. The next phase of the project would be to gather the studies and meet with CDPC and NYSDOT to seek funding for the long range planning 5, 10 and 15 years, of what can be done to improve traffic in that area.

**Adjournment**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Klepetar** and seconded by **Deputy Supervisor Streicher**, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

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Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

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Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

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Councilman, John Lant

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