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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-August 3, 2017

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:05 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

John McEachron-Councilman

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

Public Comment Session

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #130

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2017 meeting, as typed.

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

put to a vote, all in favor except Deputy Supervisor Streicher who abstained. The motion passed 5-0.

Reappointment-Parks and Recreation Commission

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

RESOLUTION #131

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Michael Myers to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term of 9/1/2017-8/31/2020.

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

Solar Energy Law

Supervisor Johnson said a copy of the draft Solar Energy Law was distributed to board members at the last meeting for review. The law was drafted by Ryan Riper and the Zoning Revision Committee as a result of the Comprehensive Plan. If all board members find the draft acceptable the board can set a public hearing for September 7, 2017. **Councilman Lant** said both fire departments should be sent a list of homes with solar power. They are dangerous fires. **Supervisor Johnson** asked if that should be an amendment to the law or a policy. **Attorney Schachner** said it could be either. **Mr. Riper** said it could be made part of the permitting process.

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

RESOLUTION #132

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for the proposed Solar Energy Law for September 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, to refer proposed Solar Energy Law to Saratoga County Planning Board for a recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED, to designate Wilton Town Board as lead agency for SEQRA.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Lant said he would like the Saratoga County Sherriff's Department and the New York State Police sent thank you cards for showing up at Parkfest. They did a great job educating the public. **Supervisor Johnson** said there is a letter sent to our sponsors and he will make sure one goes out to the Sherriff's Department and Troopers as well.

Supervisor Johnson said Kaleigh Gale, who is in the audience, took on a project at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park. She planted flowers on the kiosk on the way into the park. Our town staff, Jason Strong, Roy Vanderbogart and Connor Reale replaced the wood for the planters. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked Kaleigh for all of her work.

Supervisor Johnson said Donald and Jean Garrant of 12 Lakeview Drive were part of a Secret Gardens Tour sponsored by Soroptimist International of Saratoga County. There were tours in Saratoga and one in Wilton. **Councilman Lant** said their whole yard is a garden and it's beautiful. **Supervisor Johnson** said the purpose of the tour is to raise money to support the mission of improving the lives of women. A letter will be sent from the town board recognizing Donald and Jean Garrant for participating in that event.

Supervisor Johnson said the New York State Legislature officially named the Exit 16 Bridge in honor of Trooper Timothy Pratt. We are very grateful.

Supervisor Johnson said he received a notice from the United States Department of the Interior. They are conducting a study to determine the potential designation of Grants Cottage as a National Historic Landmark. It is of great significance and we will be notified if it is designated.

Councilman Lant said there have been a lot of rumors about the prison making or getting rid of hazardous waste. We should go on record we are against it. We should contact our Assemblywoman, Senator and County Board of Supervisors. The prison is not in Wilton and many people think it is.

Supervisor Johnson said it is a company named GERA that was one of the bidders on the prison site. It is a research company. **Supervisor Johnson** said he has already voiced is objection to the use and will continue to do so. All board members agreed they were opposed to the use.

Supervisor Johnson said a letter was received from Summit Lacrosse recognizing Mark Marino, our new Recreation Administrator. There was a tournament at Gavin Park with adverse weather conditions but with Mr. Marino and park staff, it all came together.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Transfers

Councilwoman Klepetar noted BIC means Bicentennial Committee.

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

RESOLUTION #133

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 8/3/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

2.) 2017 Budget Amendments

Jeff Reale, Comptroller, explained the budget amendments. The road improvements are an additional \$45,000. There was \$900,000 in the original budget and with this increase it will be \$945,000. **Councilman McEachron** said that money can be taken out of the 2018 budget.

Councilwoman Klepetar asked about the storage building. The cost is not in the 2017 budget. The new building will replace two buildings. **Mark Mykins, Building Inspector**, said both buildings are pole barns. One is unsafe. **Councilman Lant** asked where the new building will be located. **Mr. Mykins** said it will be in the back corner behind the highway department. If the new court building will be built, the other pole barn will have to be taken down. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if the \$141,000 is the cost if the town uses town employees. **Mr. Mykins** said that is correct. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said with the roads being paved in the summer and the highway crew is working at maximum, is it correct this will not be undertaken until the fall. **Mr. Mykins** said the highway department will not be used to build the building it will be maintenance employees. **Supervisor Johnson** said the town wanted to do the park pavilion but the bids came in very high. **Mr. Mykins** said he and his department could construct the pavilion. Both couldn't be done this year so we are considering the storage buildings this year to allow staff to construct the pavilions next year. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked how many employees are there for the construction. **Mr. Mykins** said there are three but the building department can pitch in whenever they have time.

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

RESOLUTION #134

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 8/3/2017 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.) Senior Transportation Mini Van

Mr. Reale said he is requesting to go to the New York State Vehicle Marketplace and submit a mini-bid for a minivan to assist our seniors with transportation. The mini-bid would include wheelchair accessibility.

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

RESOLUTION #135

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a submission to the New York State Vehicle Marketplace for a handicap accessible minivan.

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

4.) 2018 County Sales Tax Distribution

Mr. Reale said Saratoga County requires, by board resolution, the town determine how we want to take our sales tax revenue distribution. It would be in credit or cash. **Mr. Reale** said he recommends cash.

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

RESOLUTION #136

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the payment of the town's portion of the 2018 county sales tax in cash.

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

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said there will be an Executive Session.

Councilwoman Klepetar made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. for Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of property. The motion was seconded by **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** with all board members in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to reconvene at 7:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilman McEachron** with all board members in favor.

Supervisor Johnson said there was no action taken.

On a motion introduced by **Councilman McEachron** and seconded by **Councilman Lant** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

Councilman, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar