

THE JULY 20, 2020 THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BELLMONT HELD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT 7:30 PM AT THE OWLS HEAD-MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE STATION. PRESENT WERE SUPERVISOR H. BRUCE RUSSELL, COUNCIL PEOPLE GREGORY LANGDON, WAYNE ROGERS, HARLEY TITUS AND JEFF MANLEY, LEE DAVIS SUPT OF HIGHWAYS, CANDY CHARLAND TOWN BOOKKEEPER, E.J. CONZALA (MALONE TELEGRAM), JOHN F. DALPHIN, DAVID STEWART, BILL HRABIE, RITA SARINO-HRABIE, MARY ANN JOHNSON, DOUGLAS JOHNSON, ELLEN WALL, ANGUS GAGNON JR, MARTHA DISHMAN, MARCELLIAN M. RYAN, MARSHA HICKEY, JERRY HICKEY, JOHN JUNGBLUTH, CM EVARTS MD., JOHN NEEDHAM, ROY NEEDHAM, A.O. AINO, BRENDA QUIN, KAREN MCGEE AND TOM HARRISON.

A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN GREGORY LANGDON AND SECONDED BY JEFF MANLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING.
MOTION CARRIED.

THE CDBG 90HR312-19 HOUSING PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK ON HOMES DUE TO PHASE 4 OF THE RE-OPENING.

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION #28: BE IT RESOLVED ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN GREGORY LANGDON SECONDED BY JEFF MANLEY ACCEPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN OF BELLMONT BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION #28

FUND: BELLMONT MOUNTAIN VIEW WATER LEVEL DISTRICT

BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

OFFERED BY THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION AND/OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT BE AND THE SAME ARE APPROPRIATED/TRANSFERRED

\$172,498.52 FROM ACCOUNT SW909 FUND BALANCE

AS FOLLOWS:

\$172,498.52 TO ACCOUNT SW9901.9 INTERFUND TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS DAM

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN GREGORY LANGDON SECONDED BY JEFF MANLEY THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED. 5-YES

RESOLUTION #29: BE IT RESOLVED ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN HARLEY TITUS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREGORY LANGDON ACCEPTING THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS.

DECLARED ADOPTED. 5-YES

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT BY JOHN DALPHIN:

JOHN DALPHIN THANKED THE TOWN BOARD FOR ATTENDING THE JULY 15, 2020 MEETING.

HE STATED WE HAVE A GREAT NEED TO BUILD VOLUNTEER POOL/SKILLS.

REPORTED ON THE 2019 QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE LAND AND WATER USE WITH A - 27% RESPONSE RATE

INDICATING STRONG INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT BY TOWN CITIZENS.

LOOKED AT DIFFERENT IDEALS: SOLAR, WIND, JUNKYARDS, OLD VEHICLES, WATER AND SEWER ETC.
THE CITIZENS WANTED THE BEAUTY OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO STAY THE SAME.

SPECIAL REPORT BY JOHN DALPHIN: HE PRESENTED A PETITION TO PURCHASE THE CHURCH WITH A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$55,000 WITH 171 SIGNATURES.

SOME EXAMPLES OF USES FOR THE BUILDING:

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

POLING PLACE FOR THE ELECTION

NEW LOCATION FOR THE POST OFFICE

COMMENTS:

MARCELLINE M. RYAN-STATED THE TOWN GARAGE IS NO PLACE TO HAVE THE FOOD PANTRY.

JERRY HICKEY-STATED WITH 171 SIGNATURES IN A SHORT TIME ON A PETITION HE WOULD LIKE THE TOWN BOARD TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE.

HARLEY TITUS-STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE PURCHASE OF THE CHURCH BUT FELT THE PRICE WAS STILL A LITTLE HIGH.

JEFF MANLEY-STATED SAME AS HARLEY AND ALSO QUESTIONED THE MOLD STILL AN UNANSWERED QUESTIONED IF WE SHOULD HIRE A PROFESSIONAL TO INSPECT THE BUILDING AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

GREGORY LANGDON-STATED WAS IN FAVOR OF THE PURCHASE OF THE CHURCH.

WAYNE ROGERS-STATED THE SELLING PRICE NEEDS TO BE REDUCED, NOT ABLE TO GET INFORMATION FROM THE CHURCH ex. FUEL CONSUMPTION, ETC., MOLD WAS A BIG ISSUE. HE STATED THAT HE IS NOT IGNORING THE OWLS HEAD, MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA AND HE WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED THE PRACTICE OF HAVING MEETINGS IN THIS AREA. HE SAID THE OWLS HEAD-MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE STATION WAS STILL A FUNCTIONAL PLACE TO HAVE MEETINGS. OTHER ISSUES HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WERE NO VENTILATION, WINDOWS NOT EASY TO OPEN AND THEY WOULD NEED SCREENS, BATHROOM WAS VERY SMALL, WATER NOT ON AND NEEDED TO BE CHECKED, ELECTRIC HEAT NEEDS TO BE CHECKED, MOLD BIG ISSUE, MUSTY SMELL FROM MOLD MUST BE ADDRESSED BEFORE PURCHASE, POST OFFICE WOULD BE A GREAT LOCATION. THE CARPETS SHOULD BE CHECKED UNDERNEATH AND THE ALTER FOR MOLD. HE FEELS A NEW RESOLUTION MUST BE MADE IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO BE PURCHASED. THE CHURCH IS A MAJOR PURCHASE AND EVERYTHING MUST BE CHECKED SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS. HE SAID PER LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE ATTORNEY THAT H.BRUCE RUSSELL SHOULD EXCUSE HIMSELF, AND THAT MARK SECORE HAD ASKED TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE WAYNE ROGERS WAS NOT AT THE JULY 17,2017 MEETING BEFORE THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED.

H. BRUCE RUSSELL-STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE (COVID) HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE PEOPLE IN WATERTOWN ABOUT THE POST OFFICE. THE MOLD WAS MANAGEABLE, THE WATER SYSTEM HAS A DRILLED WELL AND JUST NEEDS TO BE TREATED, BATHROOM IS SMALL BUT NOT PLANNING ON CHANGING, HE FELT THE RESOLUTION MADE IN 2017 WAS STILL VALID AND THAT WE NEED TO GET OFF THE POT AND MOVE AND FELT NO REASON TO DELAY.

C.M. EVARTS M.D.-STATED THAT THE MOLD WAS A CORRECTALBE PROBLEM, THE PARKING LOT WAS A BIG AREA AND GREAT FOR THE POST OFFICE AND THAT WITH THE PETITION THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD HE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD ACT AND PURCHASE THE CHURCH.

ERIC LIVERNOIS SAID THE CHUCRCH WAS A GOOD PURCHASE, AND HE FELT THE MOLD WAS A CORRECTABLE PROBLEM.

SANDY DENO STATED WE HAVE THE SAME OBJECTION YEAR AFTER YEAR. WHY HAVE WE NOT DONE SOMETHING TO FIND THE ANSWERS AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS?

SUPT OF HIGHWAY REPORT:

A. THE HAULING OF SAND FOR OWLS HEAD IS COMPLETE. WE ARE ABOUT HALFWAY DONE FOR BELLMONT CENTER.

B. ROADSIDE MOWING IS CLOSE TO BEING FINISHED, THERE ARE A FEW MORE ROADS LEFT TO MOW IN OWLS HEAD.

C. BRUCE AND I HAD A MEETING WITH COUNTY LEGISLATORS FOR SNOW & ICE CONTRACT FOR COUNTY ROAD #24.

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CREATION OF THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT TO SERVE THE NORTHERN SECTION OF BELLMONT IS SET FOR AUGUST 12,2020, 7PM IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING IN BRAINARDSVILLE, NY.

B. LEE AND I HAD A GOOD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE JULY 2, ABOUT THE COUNTY SNOW & ICE CONTRACT. THEY DO UNDERSTAND THE COST PROBLEMS AND WE MADE SURE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT CR 24 IS NOT A TYPICAL COUNTY ROAD IN THE WINTER. THE \$40,000+GAP MUST CHANGE.

C. WE HAVE COMPLETED THE \$900,000 TOWN GENERAL OBLIGATION SERIAL (STATUARY INSTALLMENT) BOND 2020 AT 1.99% TO MATURE JULY 17, 2034.

D. THE DAM OF \$2,400,000 AT 1.89% WILL MATURE 8/6/2020 AND WILL BE ROLLED INTO A CALLABLE BAN OF \$2,365,000 AT 1.49% WHILE OUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR WORKS WITH US IN PREPARATION OF THE 29 YEAR BOND OFFERING IN THE PUBLIC MARKET.

E. WE WILL BE STARTING THE 2021 BUDGET WORK AND THIS WILL LIKELY BE THE TOUGHEST BUDGET EVER.

F. CONGRATULATION TO THE OWLS HEAD MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMT DEPT FOR HAVING THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE AND QUALIFIED EMTS.

THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT MUST BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF BELLMONT AND THE COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$.96 to \$.97 PER THOUSAND. AMBULANCE DISTRICT START UP COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$570,000 AND THE THREE SUPERVISORS WILL HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THE DISTRICT.

ROSEANNE GALLAGHER (TOWN ASSESSOR) IS RETIRING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2020.

THE BUNKER SOLAR PROJECT IS ON HOLD FOR 3 TO 5 YEARS BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM WITH POWER ON THE GRID.

THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE HAS REDUCED THE CAP FOR 2021 TO 1.56%.

WE HOPE THE NYS BUDGET OFFICE DOES NOT REDUCE THE PAYMENT WE RECEIVE FOR CHIPS AND FOR AIM.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALLREADY.

UTV'S- ARE NOT LEGAL TO BE USED ON COUNTY AND STATE ROADS.

RESOLUTION #30 BE IT RESOLVED ON A MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN WAYNE ROGERS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFF MANLEY THAT THE OWLS HEAD-MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE STATION MAY PURCHASE DIESEL FUEL FROM THE TOWN OF BELLMONT AND THE TOWN WILL BILL THEM QUARTERLY. DECLARED ADOPTED. 5-YES

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

JERRY HICKEY-SAID HE WOULD BE 97 YEARS OLD WHEN THE DAM IS PAID OFF, THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE \$4000 FOR THE LAKE ASSOCIATION TO HELP WITH MILFOIL, AND THAT THERE IS RECKLESS BEHAVIOR ON THE LAKE AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT BOATING SAFETY.

KAREN MCGEE-FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE WANTS THE TOWN TO PUT UP MORE SIGNS, EXAMPLE (CHILDREN AT PLAY). THE HIGHWAY SUPT. EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS ILLEGAL TO PUT UP MORE AND THAT ANY CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS THAT OUR IN PLACE OUR GRANDFATHERED IN. H.BRUCE RUSSELL REMINDED EVERYONE THAT PEOPLE NEED TO ACT RESPONSIBLE.

THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE OWLS HEAD FIRE STATION ON RAGGED LAKE ROAD IN OWLS HEAD ON AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 7:30PM WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS TO AUDIT VOUCHERS & INVOICES AT 7:00PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO AUDIT AND PAY BILLS BY COUNCILMAN HARLEY TITUS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFF MANLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HARLEY TITUS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GREGORY LANGDON. MOTION CARRIED.

