

WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN BOARD TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
21 MILTON TURNPIKE, MILTON NEW YORK
JULY 22, 2019
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Supervisor Lanzetta
Councilman Molinelli
Councilman Corcoran
Councilman Baker

Danielle Cherubini, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Councilman Koenig

ITEM #1 Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM #2 Moment of Silence

ITEM #3 Motion to approve agenda

Councilman Corcoran made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Add Letter A) Discuss Police Cars and Letter B) Meet Me in Marlborough to ITEM #8 New Business. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

ITEM #4 Motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2019 Town Board Meeting

Councilman Molinelli made a motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2019 Town Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

ITEM #5 Authorize payments of bills

Councilman Baker made a motion to authorize payment of the abstract in the amount of \$310,042.80. Motion seconded by Councilman Corcoran.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

ITEM #6 Presentations

A). Hepworth Farms-Hemp Farming

Gail Hepworth stated that she and her sister, Amy Hepworth started a new company called Hempire State Growers. A six minute video was presented regarding hemp and how it is grown and what it can be used for. Gail and Amy explained how farmers are struggling and how this hemp growing co-op will help the farmers, boost the economy, and help people.

Supervisor Lanzetta stated that he read a news article about hemp and CBD oil and its medicinal uses; he asked how much oil per acre they will need to be profitable.

Gail explained that they are in their first year of growing; they have a total of eight thousand acres of farmland (not all hemp) in the co-op and could fill about 19 million bottles of CBD oil with their crops. They do not make any medical claims as to the use of the CBD aspect. They also want to make it clear to the public that hemp is not marijuana although it looks and smells like it. Amy had also explained that it is a very valuable crop and the co-op will need help from the community and police department to help keep it safe.

Councilman Corcoran asked if they will do the oil extraction.

Gail Hepworth explained that this year's crop will be extracted with other extractors. With the co-op, the wealth will be created from the bottom up and there isn't time this year to build the capital. They are not working with investors.

Councilman Baker asked what co-op actually means, how they harvest the crop, and if the plants are tested.

Gail explained that they are a corporation and the farmers profit share and share services. The industry is regulated and the farmers help each other; it is not an easy crop to grow. There are two lanes for harvesting; handpicked and mechanical. She added that when it is harvested and trucked in September and October it will likely smell. The plants are tested and it is state regulated.

Mici Simonofsky of Marlboro, asked where the growers in the co-op are located.

Gail stated that there are farmers (that are listed on their website) in Marlboro, Ulster County, and Orange County.

James Garofalo of Marlboro, asked if farmers have difficulty finding workers.

Gail said yes always.

Assemblyman Jacobson commented that he has learned a lot about hemp. A bill was passed in Albany supporting hemp farming and he supports it as well. He believes it is a money maker, will keep farms in business, and create jobs.

Mike Dovich of Marlboro, asked if the farmers would just grow hemp if it becomes more lucrative than fruits and vegetables.

Gail and Amy explained why that would not happen in their co-op.

ITEM #7 Comments on the agenda

No comments on the agenda.

ITEM #8 New Business

A) Discuss Police Cars

Chief Cocozza stated that there was an accident with police car 204 which was deemed totaled by the insurance company and the motor is blown on police car 205. Both cars are 2014 Dodge Chargers. His department is down two cars and he will need another come September. The insurance payout is \$10,000.00 which is not enough to pay for a new \$30,000.00 vehicle. After discussing with the Board options for a way to get through the year without affecting the budget, it was concluded that the Chief is willing to put his Chief car in service as a patrol car (which will need additional equipment installed) and drive his own car to and from work for now.

Councilman Molinelli stated that he and Councilman Baker, Police Department Liaisons, were asked to meet on August 5th with the police to discuss scheduling.

B) Meet Me in Marlborough

Councilman Baker stated that Sheila Mannese had asked him about three items. One was that she was approached by Sawyer Savings Bank to work with Meet Me in Marlborough (MMiM) and Town of Highland to hold a joint Bounty Fest at our park; the Board was okay with this. Ms. Mannese will also want help (money) from the Town; MMiM gets \$400.00 each year for Bounty Fest. The third item was that Ms. Mannese would like to combine Community Day with Bounty Fest; Chief Cocozza would not want to combine the two due to the fact that Community Day is a give back to the Community Day and Bounty Fest is mostly people selling items.

ITEM #9 Workshop topics

A). Removal of tires from transfer station

Councilman Baker stated that there was one truck load (about 1,500) of tires removed so far with the help of two men from the county and he will draft a thank you letter. As long as the tire removal company is okay with the condition of the tires, he will set up another pick up.

B). TOMVAC

Supervisor Lanzetta stated that he met with Phil Bell and they submitted the preliminary paperwork for the \$250,000.00 (Skartados) grant.

C). CAC update

No new information.

D). Milton Landing South Pier

Councilman Baker stated that there will be an open house at the Train Station on July 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to share information about the Milton Pier project with the public.

E). August 5th special meeting for the Milton Landing Pier bond resolution

Supervisor Lanzetta reminded the Board and public about the special meeting on August 5th regarding the Milton Pier bond resolution.

ITEM #10 Correspondence

Supervisor Lanzetta read correspondence from the Milton/Marlboro United Methodist Church who is requesting to waive the fee for use of the pavilion at Cluett Schantz Park. The Board was okay with waiving the fee.

Supervisor Lanzetta read a resignation letter from Part Time Police Officer, Gregg Hogancamp. He had resigned as of June 21, 2019.

Supervisor Lanzetta read a resignation letter from Part Time Police Officer, Evan Longinatt. He will be resigning as of August 1, 2019.

Supervisor Lanzetta stated that Gael Appler told him that he noticed that there were different spellings for Tabor Place and Albertson Road. The spelling of the two roads will be as typed. The Supervisor also read a letter from the town attorney with the legal opinion regarding Tabor Place which states that they have not found any reason to change the Towns longstanding conclusion that the portion of Tabor Place that has been questioned is a privately owned and maintained road. Supervisor Lanzetta forwarded the letter to John Panzella and his neighbors who reside on Tabor Place.

ITEM #11 Public Comment

Mark Reynolds asked what time the August 5th meeting is. Supervisor Lanzetta said 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #12 Resolutions

No resolutions.

ITEM #13 Adjournment

Councilman Molinelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Corcoran.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Carried

*Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Cherubini
Deputy Town Clerk*