

The Milan Town Board held their Regular Town Board meeting on 04/21/2014 at 7:30 PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor William Gallagher  
Councilpersons Jack Campisi, Roberta Egan, Jack Grumet  
Absent: Councilperson Marion Mathison

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tax Collector, Pamela Johnson submitted her monthly report for March. She said that to date she had collected \$2,788,026.60.

**MINUTES:** Special Meeting – New Court Clerk Hire – 03/01/14 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

**MINUTES:** Regular Town Board Meeting – 03/17/14 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter dated 04/15/2014 from Mr. Keith Wiese, Audit Manager of Troy & Banks. He said that they completed their audit of the town's telecom accounts, and were able to have a \$30.00 monthly credit applied to this regarding the on line charges of \$59.95 vs \$29.95. Mr. Wiese said that the credit should start in April and continue for the next twelve (12) months.

#### **BUSINESS:**

The Supervisor introduced Mr. Paul Finch, Red Hook School Superintendent and Mr. Bruce Martin, Red Hook Business Manager from the Red Hook Central School District. They gave a brief presentation on the upcoming school budget. Mr. Martin said that they have stayed under the cap, and the board has committed to the same goal as last year – state aid help, retirement and health insurance. Mr. Martin said that there will be a public hearing on the budget on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Road School 3-5 cafeteria, voter registration will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9:00 PM also at the Mill Road School. He said that the budget vote will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 9:00 PM at the Mill Road School 3-5 gym. Mr. Martin said that there are also two board election seats on the ballot along with 2 propositions, one for the Red Hook Library and one for the Tivoli Library. Discussion followed and there was a brief question and answer period.

Greg Pulver, County Legislator gave a presentation to the board. He talked about the STAR rebate checks and the tax cap. He said that the Association of Towns is not very happy about the rebate checks. Mr. Pulver said that it will probably cost the state more money to write the check because in some county's some people will only be getting a rebate of \$20. He continued to say that the county did rescind the sales tax on home heating oil. But it may have an effect on your sales tax revenue that was promised in addition to that so we will have to keep an eye on that. Mr. Pulver said that the bad

news was the first quarter sales tax projections was down by 6%, which is not unusual because people are buying oil and taking care of other things. They are not spending money on retail items. He touched on the county jail project. Mr. Pulver said that the county was looking into putting temporary pods to house 200 inmates. He said that this would save the county one million dollars per year. Council. Egan asked where the pods would be located. Mr. Pulver said in the parking lot of the jail. He said that right now the inmates are in other counties' jails do to overcrowding, which is costing the county \$8 million dollars. If the pods do get approved in May they would be ready for occupancy by January of 2015. Council. Egan asked Mr. Pulver asked him if there were any expectations of any kind of mandate relief this year. He said that Didi Barrett and Terry Gipson have some legislation for mandate relief. Mr. Pulver said that he does not expect anything from the state government. Discussion continued and various comments were made.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to extend the contract between the Town of Milan and Peckham Materials Corporation, dated May 30, 2013 to May 29, 2015. All other provisions of said contract are unchanged. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

**MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to sign the 284 Agreement with the Highway Department for Odak Farm Road. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO -0

Absent – 1 Mathison

## **STOP SIGNS**

The Supervisor stated that he had an inquiry from a mail carrier from Red Hook to install STOP signs on Battenfeld and Shookville Roads. He said that he was going to have Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent and Jay Paggi, the town's engineer look at the area and come back with a recommendation.

## **SUMMER HOURS/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to set the work day for highway employees to begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m., beginning June 1, 2014 and ending August 22, 2014. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

## **NYS Preservation League Grant**

Council. Egan gave an update and discussed the NYS Preservation league Grant. She said that she was in the process of filling out an application. She said that the preservation is a private organization that works with NYS, and we have a good opportunity to identify historic properties. She said that the type of grant that the town would be applying is a culture resource survey. The town would hire someone to assess all the properties that are historic in nature, which were built before 1960. This is according to the preservation league. Larson & Fischer Associates was recommended

by Eric Tobin, who has a lot of expertise in this area. Council. Egan said that she asked him for a cost analyzes and an estimate. To identify 500 properties will cost \$20,000. The amount we would get from the grant would be \$10,000, and the rest would be made up by someone or some group. Council. Egan said that she would have to have some of idea of who would be making up the difference. The discussion continued and various comments were made. The board discussed changing the scope of the grant. Council. Egan thought that maybe she could change it to the 1900's. The following **MOTION** was made by Council. Egan seconded by Council. Campisi to authorize the submission of the NYS Preservation League Grant due 05/05/2014. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

### **SHARED SERVICES UPDATE**

The Supervisor gave an update on the shared services. He said that the towns in the northern part of the county are trying to come up with equipment that could be shared with the towns. The Supervisor said that we have an agreement with Northeast, Amenia and Rhinebeck to purchase a paver thru shared services thru a grant process. We also have an agreement with Northeast to share a roller. The Supervisor asked Greg Pulver, County Legislator if it would be possible to roll two pieces of equipment into that grant purchase. Mr. Pulver said yes, but you would have to prioritize one of them. You would have to put a prior one and two, the bigger piece of equipment and the one with the more towns involved would be prior one. The Supervisor said that they are not shared with the same towns. Mr. Pulver suggested that they do two separate applications, label priority one and priority two. The Supervisor said that he wanted everyone to be aware that we are somewhat committed to Northeast, and we did put money aside if the grant fell through for the roller. He said that his first choice is to get the money through the grant process. Discussion continued. **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to authorize Council. Egan to commence the process to write one grant to share amongst the towns of Rhinebeck, Northeast, Amenia and Milan. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

The Supervisor asked Mr. Pulver if there is any talk among the legislature about getting all the towns on the medical/health plan with the county. Mr. Pulver said that there hasn't yet, but he doesn't know why they would not offer that to the other towns. Discussion continued.

### **PAVING TOWN HALL CIRCLE**

The Supervisor brought up the parking area at the Town Hall. He said that the last time it was paved was mid-nineties. He said that he asked Glenn to talk to a few contractors that due state contract work and see what it would cost the town to do the work in two stages. The Supervisor said that they would contract to do the immediate parking area up and down this year and then do the driveways going down to Rt. 199 the following year. Right now we have two prices; one of them includes striping and drainage which is very important. They continued to discuss the pricing of the project, and making sure that all contractors come back with the same whatever. The Supervisor said once the

town gets some prices we will have a special meeting to decide which way the town is going to go.

### **TRANSMISSION LINES**

The Supervisor said that there were letters that went out to all residents about the meeting to be held at the Milan Town Hall on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM on the transmission lines.

### **CHIPS/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Supervisor announced that Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent receive additional CHIPS money for the highway department just shy of \$14,000, due to the bad winter we had and the anticipation of having some additional work on the roads. Mr. Butler said that money will be added to the allotment to the CHIPS payment December. Discussion continued.

### **BRUSH PILE**

The board discussed the brush pile at the Highway Department. The Supervisor said that the board will have to make a decision as to what they are going to do with it. Mr. Butler said that he would look into it.

### **CABLEVISION**

The Supervisor said that he spoke with Cablevision last week, and they said that they are not going to do any more installation on Academy Hill Road. He also said that he spoke with the rep from Cablevision. He has been in contact with the cable company in Germantown, Mid-Hudson Cablevision, and they have to get back to him to see if they would be interested in taking over the north end of town.

**Council. Grumet introduced the following resolution:**

### **RESOLUTION ENDORSING NEW YORK SENATE BILL NO. 5408-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8315 to designate Wappinger Creek as an inland waterway**

**WHEREAS**, the Wappinger Creek is one of five major tributaries to the lower Hudson River and drains a watershed of approximately 211 square miles (134,871 acres) of land traversing 11 towns and 2 villages within Dutchess County. Originating in wetlands and lakes in the Town of Pine Plains, the watershed spans thirty eight miles and enters the Hudson River at the border of the Towns of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger.

**WHEREAS**, Wappinger Creek runs through Town of Milan and is critical to the local economic and environmental future.

**WHEREAS**, Wappinger Creek plays a central role in our local ecosystem impacting groundwater quality, biodiversity, and recreation.

**WHEREAS**, past disturbances to the creek such as dredging, road and railroad crossings and low density residential development have caused a decline in water quality and habitat diversity.

**WHEREAS**, upstream development and pollutants introduced in the upper creek have led to contamination of the public water supply wells in the lower watershed, and has led to the Wappinger Lake being listed on the New York State Department of

Environmental Conservation's Priority Water body List as it no longer meets its intended uses due to pollution.

**WHEREAS**, the state legislature has introduced legislation in the form of S. 5408-A by Senator Terry Gipson and Assembly Bill A.8315 by Assemblywoman Didi Barrett that proposes to designate Wappinger Creek as an inland waterway.

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would allow many communities in Dutchess County to take advantage of federal funds to protect this body of water and would increase eligibility for technical assistance under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), administered by the Division of Coastal Resources under the New York Department of State.

**WHEREAS**, designating the Wappinger Creek watershed as an inland waterway would make all of the aforementioned communities eligible for the grant funding necessary for planning, design, feasibility studies, and construction projects as well as implementation of local LWRPs.

**WHEREAS**, passage of this bill would allow us to apply for federal funds to invest in environmental infrastructure projects that will create jobs and improve the quality of our water; and, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Milan Town Board requests that the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly support and facilitate the ratification of Senate Bill 4850-A and A.8315, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Gipson, Senator Skelos, Senator Klein, Senator Stewart-Cousins, Senator DeFrancisco, Senator Ball, Assemblymember Barrett, Assemblymember Silver, Assemblymember Cahill Assembly member Lalor and Assembly member Skartados.

The board discussed the resolution, various comments were made. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor to adopt the Resolution endorsing NY Senate Bill No. 5408-A and Assembly Bill NO. 8315 to designate Wappinger Creek as an inland waterway. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO - 0

Absent - 1 Mathison

**MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter and direct to Senator DeFrancisco and Assembly member Farrell regarding the Wappinger Creek inland waterway. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO - 0

Absent - 1 Mathison

## **FARMERS MARKET**

Kim Godfrey, manager of the Milan Farmers Market gave any update. She said that there was a meeting with the market vendors on April 12<sup>th</sup> and they discussed the start date and end date and other changes. The starting date was Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the end date is September 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Godfrey said that the market is now up to fifteen (15) vendors this year. They discussed two things, one of which was the advertising. The market was going to split the cost with the Red Hook Farmers Market. They got a quote from the Northern Dutchess News for 10 publications for \$700, which is \$350 each. They would start advertising the second week in May. Mr. Godfrey talked about a onetime ad in the Hudson River Sampler for \$220, which they would split with Red Hook. Discussion continued. **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Grumet to authorize Charlie and Kim Godfrey, managers of the Milan Farmers Market to

advertise in the Northern Dutchess News, the Hudson River Sampler and the postcards not to exceed \$500. Council. Egan wanted to know where the budget is for this. The Supervisor said that the town has about \$700 from last year. He said that the money that they bring it from the tables will help bring in money. Council. Egan just wanted to make sure that the residents of Milan were not subsidizing it and that they you do a wonderful job. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

Ms. Godfrey said that the second part of the meeting was that some people wanted them to investigated SNAP, which is food stamps. She said that there are funds through the USDA going through the National Federation of Farmers Markets which created Farm-a-Link which increases farmers, consumers and technology. She explained to the town board how the process works. The Supervisor asked Ms. Godfrey if any of the other markets do this, and she said no. The discussion continued and various comments were made on this issue. The board felt that they needed to look into to this further and maybe they could come back to the town board at a special meeting with that information.

**MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher that the Milan Farmers Market shall begin operation on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 and end operation on September 26, 2014 and hours of said operation are from 3PM to 7PM. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

**BILLS** – The bills were presented to the board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to pay General Abstract # 4 Claims 93 thru 148 – totaling \$26,333.05, Highway Abstract #4 Claims 56 thru 72 – totaling \$14,043.16 and Escrow Abstract #4 Claims 5,6,7 – totaling \$3,184.00. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO -0

Absent – 1 Mathison

**MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting. (9:27 PM). Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Mathison

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

