

Gaines Town Board Regular Meeting & Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

December 8, 2015

A Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans and the State of New York & Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing was held at the Gaines Town Hall, 14087 Ridge Road, Gaines, New York on the 8th day of December 2015 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT: Carol Culhane ----- Supervisor
Susan Smith ----- Councilperson
Douglas Syck ----- Councilperson
Ron Mannella ----- Highway Superintendent
Jean Klatt ----- Town Clerk
Andrew Meier ----- Attorney for the Town

Excused: David Kast ----- Councilperson
James Kirby ----- Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Schmidt, Mary Jo Syck, Mike Grabowski, Tony Navarra, Olivia Prest, Shelby Restivo, Adam Sills, Orlando Lloyd, Matt Doherty, Cormin Artis, Evyan Baney, Mary Neilans, Connie Mosher, Marilyn Miller, Bill Lattin, Emily Blanchard, Nikki Eldred, Dan Strong, Timothy Braier, Leigha Townsend

Supervisor Culhane called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

Supervisor Culhane opened the public hearing with the reading of the legal notice at 7:01 PM. There were no comments from the public. Supervisor Culhane read the County recommendations. The County suggested a map be inserted. The County is responsible for providing the map. The town has been waiting at least a couple of years for the map. Supervisor Culhane thanked the Comprehensive Plan Committee for a job well done. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION 98 -15

COPMREHENSIVE PLAN

On a motion from Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Syck the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
Nays 0

Resolved that the Comprehensive Plan is adopted as presented and maps will be inserted when they become available.

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RESOLUTION 99 -15

MINUTES

On a motion from Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Syck the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting are approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 100-15

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

On a motion from Councilperson Smith and seconded by Councilperson Syck the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills on abstract #11, voucher #'s 2033 - 2128, totaling \$ 162,708.90 will be paid as presented.

A short discussion was held regarding water regulations. Certified mailing cost and the \$16.00 quarterly maintenance fees were discussed. Some of the questions brought forth for thought were:

If the snowbirds go south and request their water be turned off do they pay the \$16.00 maintenance fee and/or the \$75.00 restoration fee?

If there is a house fire and the water is turned off do they pay the \$16.00 maintenance fee and/or the \$75.00 restoration fee?

If a home is sold and a new resident doesn't sign up immediately do we turn off the water? Do they pay a restoration fee? Who pays the \$16.00 maintenance fee?

Superintendent Mannella commented that in the past the restoration fee was only charged to restore service that had been discontinued because of non-payment.

Supervisor Culhane announced that the town will be responsible for plowing the Gaines Basin Road Bridge and will not be reimbursed for the 2015-2016 winter season.

Supervisor Culhane informed the board that 15 customers had signed up for the direct debit of water bills and it had worked without a hitch. At this time 31 customers have signed up for direct debit.

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RESOLUTION 101-15

WATER SURCHARGE

On a motion from Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Syck the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that a \$10.00 will be added to all delinquent water accounts 30 days after the billing date.

Tony Navarra mentioned that his bill was high and said his toilets were not leaking. Ron Mannella will check his meter but said meters only slow down, they never speed up so he suspects a water leak somewhere.

RESOLUTION 102 -15

NEW TOILET

On a motion from Councilperson Syck, seconded by Councilperson Smith the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that the ladies bathroom will have a new toilet installed.

RESOLUTION 103 -15

PART-TIME HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

On a motion from Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Syck the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that Greg Risato is hired as a part-time highway employee. He will be called on an as needed basis for nights and emergencies.

Supervisor Culhane told the board that the town had had a Civil Rights Review by Rural Development. They had pointed out several deficiencies. Some of the things they pointed out were the Town Clerk's counter isn't wheel chair assessable, the parking lot strips are not correct, the front door has no handicap button, and our letterhead needs revised to name a few.

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Supervisor Culhane reminded the board that the court had applied for the JCAP grant and if awarded that would correct a couple of issues with the Town Clerk and Court Clerk offices. The maximum grant award is \$30,000.00 and the quote for the renovations is \$30,500.00. She will continue to keep everyone up to date.

RESOLUTION 104 -15

APPROVAL FOR JUDGE TO ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL

On a motion from Councilperson Syck, seconded by Councilperson Smith the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Smith, Syck
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Justice Schmidt may attend the Association of Towns 2016 Training School in New York City in February of 2016.

Supervisor Culhane informed the board that it had been suggested to her that all town employees wear ID badges and that she would look into the cost and bring it back to the board at a later date.

Privilege of the Floor

No comment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion from Councilperson Syck, seconded by Councilperson Smith, the motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Culhane, Syck, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that with no further business, the December 8th, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting is adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Klatt
Gaines Town Clerk