

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to open the Town Board meeting at 7:10PM, it was seconded by Councilman Nelson. All approved.

Present were Councilman Hurley, Councilman Moore, Councilman Nelson, Councilman Wells and Supervisor Hoffman. Also present were Highway Superintendent Sylvester, Town Attorney Goodge, Town Clerk Nelson and 21 members of the public.

Supervisor Hoffman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence. He then pointed out the fire exits.

Councilman Wells made a motion to accept the minutes from December's meeting, it was seconded by Councilman Nelson. All approved

Supervisor Hoffman explained that the Supervisor's report is available for viewing on the bulletin board throughout the meeting.

Town Clerk Nelson read the town clerk's report.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to pay the General town bills Claim #1-17 totaling \$37,682.12, it was seconded by Councilman Nelson. All approved.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to make a transfer and pay the Highway town bills Claim #18-26 totaling \$41,494.30, it was seconded by Councilman Hurley. All approved.

Councilman Moore expressed the great job the highway dept. had done with the snow removal from the last storm. All agreed.

Councilman Hurley mentioned that Supervisor Hoffman had asked him to be a point of contact with the Zena Development project up in Woodstock, he has meetings set up with Woodstock and the development to keep lines of communication open as to what is happening. Three questions that arose are, how it will affect the traffic on Sawkill Rd, how will the water runoff from the development affect the Sawkill creek and the water usage and if that will affect us at all. He will bring this information back to the board as well as the town so it can be discussed and whether or not anything will need to be addressed.

Councilman Wells announced the board will be looking at the fee schedule to update it going forward as many of the fees are outdated.

He also mentioned it is in the early stages of planning for an Earth Day Celebration. Councilman Wells read the building inspectors report, he took multiple phone calls in reference to requests for building for spring jobs, he did receive \$150.00 in abstracts and another \$50.00 for a permit.

Councilman Nelson mentioned UCRRA is doing an E-waste pop up to give people a chance to get rid of any electronics, it will be held Sat. Jan. 10th and Sat. Jan. 24th at 999 Flatbush Ave. A notice was posted on the Town Facebook page as well. He also mentioned Waste Management has posted that garbage pickup will begin anywhere from 5am – 8am according to their schedule, they request cans be put out the night before. If for some reason your pickup is missed, please contact Councilman Nelson or the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible so that the Town Clerk can email them Monday morning with that information. Councilman Nelson also mentioned updating the employee guidebook in the upcoming couple of months. He will also be setting up the Comprehensive Plan meeting schedule as well.

A question was brought forth by a resident about the rate that was received from the County was a 19% increase for the Town of Kingston, it was mentioned that it was mostly because of the town needing to be reassessed. Supervisor Hoffman will be meeting with the assessor in hopes of having a date set to start the assessment.

A few residents mentioned looking into a different recycling program.

Highway Superintendent Sylvester discussed Wintergreen culvert and how it is progressing.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to hire a planning board secretary for approximately 10 hours per month, to go to the meetings, take minutes and possibly help with filing, it was seconded by Councilman Nelson. All, approved. The town clerk will post the ad for the position.

Supervisor Hoffman motioned to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Councilman Wells. All Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda M. Nelson, Town Clerk