



**Town Board Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

This workshop meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 6:00pm

Present: Supervisor Rich Parete and Town Board members Joe Borzumato, Tim Sweeney, and Eric Stewart and Don LaFera

Absent:

Also, Present: Joyce Cain; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Glen Weinberg; Joule Community Power, Tom Konrad; ECC Chairman, and Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOULE COMMUNITY POWER PRESENTATION, COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA):

- Glen Weinberg, Joule representative and Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman gave a power point presentation on the proposed community choice aggregation program.
- The program would allow the town to choose a default energy provider for the residents. If power is purchased by a group there would be a chance they would get a better deal.
- Savings can also occur if a contract is set up with community solar and hydropower provides to buy bill credits at a discount. The savings could result in up to 10 percent on top of any better price negotiated with the power provided.
- Residents would be allowed to opt out if they do not want to participate.
- The public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 will be Tuesday, August 21st.

6:40pm Councilman Borzumato arrived to the meeting.

RONDOUT VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION; OFFICE SPACE:

- The Rondout Valley Education Foundation is a group of volunteers that help raise money in the community. They have recently requested to town to look into providing space in the RMC for their offices. Supervisor Parete will discuss with the town attorney about the possibility of allowing them to have the space for free. Would this be legal?

WEBSITE:

- At the 6/19/18 town board meeting Jonathan Falk, New York Market Manager of Virtual Towns & Schools gave a presentation of website designs his company has created.
- The town is now ready to move forward with building the new website. The cost would be approximately \$4,000; paid over a three-year period of approximately \$1,331 a year/\$167 a month.
- Councilman LaFera and Stewart suggested we call five of the town on the reference list to get their opinions.

BARTON AND LOGUIDICE: HAMLET PLAN AND SEWER STUDY:

- Barton and Loguidice will conduct a sewer study for School Hill Rd., Canal Rd., Bruceville Rd., Mohonk Rd and Verizon building up to the hill.
- Councilman LaFera and Stewart, along with Barton and Loguidice will meet with different civic groups to discuss.

SALT:

- Governor Cuomo has created a program for charitable contributions for State and local property tax deductions. The deadline for this is Dec. 31st. The town would need to pass this in this fall if we were to go forward.
- This program would allow local governments and school districts to establish charitable gifts reserve funds and, once such funds have established, to offer real property tax credits to incentivize contributions to these funds. It is optional for counties, cities, towns, villages and school districts to establish a local charitable contributions program.

PROPERTY TRANSFER RVCSD:

- The school district owns a piece of property that they would like to transfer to the town. It could possibly be a pollinator garden or the town could just keep it. The land is vacant now.

RRA CONTRACT:

- In three months the RRA has pulled their containers 66 times at \$91.00 a pull totaling \$6,006 + \$693 for a grand total of \$6,699.
- In three months'time Liberta pulled their containers 74 times at \$150 a pull totaling \$11,100.
- Going with the RRA saved the town approximately \$4,500 in three months.

OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:

- Councilman LaFera mentioned they are waiting for the final word from the County regarding plastic shopping bags.
- Councilman Stewart discussed updating Hamlet plan to add walking/biking trails and lighting down by the Creek.

Motion to adjourn: There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cain
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector