

**THE TOWN OF CHENANGO TOWN BOARD MET WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 1529 N.Y. ROUTE 12, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.**

**PRESENT:** Harold Snopek, Town Supervisor  
Russ Hemedinger, Councilperson  
Jim DiMascio, Councilperson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Donald G. Walls, Town Attorney  
Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk

**ABSENT:** Terry Kellogg, Councilperson  
Gene Hulbert, Councilperson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG -**

Mr. Snopek asked everyone present to stand and join in for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Mr. DiMascio moved, seconded by Mr. Hemedinger, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as prepared and presented. Motion carried.

**BID OPENINGS-**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

Preliminary Budget;  
Assessment Rolls.

**Julie Wyatt, Budget Officer –**

**BIGGEST CHALLENGES:**

- The Town is operating under a tax cap increase of 0.68% for the 2017 budget year.
- The rise in the cost of health insurance continues to be one of the Town's biggest concerns. The Board has worked diligently with the Town's insurance provider to control this expense.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

- The total tax levy for the Town is up slightly from \$2,101,929 in 2016 to \$2,106,888 in 2017; an increase of only \$4,959.
- In the General Fund, there is no proposed tax rate increase, as it is budgeted to stay constant at \$0.40 per thousand.
- In the Highway Fund, there is also no proposed tax rate increase, as it is budgeted to stay constant at \$1.63 per thousand.
- The tax levies for the Special Districts, including all Fire Protection Districts and the Light District, will remain flat as compared to 2016, with the exception of a \$153 increase for Chenango Fire to cover a 2016 tax deficit. This amount will be paid back to the General Fund.
- Per the Budget resolution passed in November 2014, Water and Sewer rates will both be increased by 2% in 2017. The new rates will take effect with the 2nd billing of the year.

**MR. SNOPEK-** Thanked Julie for a job well done. I want to thank the Board as well.

Since there was no further discussion, Mr. Snopek closed the public hearing.

## **OPEN HEARING –**

Mr. Snopek invited the audience to participate in any open discussion they had. He asked that they give their name, address and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

**Mary Minacci of 23 Woodland Drive, Binghamton, N.Y.**, was wondering if we had heard anything new on the Chenango Ambulance Co.

**Mr. Snopek** - explained that we really have nothing to do with them except for the fact we let them back into the Town of Chenango to act as the First Responders.

## **COMMUNICATIONS: Rhonda Milks, Town Clerk**

1. Local Law No. 2-2016 was filed with the NYS Department of State on October 13, 2016 and was also received by General Code so our Code will reflect the changes.
2. Chenango Fire Company submitted new memberships for the Town Board's approval. The new memberships to be considered are Katelyn Marie Lewis and Bryan Pratt. Mr. Hemedinger moved, seconded by Mr. DiMascio, that the memberships be approved. Motion carried.
3. Thanks to the residents for their support in this Election and congratulations to Wendy Scott on her winning the office of Town Justice.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Mr. DiMascio- Planning and Zoning**

The Planning Board met on October 11, 2016.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**CHENANGO FITNESS-** Sara Couchman- 70 Chenango Bridge Rd.-TM#112.05-2-6. Application for site plan update for expansion to offer fitness/exercise classes.

#### **Site plan approved contingent on receiving building permit**

**HILLSIDE GARDEN CENTER, INC.-**Michael Haas-Applicant-Owner Harmony Hill Ranch, LLC.-751 Dimmock Hill Rd.-TM#076.04-2-7.221-Application for site plan review to operate a landscape material growing and staging area and office building.

#### **Site plan approved contingent upon receiving variance from ZBA and receiving building permit.**

## **ADVISORY OPINION/REFERRALS**

**HILLSIDE GARDEN CENTER, INC.-**James & Lisa Hoteling-751 Dimmock Hill Rd.-TM#076.04-2-7.221-Double Area Variance-to construct an office building with less than required front yard setbacks from 50' to 20' & for an accessory structure (mulch bins) from 50' to 5'.

#### **Variance referred to the ZBA with a favorable advisory**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 27, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING

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**Variance unanimously approved**

**Mr. Hemedinger- Safety/Insurance**

A safety committee meeting was held last month. We reviewed all accident reports since our June meeting. We also reviewed the presentation of training that was held in early October. The consensus was that it was done better than it was done in the past. Also discussed training for the upcoming year. We are hoping to briefly discuss the emergency evacuation procedures at the December Staff Meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF ACHIEVE TO ESTABLISH A GROUP HOME AT 20 WILSON HILL ROAD, Offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Russ Hemedinger- 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY, INC. Offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio- 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR THE TOWN OF CHENANGO FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE STORM RECOVERY OF THE NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION, Offered by Jim DiMascio, seconded by Russ Hemedinger – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, carried

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Gordon Ruston for a five year term (Oct. 17, 2016-Oct.16, 2021), Offered by Russ Hemedinger, seconded by Jim DiMascio – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – HAL SNOPEK**

There is a work session next Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. There is no work session on the November 23, 2016. There will also be a work session on November 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. There will be the Budget Vote on November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

As there was no other business a motion was made by Jim DiMascio to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Hemedinger, and with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda D. Milks, Town Clerk