

TB – Special Meeting December 27, 2006

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
TOWN OF BOLTON

Present: Supervisor Alexander G. Gabriels III, Councilmen Scott Andersen, Robert MacEwan, Owen Maranville, Jason Saris, Town Counsel Michael Muller, Town Clerk Kathleen Simmes

Supervisor Gabriels called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Rolf Ronning: I am requesting the Town to take over the road in the Saddlebrook subdivision. The APA should approve by January 3rd. The Planning Board is waiting for the APA signoff. The Town's Engineer has approved the Stormwater. Access will be New Vermont Road on the High Meadow Farm Rd. The road will be under 10% grade. There will be 22-23 lots. There are three existing homes now. There are no lake views. The lots will be 5 acres each and will be in the range of \$100,000. I will build the road to Town standards. It will be 18' wide. The cost of the road will be over one half a million dollars. If it is not taken over by the Town as a Town road then I will have to form a Home Owners Association. To sweeten the deal I will give one of two lots for a potential cemetery. The Town will incur no expenses; the road will be paved and ready to go.

Supervisor Gabriels: Where are we on this?

Zoning Administrator: On 9/22 the matter was tabled pending jurisdiction from the APA. Then the matter has to go to public hearing. We are still in the preliminary plot plan stage.

Councilman Andersen: Wasn't it coming from County Route 11 at one time?

Rolf Ronning: Yes, and the APA and Encon fought it. I couldn't cross Indian Brook for a major road.

Supervisor Gabriels: The Town Clerk and I were going to walk the proposed road, but haven't yet. I haven't talked to the Highway Superintendent, but his issues were with stormwater.

Councilman Saris: What happens to the common area if there is no Homeowner's Association?

Rolf Ronning: I could donate it to the Town or the Land Conservancy, etc.

Councilman Saris: The Highway Superintendent is going to know about retention ponds.

Rolf Ronning: There are six of them.

Councilman Andersen asked if there is a difference between road specifications for Town, County and State.

Rolf Ronning said the road will have gravel, item 4 and item 2, which is a topcoat and paved besides. It will be 18' wide.

Supervisor Gabriels: Since 1973 to date Town Boards have flatly rejected taking over private roads, but we will not flatly reject your request.

Councilman Saris: I think it is inappropriate for us to act on it, before Planning Board approval is given.

Supervisor Gabriels: We will write a letter to the Planning Board to request that the Planning Board not require a Homeowner's Association for the Saddlebrook subdivision at this time until a decision by the Town Board is made regarding the road.

The Board interviewed two candidates for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilman Maranville would like to nominate Mark Roden for that position.

The board after further discussion made the following motion:

RESOLUTION#261

Councilman Maranville moved seconded by Councilman MacEwan to appoint Jeff Anthony to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to expire 12-31-2007. All Favorable. Motion Carried.

The board agreed that the next vacancy on one of the boards, they will appoint Mark Roden.

RESOLUTION#262

Councilman Saris moved seconded by Councilman Andersen to appoint James Neumann and John

Gilbride as Police Officers. Both have valid credentials. It will be a two-man department. They will be part-time year round employees. They will begin service on 1-1-2007. James Neumann's salary will be \$18.90 per hour and John Gilbride's salary will be \$18.50 per hour. Both salaries have a cap of \$30,000 a year. All Favorable. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION#263

Councilman Saris moved seconded by Councilman Maranville to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Warren County for bed tax funds we will receive in 2007. All Favorable. Motion Carried.

The board discussed Resolution #8 of the Organizational minutes for 2006 and made the following change for 2007

RESOLUTION#264

Councilman Andersen moved seconded by Councilman Maranville to add the following to our resolution regarding health insurance: The addition to the resolution is in italics

All eligible full time employees of the Town have paid health insurance under the Blue Cross of Northeastern NY, and that all new employees will be required to pay 25% of the cost. Employees who work 32½ hours per week and elected officials are eligible. Eligibility for paid benefits commences after a three-month probationary period, except for elected officials. Eligible employees who are not covered by the Town's insurance and have alternate coverage shall receive \$1200 per year. Full time employees who retire from the Town of Bolton may be eligible to receive health insurance benefits. The employee must have completed at least ten (10) years of service with the Town. The employee must be qualified for retirement as a member of NYS Retirement System administered by the State. Retires will be responsible for 25% of their own health insurance payment and 25% of their spouses. All Favorable. Motion Carried.

The board discussed retiree's health insurance benefits if they move out of network.

RESOLUTION#265

Councilman Saris moved seconded by Councilman Andersen to approve the following transfers:

FROM TO AMOUNT

GENERAL FUND

13551 Assessor 16204 Bldgs & Grds. \$3,000.00  
90608 Health 16204 " " 5,000.00  
10104 Town Board 16704 Central Printing 100.00  
90608 Health 51324 Garage 2,000.00  
90108 Retirement 51324 " 2,000.00  
19904 Contingency 71104 Parks 2,400.00  
75504 Celebrations 71504 Ballfield 450.00  
80204 Planning 80102 Zoning 1,090.00  
86642 Code 86641 Code 500.00  
86644 Code 86641 " 1,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND

51484 Services 51104 General Repairs 2,000.00  
51301 Machinery 51104 " " 4,000.00  
90108 Social 51104 " " 4,000.00  
90608 Health 51304 Machinery 5,000.00  
51484 Services 51304 " 1,000.00

WATER DISTRICT

83404 Transmission 83101 Administration 3,200.00  
90608 Health 83104 Administration 2,500.00  
90108 Retirement 83104 " 764.00

SEWER DISTRICT

General Fund Transfers June 22,000  
August 20,000  
19504 Judgments 100.00  
81101 Administration 3,300.00  
81102 Administration 110.00  
81104 Administration 9,000.00  
81302 Treatment 8,215.00  
81304 Treatment 23,000.00  
90308 Social Security 275.00 All Favorable. Motion Carried.

Councilman Maranville moved seconded by Councilman MacEwan to pay the bills. All Favorable. Motion Carried.

Councilman Maranville moved seconded by Councilman MacEwan to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. All Favorable. Motion Carried.