

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, WURTSBORO, NEW YORK.

Present: Janet M. Lybolt- Supervisor
Eileen Rogers – Deputy Supervisor - Councilwoman
John Lacey – Councilman
James Carney – Councilman
John Crudo - Councilman
Thomas Morrow – Councilman
Gary Forthoffer - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Robert Hufcut – Highway Superintendent
Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Mamakating Library Presentation – Peggy Johansen, Director
2. Grant Applications and Management of Funded Grant Programs – Kerron Barnes
3. Town Park Pool Rates
4. 73 Sullivan Street Windows Removal
5. Work Day and Reporting- NYS Retirement Updates
6. Expenditure of Highway Moneys – CHIPS
7. Local Law: Uniform Date of Operation for Camps
8. Request to Bid on Auctions Int'l for 2010 Western Star 4900 FA Dump Truck by Highway Dept.
9. Budget Modifications

Mamakating Library Update

Presented to Mamakating Town Board July 7, 2020 by Peggy Johansen, Director

The library has been serving the public remotely since the building closed in mid-March for the pandemic. Our staff is excited to be safely welcoming people back now.

Currently Offered Services

On June 22, we began curbside pick-up service for our own collections, including books, movies and CDs. You can feel secure about borrowing library materials! They are quarantined after each use and handled according to safety protocols within the library.

To place a hold on an item in the library, use the catalog found at mamakatinglibrary.org or call 888-8004. In return, you will be contacted to set up an appointment for curbside pick-up.

Copying, printing, and faxing services are also available with curbside drop-off and pick-up. Documents can be emailed to the library for printing.

Beginning Monday, July 13, the library will be open for use by appointment. Thirty-minute periods per person, Monday to Friday, are available for browsing and computer use. The seating areas are open for reading and wifi use. Face coverings are required and must be worn properly while you are in the building. Seating areas and computer stations will be sanitized between uses.

Programs

While the library was closed, virtual programs were offered for children and adults and those continue through the summer. Youth are invited to log their reading time to earn prizes with the Summer Reading Program and participate in arts and crafts, nature, fitness and computer activities. Coming up for teens and adults: Open Poetry Mic with Sullivan County Poet Laureate on July 17 and a talk by Sullivan County Historian John Conway on July 31.

Families with toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to Veteran's Memorial Park on Wednesday mornings in July for live outdoor storytimes.

Ebooks and Movies

Also during closure, our digital content saw a large increase in use. There was a 70% increase in ebook checkouts between May 2019 and May 2020. Many people may not be aware that with a Mamakating Library Card you also have access to thousands of movies to download or stream.

Other Services and Resources

Homebound residents of the Mamakating Library District are entitled to Library-by-Mail, a free mailing service that provides books for those who cannot get out and do not have access to ebooks. Library-by-Mail is funded in part by Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther.

On the library's website, you'll find other resources such as DMV practice tests for autos, motorcycles and commercial vehicles; high school math tutoring; resume writing assistance and Rosetta Stone language learning. The library also offers passes to Storm King Art Center in New Windsor.

If you do not already receive our digital newsletter, call 888-8004 or email the library at mamcirc@rcls.org to add your email address to the mailing list.

Please call to schedule your visit! We look forward to seeing you. Thank you for allowing me to present this update on the Mamakating Library.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The July 7, 2020 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT as transcribed by R. Hufcut

- I apologize for my late arrival Tonight I participated in an auction hosted by Auctions International to potentially purchase a previously owned 2010 dump truck with a plow. Hopefully our bid will be accepted and we will be able to add this truck to our existing fleet to assist with snow removal.
- We have begun our road improvement work on South Road. We have replaced major culvert pipes near Paradise Resort. We anticipate the arrival of our CHIPS funding to start on the next phase of the project. We hope to begin paving in August.
- The Red Hill Road Bridge Project is progressing nicely. I have met with the DEC, the engineer and the land surveyor. All plans have been approved. We are currently awaiting pricing for concrete culverts.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

- We are in the process of grading dirt roads throughout the town. It is very tedious and time consuming. I would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.
- Mowing was temporarily suspended for two weeks due to equipment malfunction. The mower has been repaired and mowing will resume as scheduled. I do apologize that mowing was not completed throughout the town by July 4th.
- I would like to thank the Town Supervisor, Janet Lybolt for her contributions to the Town's July 4th celebration. She contributed the hay wagon and the bunting. Thank you Janet.
- As we begin to prepare for budget season, I would like to request to add back a 17th member of the Highway Department, which was eliminated in December 2019. By adding back a 17th member, we will be able to hire an additional mechanic that can assist in the repair of all the Town's vehicles and potentially eliminate some of the outside costs of repair work.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT as transcribed by J. Lybolt

- The pool in Town Park opened Friday, July 3rd, observing all Dept. of Health requirements. It was a very busy 3-day weekend with the pool fees and concession stand taking in \$800.00
- Our Pool has been rented to the Pine Bush Aquatic Club mornings during the week for the summer.
- Our 2nd concert of the year was held June 26th with Side FX playing. The concerts run every other week in coordination with our weekly Farmers Market. Many thanks to the American Legion for supplying the hamburgers and hotdogs and manning the grill. The Town made a profit of \$159 towards our Sullivan Renaissance projects.
- Our MEEIC will hold weekly Nature Program Sessions for 7-10 year old children from 10-2pm. There will be (4) one-week sessions. Registration information will be on our website tomorrow, July 8th.
- I have an appointment tomorrow with O&R's participating contractor for a free energy assessment to reduce the energy usage in our Town buildings by changing over to LED lighting. I started this process in January, but with COVID-19, things are starting back up again. However, O&R has recently increased their incentive reimbursements up to 85%, so this will potentially save the Town even more money.
- As of July 2nd, Town of Mamakating Census response is at 43.6%, up from 40.3 at last meeting. Please complete the census to make sure that every person counts for Mamakating.
- We had a generous donation of \$1,000.00 to be used for our youth programs. We are looking at putting some of the funds toward a projector set-up to have family movie nights in the park.

ABSTRACTS

- A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Lacey to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #13 (Voucher #20201058-20201160) in the amount of \$251,505.31. All in favor.
- A motion to accept the Expenditure, Encumbrances & Appropriations Report, Revenue & Expenditures Report was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion approving the Manual Check in the amount of \$100.00 for the “startup” of the pool and concession was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by E. Rogers. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Crudo to accept the minutes of June 16, 2020. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

- A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by E. Rogers to accept the Town Park Pool Rates for 2020 as presented.
- A motion was made by J. Crudo, seconded by E. Rogers to ratify the contract of 73 Sullivan Street Window Removal. All in favor.
- A motion to accept the amended Work Day and Reporting (NYS Retirement Updates) was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by T. Morrow. All in favor.
- A motion made by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Crudo to accept the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – CHIPS Agreement. All in favor.
- A motion was made by J. Crudo, seconded by E. Rogers to schedule a Public Hearing for a Local Law entitled “Amending Vacation Campground Definition and Special Permit Requirements” for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro, N.Y. All in favor.
- A motion to Ratify Approval of Request to Bid on Auctions Int’l for purchase of 2010 Western Star 4900 FA Dump Truck by Highway Dept. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 including auction fee was made by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.
- A motion was made by E. Rogers, seconded by J. Crudo to accept the Budget Modifications as presented. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- E. Rogers announced a program on “How to identify Frogs” that will be held on July 10th from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Environmental Center.
- J. Lybolt reminded people that the Farmers Market is held every Friday through October here at the Town Hall from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Ward 2 “Town Hall” meeting will be held at the Town Hall on August 6th
- Ward 1 “Town Hall” meeting will be held at the Town Hall on August 27th

The Town Clerk suggested to the board that they send post cards out to the voters in each ward prior to the meetings to inform them of the meetings. The supervisor said they would look into it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by J. Crudo, seconded by E. Rogers to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. All in favor.
- A motion was made at 7:32 p.m. by T. Morrow, seconded by J. Crudo to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.
- A motion was then made by J. Lacey, seconded by E. Rogers to approve the town park pool employees (lifeguards). All in favor.
- A motion was made to hire Christian Chevalier at \$15/hour to work at the Mamakating Environmental Interpretive Center by E. Rogers and seconded by J. Crudo. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by J. Carney. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk