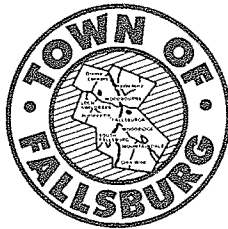


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Monday, January 08, 2018
Re-Organizational Meeting of the
Town of Fallsburg Town Board
Conducted at the Town Hall, 19 Railroad Plaza,
South Fallsburg, NY 12779
6:00 pm

PRESENT:

Supervisor Steven Vegliante
Councilman Arnold Seletsky
Councilman Mike Weiner
Councilman Nathan Steingart
Councilman Joe Levner

Town Clerk Donna Akerley
Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Malave-Santos
Linda Ingber Supervisor's Secretary
Attorney for the Town Paula Kay
Comptroller Scott DuBois
Code Enf. Officer Mollie Messinger

6:00 p.m. – Re-Organizational Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Steven Vegliante

Salute to the Flag: By Town Clerk Donna Akerley

Oath of Office will be administered by: **The Honorable Robert Scheinman**

Administration of Oath of Office to Town Board

Supervisor's Report: "It is with sincere gratitude that I speak with you this evening. In looking back on past reorganizational addresses, I realize that they have a common theme. Tonight is no different, and you may have heard many of what I am saying before. For that, I apologize, but it is mostly a product of having a stable and effective Town Government. I thank those sitting with me, but I applaud the employees of this town that almost to a man and woman strive each day to make life in Fallsburg as positive as it can be.

As your elected Town Board, not a day goes by that we don't think of ways to improve our quality of life here in Fallsburg while maintaining a vigilant watch on spending.

We do this through thoughtful planning and by sometimes making difficult choices. With our non-tax revenues only recovering modestly and our fixed costs such as retirement and health insurance rising yearly, this budget year, as is every year, was extremely challenging. This Board is committed to accountability and to that end and to that end; we will be reviewing and amending our purchasing protocols and keeping a close eye on productivity. This Board is also committed to improving our quality of life. Many of the problems we face in our town are generational in their origins. We as a Board must attack them, so that the remedies are achieved in far less time. While we are seeing an uptick in residential real estate due to many large projects coming on-line throughout the County, we

have also taken steps to review and update our zoning code to accomplish our goals and enjoy these opportunities that we are presented with.

Continuing into this new year, I will again be riding along with our Code Enforcement office, through each hamlet, in order to better understand and remove eyesores in our community. While financial realities prohibit us from attacking each eyesore immediately, we will continue to move forward in an orderly fashion to remove unsafe buildings and eyesores systematically, based upon danger and location. We have removed several already this past year and with the help of the County, we hope to remove even more this year. I encourage you to become part of the process and contact my office with any properties, which are in need of repair or major maintenance. I ask for our residents' cooperation. We intend to work with those who are seeking to improve their property, and will prosecute violations only as a last resort. While we recognize the financial realities in our Town, the time is also now to begin our rebirth...to put our best foot forward...we must and we will commit to improving the appearance of our Home Town. We need you, our residents, to join us in the effort.

Without growth, our town and you our taxpayers will be strangled by ever increasing state mandates and rising costs of services. This is especially true when it comes to funding for education. Our state is only one of 12 which still fund education through a property tax, everywhere but NYC. We will continue to review with our legislator's amendments to tax exempt laws and requests for the State to pay its fair share for lands owned in our Town. We must also do our part. This Board will actively pursue commercial development within the hamlets and, where appropriate, support residential development throughout the town. We, as a Board, with the help of our Comprehensive Plan Committee completed a review of our Comprehensive Plan. We are finishing our review of the draft Comprehensive plan and Zoning revisions, and will complete this task early this year. We owe it to our residents, both secular and orthodox to make sure our zoning maintains or improves the quality of life for ALL of the residents and taxpayers of our Town, and allows for reasonable and sustainable growth in each sector. Our Zoning code must reflect both the realities of our population and its needs, and our available resources. Growth must be managed in a way that our quality of life is improved, not diminished. As we enter a time of unprecedented opportunity, we must be in a position to build a Fallsburg that capitalizes on these new opportunities while protecting our natural beauty and resources.

I will continue to meet with the Mayor of Woodridge and together, with our Boards, we will continue to find ways to share services this year to benefit residents of the Village and the Town. While we celebrate Woodridge's unique identity and history, it is time for us to expand our shared services and bring tax relief to all of our residents.

Please look around our Web Site www.townoffallsburg.com. It is full of information about each Town department. A special thanks to our Town Clerk Donna Akerley for developing the site, which hosts the Town of Fallsburg Municipal Code where you can look up our laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

Finally I would like to thank each department along with the department head for helping deliver the services that town residents expect in a timely and responsible manner:

William Jakaitis our Highway Superintendent and Dylan Eidel his deputy for keeping our roads safe and secure. We wish retired Deputy Wayne Pirnos a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Alice Manzi, our Assessor, for keeping a vigilant eye on our properties and their values, ensuring that everyone that should, pays their fair share.

Mollie Messenger, our code enforcement officer, for managing the building and maintenance of properties throughout the town... and for this year managing the extra task of coordinating a Comprehensive Plan Committee, and managing our consultants to produce a Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Code revisions. She has proven that you can indeed herd cats.

Gregg Bennett, for managing the many aspects of our municipal lands and parks including the gems, Morningside and Mountindale Park and exploring ways to maximize our residents use of these treasures. We will be appointing a new Park Director shortly and hopefully we will continue to see improvements in our parks. They are truly gems.

Michelle Coopersmith, Supervisor of our Billing department for ensuring timely and accurate billing of our Town Services

Pat McNamara, Glenn Sonnenshein and Mike Decker for maintaining our golf courses at a championship level with a municipal budget all the while keeping greens fees affordable. Our courses are a true asset and provide needed revenue to our town through fees while attracting thousands of visitors to our town each year.

Will Illing, the man who wears so many hats in our Town, including Town Engineer, and the head of our Public Works department, making sure that our residents always have clean water, toilets that flush and projects that are safe.

Scott Dubois, our town comptroller and my financial right and left arm, for keeping an eye on expenses, maximizing our resources and keeping us in line

Donna Akerley our elected Town Clerk for being the public face of the Town of Fallsburg, answering questions and servicing our residents with distinction and more than that, a smile.

Paula Kay and Bruce Perlmutter, our Town Attorneys and Prosecutors. They diligently protect our Town's interest day in and day out. They are professional, and we are grateful to both of them for serving in these roles.

And Finally, our Police Chief, Simmie Williams, who with his Department keep our Town safe and secure, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I would also like to thank the CSEA and Fallsburg PBA for always dealing with my office in an honest and forthright manner, while we may not always agree, when we disagree, I know we have honest brokers in the room to resolve our differences. You each represent the lifeblood of our Town and on behalf of our Board and myself, I say to your rank and file. Thank you for all that you do to make Fallsburg great.

A personal thank you to Linda Ingber, my confidential secretary and secretary to the Board. In addition to keeping my schedule and interacting with the public, she has proven to be dedicated to her position, always looking out for both our residents and the Board, taking on projects and helping wherever and whenever asked. She was an integral part of the Renaissance Municipal Grant program win which we will continue to participate in...so Linda, buckle up!

A final thank you to you, the residents of our Town, for again trusting me to lead our Town in these times of uncertainty. I will continue approach every day with the dual vision of improving our town and reducing our tax burden.

2018 will bring many challenges and I am sure many exciting changes. I urge you to join us in this journey and make your voice heard. We all deserve the Government we allow. Our meetings are held on Monday evenings. Please do not be a stranger. In addition, I encourage you to take advantage of all the wonderful assets of our Town, including Morningside and Mountindale parks, as well as Tarry Brae and Lochmor, our championship golf courses.

Thank you for your time”.

Steven Vegliante

Town Supervisor

Operations:

Motion # 1

Motion to adopt Roberts Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for all Town Board Meetings.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 2

Motion to re-affirm all Town Policies, Regulations, Ordinances and other Town Laws and Rules including the Code of Ethics, Internet, Cell Phone and Vehicle Use Policy, Substance Abuse Policy and Discrimination and Harassment Policy.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 3

Motion to adopt Town of Fallsburg Procurement/Purchasing Policy.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 4

Motion to appoint **Nathan Steingart** as Deputy Supervisor and Town Board Liaison for Parks and Recreation, Police Commission, and Senior Citizens.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Supervisor Vegliante

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 5

Motion to re-appoint **Michael Weiner** Town Board Liaison for Youth Programs and Police Commission.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Supervisor Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 6

Motion to re-appoint **Nathan Steingart** Town Board Liaison for Golf, Fire and Safety.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Supervisor Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 7

Motion to re-appoint **Joe Levner** Town Board Liaison for Planning & Zoning, Beautification and Police Commission.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Supervisor Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 8

Motion to re-appoint **Donna Akerley** Town Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Land Tax Collector, F.O.I.L. Officer, and Records Management Officer.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Supervisor Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 9

Motion to re-appoint **Elizabeth Malave-Santos** as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Land Tax Collector, and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Supervisor Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 10

Motion to re-appoint **Jimmi Dewitt** of the Sullivan County Correctional Facility as Deputy Town Clerk for the purpose of issuing marriage licenses to inmates. – No Stipend

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 11

Motion to re-appoint **Karen Luse** as Deputy Town Clerk – Woodbourne Correctional Facility for the purpose of issuing marriage licenses to inmates. – No Stipend.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 12

Motion to re-appoint **Paula Kay** as Attorney for the Town.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 13

Motion to re-appoint **Bruce Perlmutter** as Assistant Attorney for the Town (Special Prosecutor).

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

**** (Councilman Steingart Abstained) 4 AYES**

Motion # 14

Motion to re-appoint **Simmie Williams** as Chief of Police.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 15

Motion to re-appoint **William Jakaitis** as Commissioner of Public Works.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 16

Motion to re-appoint **Scott DuBois** as Town Comptroller.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 17

Motion to re-appoint **Mollie Messenger** as Code Enforcement Officer.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 18

Motion to re-appoint **William Illing** as Town Engineer.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 19

Motion to re-appoint **Joanne Gerow** as Animal Control Officer.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 20

Motion to re-appoint **Tracey Lesczynski** as Justice Court Clerk.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 21

Motion to re-appoint **Courtney Raven** as Justice Court Clerk.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 22

Motion to approve the selection of JK Vending a/k/a Duso Vending Company as the official supplier of vending services to Fallsburg properties.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 23

Motion to authorize Town Supervisor **Steven Vegliante** to sign and execute town policies, contracts and agreements and Deputy Supervisor when Supervisor is not available.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 24

Motion to authorize Supervisor **Steven Vegliante**, Deputy Supervisor **Nathan Steingart**, Comptroller **Scott DuBois**, Town Clerk **Donna Akerley** and Deputy Town Clerk **Elizabeth Malave-Santos** to open competitive bids for purchase, contracts, and other public works matters after such bids are authorized by the Town Board.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 25

Motion to designate the following banks as depositories of the town funds subject to a letter in which the bank would secure the checking accounts and certificates of deposits.

**Catskill Hudson Bank
Sterling National Bank
First National Bank of Jeffersonville
J.P. Morgan Chase
M&T Bank**

Motioned by Councilman Levner, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 26

Motion to set the bonding limits of Town Officials as to form and sufficiency of surety in the amount of \$100,000.00

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 27

Motion to authorize Supervisor **Steven Vegliante**, Deputy Supervisor **Nathan Steingart**, and Town Comptroller **Scott DuBois** as signatees for all bank transactions.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 28

Motion to authorize Supervisor **Steven Vegliante**, Deputy Supervisor **Nathan Steingart**, and Town Comptroller **Scott DuBois** to continue wire transfers for the Town of Fallsburg Investments.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 29

Motion to designate the following Town of Fallsburg locales as official polling places:

- District 1 & 9 – Municipal Hall (Firehouse) Woodridge
- District 2 & 8 – Woodbourne Firehouse
- District 3 – Loch Sheldrake Firehouse
- District 4 & 7 - Senior/Youth Center, South Fallsburg
- District 5 – Mountaindale Firehouse
- District 6 – Hurleyville Firehouse

Motioned by Councilman Levner, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 30

Motion to authorizing the reimbursement rate for person using their own vehicles for town business at \$0.45 cents per mile.

Motioned by Councilman Levner, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 31

Motion to designate the Sullivan County Democrat as the official newspaper of the Town of Fallsburg and the Times Herald Record as an official newspaper when the need for a timely advertisement cannot be satisfied with a bi-weekly newspaper.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 32

Motion to authorize any member of the Town Board, the Town Clerk, the Attorney for the Town, Chairman of the Planning Board, Chairman of the Zoning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Engineer, the Town Comptroller, the Chief of Police, and the Public Works Director to attend the Association of Towns meetings in New York City to be held in February, 2018 and that their actual and necessary expenses shall be audited and allowed as a town charge.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 33

Motion to authorize Town Supervisor **Steven Vegliante** to vote as representing the Town Board of the Town of Fallsburg at the 2018 Association of Towns Meeting.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 34

Motion to authorize Deputy Supervisor **Nathan Steingart** as the alternate to vote as representing the Town Board of the Town of Fallsburg at the 2018 Association of Towns Meeting.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 35

Motion to authorize Town Clerk **Donna Akerley** to attend the New York State Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference & Training School to be held in Albany in April, 2018.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 36

Motion to appoint Refuah Health Center as Town's Health Officer.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Levner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 37

Motion to re-appoint **Arthur Rosenshein** to the position of Chairman of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year to expire December 31, 2018. (**Regular Term to expire 12/31/2018**)

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 38

Motion to re-appoint **Steve Burke** to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board for a term of one (1) year to expire December 31, 2018. (**Regular Term to Expire 12/31/2022**)

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Weiner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 39

Motion to accept agreement between **Waschitz, Pavloff CPA, LLP**, and the Town of Fallsburg for Audit Services of the Town Financial Statement.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Weiner

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 40

Motion to approve agreement between the Town of Fallsburg and the Humane Society of Middletown for the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

Motioned by Councilman Steingart, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 41

Motion to review and approve Warrant #12C17 dated 12/31/17 in the amount of \$734,225.66.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 42

Motion to review and approve Warrant #0118 dated 1/10/18 in the amount of \$75,438.29.

Motioned by Councilman Weiner, seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 43

Motion to review and approve Warrant 01A18 dated 1/10/18 in the amount of \$235,303.76.

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion # 44

Motion to re-appoint Irving Newmark, Michael Kirtack, Stu Parsons, Balsey "Bucky" Loucks and Gary Tavormina to the Town of Fallsburg Planning Board. Terms as follows:

*Irving Newmark: 12/31/2023
Michael Kirtack: 12/31/2019
Stu Parsons: 12/31/2023
Balsey "Bucky" Loucks: 12/31/2023
Gary Tavormina (Alternate): 12/31/2022*

Motioned by Councilman Seletsky, seconded by Councilman Steingart

Motion carried 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Seletsky

Seconded: Councilman Steingart

Time: 6:27 pm



Donna Akerley, Town of Fallsburg Town Clerk