

Gaines Regular Town Board Meeting

December 13, 2016

A Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans and the State of New York was held at the Gaines Town Hall, 14087 Ridge Road, Gaines, New York on the 13th day of December 2016.

PRESENT:	Carol Culhane	-----	Supervisor
	James Kirby	-----	Councilperson
	Richard DeCarlo	-----	Councilperson
	Mary Neilans	-----	Councilperson
	Sue Smith	-----	Councilperson
	Debra Mitchell	-----	Deputy Town Clerk
	Andrew Meier	-----	Attorney for the Town

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Capurso, Connie Mosher, Marilyn Miller, Jerry Culhane, LIsa Mannella, Gary Derwick, Dan Strong

Supervisor Culhane called the meeting to order at 7:01PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION 110-16

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Neilans, seconded by Councilperson Smith the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Minutes from November 9, 2016 are approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 111-16

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

On a motion of Councilperson Neilans, seconded by Councilperson Kirby the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills on Abstract #12 Vouchers; General, Highway and Water will be paid as presented.

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CONSIDERING A CHANGE TO FIVE STAR BANK

Supervisor Culhane explained that she and others on staff have expressed an interest in changing to Five Star Bank as the transition to Key Bank has revealed many downsides. Councilperson DeCarlo would like to have more information, in writing, pertaining to the services Five Star Bank offers. Tim Hungerford will facilitate the transition, if the board authorizes this change.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Board was asked to consider the Town of Gaines having a presence on Social Media via Facebook and Twitter. It was thought that it would be a great way to keep the public informed and to interact with the community.

ENERGY AUDIT

Mike Grabowski advised having an energy audit done before any renovations were begun with the money obtained from the DASNY grant. Jag Construction was brought in and did an audit. Conclusions pending.

SENATOR ORTT

Supervisor Culhane met with Senator Robert Ortt at his invitation where he expressed his appreciation for the thanks given for grant money received and talked of future grant money available for the Town of Gaines. Staff was asked to make a list of projects for the January meeting.

RESOLUTION 112-16

OFFICE HOURS

On a motion of Councilperson DeCarlo, seconded by Councilperson Kirby the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith

Resolved that the Town Clerk Office hours are changed to Mon, Wed 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tues, Thur 9:00am - 5:00pm, Fri 9:00-12:00 pm to become effective immediately.

AL CAPURSO RECAP

Gaines Town Historian, Al Capurso gave a 2016 Yearly Report

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Yearly Report
Gaines Town Historian
Year 2016

My actual appointment came in November of 2015. While organizing historical archives, collected during the tenure of historians J. Howard Pratt and Delia Robinson, I was able to set up a display case in the Town Hall lobby for residents and visitors to see. This collection spans the years from our pioneer beginnings, and subsequent town anniversary celebrations, parades, etc.

Town residents were called upon to donate or allow us to scan artifacts. To date, several have contacted me resulting in nice additions to our town archive. These are and will be made available for review in the lobby.

In partnership with the Clarendon Town Historian, Melissa Ierlan kindly and by her own expense, restored and returned to the historic sites two highway markers. One being the "Elizabeth Gilbert" pioneer marker; the second is the "Five Mile House" marker, both on the Ridge Road east of Childs. The Narburgh family was given a certificate of appreciation from our town, thanking them for their continued willingness to display the restored marker. Melissa is currently restoring "The Crossroads" marker which marks the intersection of the Old Oak Orchard Road and The Ridge at Gaines Corners. Melissa was awarded a proclamation of appreciation from the Gaines Town Board for her selfless work and preservation of our history. This restoration effort will continue with a prioritization of markers in need of restoration.

An ongoing effort has been the cataloging of archives, photos, information, documents and histories of all twelve of the Gaines School Districts, six of which were cobblestone; as they existed before centralization in 1944-1952. It is hoped this effort will result in a comprehensive publication of "The Schoolhouses Of Gaines". To date, all but one district has been researched. Archives are appreciated.

Another effort underway is the chronicling of the early taverns, stagecoach stops, stores and other places of business of Gaines Village (once regarded as "The Queen Of The Ridge"). The span of time will be from 1810 to 1850. I hope to have a publication of these results as well.

Research continues on our pioneer history which has resulted in additional interesting information regarding the family connections of our earliest settlers. It now appears that four of our pioneer settlers on the earliest census record (1810) when we were still Genesee County, were blood relatives, siblings. And, it is very possible that we have discovered an 1855 photograph of our first pioneer settler, Elizabeth Gilbert.

Discoveries made are being shared with the appropriate societies that would benefit from them. For example, in researching pioneer settler and town founder William J. Babbitt, it was discovered his son Wainwright (carpenter, age 32) was living with William during the 1850 Census. Since Babbitt was responsible for the construction of the 1849 Gaines District No. 5 Cobblestone Schoolhouse, it is possible his son's efforts are the reason this building has a rare wood frame and a sloping floor. The Cobblestone Society is very interested in pursuing this possible connection of the dots of history.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Capurso, Historian - Town of Gaines, New York

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RESOLUTION 113-16

WATER BILLING CLERK APPLICATIONS

On a motion of Councilperson Kirby, seconded by Councilperson DeCarlo the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that Councilperson Neilans and Councilperson Smith will form a committee to interview applicants for the position of Water Billing Clerk.

RESOLUTION 114-16

RECONSIDER DECEMBER 26th AND JANUARY 2nd AS HOLIDAYS

On a motion of Councilperson Kirby, seconded by Councilperson Smith the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the following dates will be observed as holidays: December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2016.

RESOLUTION 115-16

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017

On a motion of Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Neilans the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Organizational Meeting will be scheduled for January 3, 2017 at 4:00PM.

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RESOLUTION 116-16

AUTHORIZE WATER LEVY

On a motion of Councilperson Neilans, seconded by Councilperson DeCarlo the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Gaines Town Board Authorizes re-assessed Water charges to be added to the 2017 Property Tax Bills.

FUND TRANSFER

A fund transfer will need to be made at the next meeting per Amato Fox, due to Water District construction money taken from the General Fund. Exact figures will be available at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 117-16

JUDGE PERMISSION TO GO TO CONFERENCE

On a motion of Councilperson DeCarlo, seconded by Councilperson Smith the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Judge has permission to go to the conference to receive the 6 required training sessions.

RESOLUTION 118-16

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR GRANT

On a motion of Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Neilans the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that Supervisor Culhane has permission to apply for the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant.

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RESOLUTION 119-16

TOWN CLERK'S GLASS BARRIER

On a motion of Councilperson Neilans, seconded by Councilperson DeCarlo the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Neilans, Smith
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town will engage Tower Construction to install the glass barrier in the Town Clerk's Office.

REVISION FOR LED LIGHTING

Lime Energy presented Supervisor Culhane with the opportunity to make a changeover to LED lighting at a low cost. It is believed that the Highway Garage electric use would be cut back dramatically with the changeover. Whereas the Town Hall would not see as substantial a savings. After some discussion it was determined that there will be more research and the issue revisited.

5 CORNERS UPDATE

Supervisor Culhane explained that there is grant money available for this issue but beyond our town's reach. She also informed the board that she had received a letter from the DOT explaining that they will be conducting a review of the situation.

BULK WATER POLICIES

Discussion with the Water Committee to continue.

END OF THE YEAR MEETING DECEMBER 27TH AT 7:00 PM

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Privilege of the Floor

Gary Derwick expressed his interest in developing a project involving 10 acres off of Northwood Drive, involving Condominiums and Patio homes. He has already been in contact with the ZBA and found them to be an encouragement, he also wanted to gauge the board's interest in this project.

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion of Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Neilans

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Culhane, Kirby, DeCarlo, Smith, Neilans

 Nays 0

Resolved that with no further business the December 13, 2016 board meeting is adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra S Mitchell
Gaines Deputy Clerk