

Village of Tannersville

Date

May 6, 2024

Time

6:00 PM

Location

Tannersville Village Hall

Present: David Schneider, Mayor
David Kashman, Trustee
Dylan Legg, Trustee
Gregory Thorpe, Trustee
George Kelly Trustee

Type of meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:

Also Present: Max Oppen, Richard Haines

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to approve vouchers/abstracts/and modifications. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor stated to enter the departmental reports into the minutes.

Water Department

Continuing some painting at Surface WTP at Leach Drive

Conduit/Aqualogics upgrades at Sunview Tower Pump Station & Water Plants complete (for alarms)

Rebuilding meters as needed. Still trying to get in touch with property owners with questionable reads.

Answering service calls for turn ons/turn offs. Would like to discuss with the board regarding reviewing our regulations regarding responsibility and damages.

Inspected reservoirs and cleared road from fallen trees. Water flowing over all 3 spillways.

Waiting on Jason and Joe to schedule cleaning of the filters at the Surface WTP. Looking to complete in house

Met with Studio A and contractor for Upper Lake Park regarding water infrastructure and mounting SWPPP Box to water plant. Attended first SWPPP Inspection.

Answered further questions from Laberge. Reviewing list of equipment provided and separating out which department is exclusive

Highway Department/DPW

Continuing Sweeping sidewalks in house. Greene County sweeping side streets. DOT to do Main St no estimated time.

Continuing Clearing brush and limbs along Village Streets.

Picking up garbage at parks, put out pickleball nets. Getting updated pricing on crack repair for courts.

Vehicle maintenance as required.

Getting pricing on Spruce Street repair. Met with Callanan, Gorman, and Peckham. Trustee Kashman noted that only one quote received so far. We also received recommendations from the Village water engineer to think about when we plan the paving.

Inquiry into Glens about the bucket truck repair – potential shared cost with V. of Hunter. Quote in your packets. \$2900 for alleged deferred maintenance. Trustee Thorpe also viewed rusty frame. Pictures enclosed. We were able to get assistance from Town of Windham to hang banners and flags.

NOTICE: Upper Lake Park remains closed during construction. A gate and fence have been mounted at the Upper Lake Road Entrance.

*We continue to have issues with trespassing. The contractor was to provide signage, however it has not been installed as of yet and I purchased some basic signs and installed. A neighbor was questioning property line and setbacks, could not locate pins. On Friday, 5/3 Lamont came down and flagged pins that were used to do most recent survey. Not near property line.

Banners and flags being put up tomorrow 5/7 with assistance of Town of Windham.

Mowing and weed eating has begun.

Trustee Kashman stated showed the boards the plans for the park project and went through the alternates list that we will have to consider when the contractor comes forward with MWBEs.

Clerk-Treasurers Report

Water Bills continuing to come in. Lots of post marks. Balances outstanding as of 5/1 will be relieved on village taxes for village residents.

Continuing to worked on documentation requested for dissolution study and had another meeting with Laberge.

Grants Update:

Grants - Current

C1000792 Pocket Park/Beach

Currently a pending payment request with DOS. MWBE Waiver has been approved. Waiting on final reimbursement and closeout. No update received as of 5/6

C1001671 Upper Lake Park

Engineering complete on project. Low bidder selected last month – Blue Spruce Nursery. Had a preconstruction meeting on Friday, 4/12 with contractors, CWC representatives, DEP, DEC, Studio A. Reiterated the need to document MWBE Solicitation for subcontractors. Having some pushback, and will work with them for solicitation efforts. Brought DOS into loop. Discussed 24/7 plant access for operators and Village staff. A gate and fence has been installed at the top of Upper Lake Road. Studio A, on hand as needed with work.

C1002450 Connectivity

Working on draft of RFP for consultant/engineer for project. Cannot release until State sends back executed copy. Tentatively May. No update as of 5/6.

C1002451 Solar

Working on draft of RFP for project implementation. Lamont giving us a proposal to finalize specifications and oversight of installation. Sent to DOS for review of contract language. Have not heard back as of yet. Cannot release RFP for Solar implementation until State sends back executed copy of contract. Tentatively May. No update as of 5/6

Applications submitted and pending notification:

CWC - Engineering for Spruce Street Culvert – \$100,000

SMIP

1. Engineering for Spruce Street Culvert - \$100,000
2. Educational Signage for RVW Park/Bike Path \$50,000
3. Habitat – Rain Gardens - \$25000

Smart Growth – 0019 Upper Lake Park – Has been awarded in the amount of \$125,000 to the Village of Tannersville for further park improvements and fishing pier. Initial paperwork being prepared and submitted to DEC for contract development.

Smart Growth – 0013 Trail Signage/Interpretive Signage – Has been awarded in the amount of \$47,500 to the Village of Tannersville for signage at Rip Van Winkle Park and for the Huckleberry Trail. Initial paperwork being prepared and submitted to DEC for contract development.

****We are working through the add/alternates with Studio A for a recommendation to the Village Board and will have at 5/20 Meeting. Nothing received for review today.

DRI DRF Update (also attached from Labella)

- The selection committee made their initial selection and allocation decisions on Thursday, 5/2.
- Of nine applications that submitted completed applications, the selection committee has made an initial award list and funding allocation which consists of six projects. Those projects are now being evaluated for eligibility based on the DRF admin plan rules and DRI goals.
- Once projects have been deemed fully eligible, awards letters will be issued to awarded property owners.
- Property owners sign commitment letters and issue a deposit to the Village
- Environmental review is performed and project set-up steps are advanced for the awarded projects
- If no issues, projects advance to the bidding stage.
- Once bids are secured, projects are presented to HCR for final approval, project set-up is finalized, contracts are executed, and construction begins.

We are still keeping pace with the project schedule we included with the proposal (attached), which can be referenced for the timing of the different project phases.

Intended Applications/Does Board want to Move forward

Climate Smart Communities – For DPW Garage move out of floodplain

WIIA/Clean Water Grants – Sewer Extension to WTP may be an eligible project. Engineering completed by Lamont. Project is shovel ready. Jason reaching out to State about our projects.

Water Treatment Plant Fence

Trustee Kashman stated that we had received one quote from Evergreen Mountain Contracting to repair the fence at the Water Treatment Plant and install a sliding gate. This was put out to bid and we had one response. It was submitted to DOH and they finally approved the replacement cost. Trustee Kashman made a motion to approve Evergreen's proposal to repair the fence at the water treatment plant and install a sliding gate. Trustee Thorpe seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Dissolution Study Update

The Mayor read the following update from Laberge and asked that it be entered into the minutes:

Update of the Village of Tannersville Study of Dissolution

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Clerk and Village Attorney met with the consultants on 5/2/24 to receive an update of work undertaken to date, discuss specific issues and develop a set of next steps.

Consultant work to date:

o Consultant has interviewed and had discussions regarding the impacts of dissolution with: Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village Court Judge and Court Clerk, ZBA Chair, Village Engineer, Village Water Plant Operator, Public Works Working Supervisor, Village Code Enforcement Officer.

- o Consultant has interviewed and has discussion regarding the impact of dissolution with: the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Budget Coordinator, Planning Board Chair, Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer.
- o Consultant noted the significant cooperation and assistance provided by Village staff throughout the process. Staff have also provided valuable knowledge on Village policies, services and operations.
- o Similarly the consultant notes that the Town Supervisor and staff have been extremely cooperative; providing needed information and have provided valuable insight and ideas.
- o Town Supervisor has indicated a strong willingness to support the Village employees and do what is needed for a smooth transition should the Village electorate vote to dissolve.
- o Consultant scheduling interviews with Town Justices.
- o The Village staff and Town staff have provided data, documents and information to the consultant. Consultant is finishing up data collection.
- o Consultant is organizing information on the current state of Village services, service delivery, staffing and revenues and expenditures as well as those of corresponding Town operations.

☒ Next steps

- o Develop a preliminary framework of potential post dissolution services and service delivery options.
- o Village will be reaching out to DEP to inform them of the study process and to discuss the relevant agreements with the Town.
- o Set up a Village – Town workgroup comprised of the Mayor, Town Supervisor, Chair of Village ZBA, Town Planning Board Chair and staff to develop a possible preferred approach to address Village zoning laws and enforcement and planning in a post-dissolution scenario.
- o Evaluation of Village assets including real and personal property, fund balance, etc.
- o Evaluation of Village liabilities including debt, compensated absences, retiree health costs, etc.
- o Development of preliminary options for disposition of assets and liabilities.
- o Set up a Village-Town workgroup comprised of the Village Mayor, Town Supervisor and subject matter department representatives to review property and equipment needs of the Town in a post dissolution scenario and develop a preliminary plan to

address those needs.

o Based on the preliminary service and service delivery framework, debt and asset disposition, the consultant will begin to build a potential post dissolution fiscal impact analysis.

Ms. Fitting stated that she heard if the Town took on the Village Employees, they would be at starting salary rates. The Mayor stated nothing was discussed regarding that matter.

Discussion of Sewer Use Law Update

The Mayor stated that he met with the former Mayor, the ZBA Chair, Conde Enforcement, and Trustee Kelly and discussed the history of the law and proposed to change the footage from 100' to 250' from the existing waste water collection system.

He asked the board to review the law and provide thoughts and we will get it to Village attorney. He wants this added to the next agenda.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Being there was no further business, Trustee Thorpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.