

Weekly Town Board Meeting
June 12, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Weekly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
David Merandy	Councilman

ABSENT: Betty Budney Councilwoman

AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the boiler replacement at the Claudio Marzollo Community Center, 107 Glenclyffe, Garrison, New York.

Supervisor Shea noted that he and Councilman Merandy had a discussion with regard to the abatement portion of the project. He stated that the abatement is going to be rolled into the demolition, and it is addressed in the bid specifications. He went on to say that there would be site meetings as the project moves forward, therefore, the Town will attach the Quest Report to the specifications.

RESOLUTION #92-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the boiler replacement at the Claudio Marzollo Community Center, 107 Glenclyffe, Garrison, New York.

2. Discussion with regard to the proposed resolution calling for the emergency evacuation zone around Indian Point to be extended from 10 to 50 miles.

RESOLUTION #93-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Merandy, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery:

WHEREAS, the nuclear disaster of Fukushima has resulted in widespread dispersal of radioactive material in the air, land and water, and President Obama of the United States and the Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Jaczko called for the evacuation of all Americans within a 50 mile radius of the stricken plants; and

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WHEREAS, radiological contamination from Fukushima has extended 140 miles to Tokyo reservoirs, and the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants are situated within twenty miles of the New Croton and Kensico Reservoirs in Westchester County and the various reservoirs located in Putnam County serving various communities as well as New York City with drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Emergency Evacuation Plans were thoroughly evaluated by former FEMA director and evacuation expert James Lee Witt and found to be inadequate to protect the public from radiological exposure; and that evacuation plan flaws and deficiencies remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the spent fuel rods at both Indian Point reactors are stored in warehouse-type buildings with commercially available steel roofs, have no independent electricity or cooling systems and are not constructed with the same containment capabilities and back-up systems used to protect the reactors; and

WHEREAS, new techniques and advances in seismology have disclosed additional information about the two fault lines near Indian Point and plant construction standards fall far below potential earthquake magnitude;

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Town of Philipstown Town Board for the protection of its citizens and the Town's surrounding citizens, calls for the emergency evacuation zone around Indian Point to be extended from 10 to 50 miles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the flaws and deficiencies identified in the James Lee Witt report be remedied; and be it further

RESOLVED, that full containment, as well as independent back-up electricity and cooling for the spent fuel pools be established and spent fuel rods be moved as quickly as possible into hardened dry cask storage which is more secure than the spent fuel pools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the new seismological data be taken into consideration and infrastructure upgraded accordingly for the continued operation of Indian Point, including its spent fuel storage facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be transmitted to Governor Andrew Cuomo of the State of New York, Commissioner Jerome M. Hauser, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Planning, and to Commissioner MacFarlane, Chair, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Supervisor Richard Shea	AYE
Councilwoman Montgomery	AYE
Councilwoman Budney	ABSENT

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Councilman Van Tassel NAY
Councilman Merandy AYE

Resolution adopted by majority vote.

3. Discussion with regard to town buildings and records management.

Supervisor Shea began the discussion stating that there is potential use for the Dahlia House. Councilman Van Tassel interjected that the supervisor's office and comptroller could easily be moved to that facility. Other ideas sprang up, with no decision being made other than something should be done with that building. There was also discussion regarding the installation of an elevator, which Councilman Van Tassel will follow up on.

Councilwoman Montgomery then addressed records and additional space if storing them off-site. Town Clerk Merando stated that building department files are permanent records and that office accesses them on a continued basis. Following a brief exchange of ideas, Supervisor Shea suggested that we might want to consider an archival project to protect historic records.

Councilman Merandy turned the conversation to digitizing records, which could be done, but it was noted that the maps in the building department are too large to scan with the equipment currently on hand. Town Clerk Merando suggested that the Town Board invite Linda Bull from New York State Archives to the next Town Board meeting to answer any questions with regard to this matter.

Town Clerk Merando also noted that the Town Clerk files in the Dahlia House have been scanned and can be discarded. Following some discussion, the town may hire a shredding truck for the files that can be disposed of. A site visit of the Dahlia House will be scheduled so the Town Board can evaluate the possibilities for that space. A brief discussion incurred regarding the possible sale of the VFW.

It was also noted that Chestnut Ridge has agreed to let the Town conduct an exercise class at their facility, all details will be forthcoming. Supervisor Shea then discussed potential senior programs that the Town may offer, now and in the future.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Merandy, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Weekly Workshop at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk