

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP OPENED AT 6:03 pm  
PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson  
Councilman Jesse Hrycik  
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick  
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek  
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter  
Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer  
CEO Tom Dziulko  
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak  
Shawn Baer Genesee & Wyoming

Mill St Railroad Bridge

Supervisor DePasquale opened the workshop at 6:03 pm and introduced Shawn Baer of the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad (G&W). DePasquale said the Mill St bridge has received two yellow flags and is need of repair. Baer said while the railroad owns the bridge, the land is leased by Erie County Rails to Trails (ECRT) who is responsible for some maintenance. Baer said G&W's anticipated cost of repairing the bridge is \$30,000. Superintendent Wohlhueter said the Highway Dept would like the bridge to be taken down and replaced with an at-road crossing. DePasquale stated that the Town would not take ownership of the bridge and asked if G&W would consider contributing a larger amount towards removal of the bridge. Councilwoman Zurbrick asked Baer for an estimate for replacing the bridge with a road crossing. Baer said G&W would consider a removal request and estimated the bridge demolition and at-road construction project to cost around \$80,000. Superintendent Wohlhueter said the Highway Department would help with hauling materials, but a contractor with larger equipment would be needed to remove and dispose of the bridge. Superintendent Wohlhueter asked how quickly a demo and construction project could be done because the next bridge inspection could result in a possible bridge closure. Baer said a project could move quickly. Supervisor DePasquale will address the bridge at the February Town Meeting. Councilman Robinson asked Baer whether the ECRT has any responsibility for trail safety. They are responsible for some maintenance. Councilmen Robinson and Hrycik stated there is another railroad bridge located on the northeast side of Route 240 that will need repairs soon. Baer will look at it and speak with ECRT.

Town Website

Supervisor DePasquale stated the Town website needs to be updated to conform to a NYS mandated .gov site. He proposed having the Town's website be hosted by Erie County. There would be no cost to the Town and Erie County's past problems in uploading content have been remedied by allowing Town personnel to add and remove content on their own site. Erie County monitors their sites for Federal requirements and requires outdated posting be removed in a timely manner but there is no other censorship. Councilman Pietraszek proposed trying the Erie County site for a time to see how it goes. The Town's site would be recreated or redesigned on the erie.gov

server and have a erie.gov address. Councilman Robinson asked whether the current firewalls are up to date. Supervisor DePasquale will ask Supervisor's Secretary to contact IT to confirm.

#### Park Rules

The Town Board discussed new Kummer Park rules proposed by Parks worker Kirby including no motorized vehicles except for wheelchairs on trails and no alcohol beverages during Colden youth programs. DePasquale asked the Board to consider Park rules for future discussion. Councilman Hrycik asked about the status of a Park St resident's barn that was partially constructed on Park property. Planning Chairman Kammer said Nussbaumer and Clarke have created some surveys showing solutions to the situation and Kammer has researched the procedure for NYS park land alienation. Supervisor DePasquale said he will contact the homeowner and Town attorney to start working towards a resolution.

#### Storage Unit

Supervisor DePasquale said the new playground equipment is scheduled to be delivered in March, Superintendent Wohlhueter is considering purchasing a shipping container to temporarily store the equipment. Once the playground is constructed, the structure could be used to store tires, parts and small equipment. Councilman Robinson inspected the single trip structure, found it in great condition and was able to get a discounted price of \$8,700 delivered. Superintendent Wohlhueter said the container would be placed behind the Highway building in view of the security cameras. Currently the Highway garage is overcrowded, and occasionally equipment is left outside. Supervisor DePasquale will bring the purchase for a motion at the February meeting and determine whether the structure is considered equipment or a building and requires added insurance.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 7:03PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Jusiak  
Town Clerk