

**TOWN OF ANDES
Town Hall**

**REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT'S MEETING**

JAN. 4, 2008

PRESENT:

All who were at the Organizational Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Supv. Donnelly called the meeting to order at 12:55 P.M..

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Grommeck to enter Executive Session.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL

TIME: 12:55

MOTION made by Councilman Gabriel second by Councilman Moshier to exit Executive Session.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

TIME: 1:00 P.M..

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR:

Karen Archibald re: Mud Lake Road

" I am here to complain that the Town of Andes is not doing a good job plowing Mud Lake Road. I have had to go down and plow it out so that the L.P. gas truck could get in to deliver fuel. Emergency vehicles could not get in - if needed - either. I just wanted you to be aware that I would hold the Town of Andes responsible for emergency services there. I spoke to Supt. McAdams and he explained the truck situation. I understand that there have been problems. Maude & George Carle live at the end of Mud Lake Road and have for many - many years. They should be entitled to have access to emergency vehicles etc. on that road. In an emergency I will go and help."

Supt. McAdams: " I will talk to the guy who is plowing the road and make sure that it is plowed correctly."

FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

I attended a meeting with D.E.C. in reference to the Belleayre Project and I read the following statement in to the record with the Town Board's permission:

Good evening my name is Marty Donnelly. I am the Supervisor of the town of Andes. The Town of Andes is firmly committed to supporting the Belleayre Project and the economic revitalization of Delaware County.

Tonight I would like to speak to you in favor of the revitalization of our depressed economy. We simply do not have enough jobs to offer our citizens or their children. The medium income in Delaware County for a typical house hold with both Mom and Dad working is \$39,896. A working male only averages \$27,732. This is below the national poverty line.

This should help you understand why Delaware County, while being larger than the State of Rhode Island, is the forth poorest County in NY State. Studies of every size and shape have been done by the State, the Federal Government, and lately New York City to determine what needs to be done in order to turn our economy around.

In spite of locally generated, and might I add, highly speculative comments or recommendations concerning this problem, no one has ever made the commitment to spend the money and do the research required to develop a project of this magnitude in Delaware or Ulster Counties.

The cold facts are that in New York State we do not offer a business friendly atmosphere. We are the highest taxed most regulated State in all the United States. Consider the power and effects of just a few of the institutions that most of us are familiar with that effect our everyday lives – the New York State DEC, New York City DEP, and on and on. Every kind of environmentalist and nimby group has objected to the Belleayre Resort, and yet, in spite of this, the Crossroad organization still chose to come here.

Those of us who are independently wealthy, or think we are, refuse to recognize that a person who has no job or hopes of one will now have the opportunity to accept or refuse one of hundreds. Please do not misunderstand me, a \$10 or \$12 per hour entry level job even with some level of benefits will not solve all of their problems but is better than what they had.

The Belleayre Resort will be the most environmentally scrutinized project in NYS history. Everyone that feels that they have at last found something that will now stop the project should consider that the NYS DEC and the NYC DEP and a host of environmental groups have signed on to support this project.

If this project is halted or stopped do you think, or even care, that no other developer or investor would want to subject themselves to 8 years of hearings, re- designs, misinformation, and its inherent millions of dollars of expenses. I think not!

I firmly believe the developer wants to held to the letter of agreement and should be. This resort will provide the Onteora and Middletown school districts with property taxes, as well as Ulster and Delaware Counties that we need very badly along with sales and occupancy taxes.

2. I read a statement, at the County Board Meeting, regarding the County Treasurer's Department.

3. We received a letter of request for information from Mr. Cubero concerning whether or not we are following the letter of the law. { On file }.
My reply to Mr. Cubero is attached.

4. We have been included in the Governor's \$500,000.00 for Town improvements. It is very fuzzy right now because he has not put in writing what exactly he means. There are five Towns and one Village starting at Shandanken and comes to Andes. We will be meeting with them to go over this. Yesterday I was called at a meeting and asked to stay. They pointed out that we are included in this and that we should come up with some ideas that we would like to see done. So I am going to be working thru the Planning Board and our Town Board to see what they think is best.

I will keep you all updated on this as we go along.

5. There is another Grant here from the C.W.C. in the amount of \$50,000.00. Our grant writer and gal of all talents - Marge Merzig { Keough Consulting } is looking into this to see if we will be eligible for this Grant.

6. The Good Neighbor fund has been replenished now back at \$500,000.00. The Dunraven Bridge has been replenished now back at \$200,000.00. We have a \$500,000.00 C.D. - unfortunately the interest rates are going down. The reason the money came out of both funds was to buy trucks. F.E.M.A. has paid the bill to the Town and upon payment we are authorized to pay the money back to the initial funds.

7. We have asked Highway Supt. Michael McAdams to look into the purchase of two new trucks and he is working on that.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin A. Donnelly
Town of Andes Supv..

MOTIONS:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Gabriel to approve the 2008 agreement to expend Highway money.
{ On file }

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Grommeck to approve the minutes.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

BOOKKEEPING CHANGE:

Supv. Donnelly: " At this time I would like to say that we are going to be making a change in Bookkeepers which will be effective Feb. 1st . The new one will be Kortright Creek Financial Services. Sandy { Tether } - we want to thank you for all the hard work you did to keep our books in line and get them in working order. It wasn't easy and you did a great job. It has become increasingly clear that it is inconvenient for you to come over from Roxbury. That, among other reasons, was the reason for our change. We would like you to bring any of our Town property back at your earliest convenience. Again - thank you."

WARRANTS:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Gabriel to approve the warrants as follows:

2007 FINAL WARRANTS:

GENERAL	#401-#422	\$13,819.76
HIGHWAY	#277-#301	21,987.66
WATER	#65-#69	1,072.17
WWTP	#237-#252	52,354.02

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2008 WARRANTS:

GENERAL	#1-#7	\$10,069.81
HIGHWAY	#1-#2	4,050.93

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried.

DISTRICT'S

DELAWARE OPERATIONS, INC.

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**TOWN OF ANDES, NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

REPORT BY DELAWARE OPERATIONS

January 4, 2008

1. Water System

- Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 14,400 gallons per day for the month of December 2007.

2. Plant Purchases

1. WWTP Plant

- Plant effluent flows averaged 35,750 gallons per day for the month of December 2007.

2. SPDES Compliance/NYSDEC, NYCDEP

- The plant discharges of treated effluent to the Tremper Kill Brook; permit compliance for December 2007 met all parameters.

3. Collection System

- High Street is being maintained as required.

4. Plant Purchases

5. Plant O&M

ADJOURN:

MOTION made by Councilman Liddle second by Councilman Gabriel to adjourn.

VOTE: ALL AYE. So carried. TIME: 1:40 P.M..

Janis Lynn Jacques

Andes Town Clerk / Andes District's Clerk

Jan. 7, 2008
RE: Freedom of Information
U.S.C.552
Request of 12-17-2007

Dear Mr. Cubero,

As per your request - the following are the answers to your questions:

#1. The Town of Andes adopts their Code of Ethics for all elected and appointed officials and employees at the Regular Organizational Meeting held in January of each year. { As we have done again today } But you are already aware of this. { A copy is enclosed for your information }

#2. RE: Town Law 267 {7-A} 271 {7-A}

This refers to Town Planning Board & Town Zoning Board members ONLY. Please refer to the Dec. 21st, 2007 memo from Mrs. Lori Mitten DeMasi - acting Counsel to the Association of Towns. { A copy is enclosed for your information } The Delaware County Planning Department has agreed to provide this training - FREE - to the member Towns. It is currently being conducted by the Delaware County Planning Board. The Andes Town Planning Board members have already EXCEEDED eight hours of training. { As per letter from the County }.

#3. While this law gives the Towns & Villages the options to opt out of the training - we do not intend to exercise this provision of the law at this time.

#4. While you are willing to share your vast investigative powers and intellect with us and given that you usually do have your facts wrong - we do appreciate efforts on our behalf. We must decline your request to wave our fees as we feel that if one person has to pay then we all should pay. In the public interest - the Town Clerk will provide the copies and the bill.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Donnelly
Town of Andes Supervisor