

**Town of Andes
Regular Board Meeting
December 8th, 2015 at 1:00PM
Andes Town Hall**

Present:

Supervisor Martin A. Donnelly	Councilman Thomas Joyce
Councilman Thomas Hall	Councilman Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Councilman Dale Cole	Town Clerk Kimberly Tosi-Excused
Highway Superintendent Michael McAdams-excused	

Others:

Maria Ditchek	Tom Coddington-Walton Reporter
Cheryl Peterson- Delaware County Times	Margery Merzig- Keough Consulting

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donnelly at 1:00PM

Pledge:

The pledge of allegiance was led and recited by Councilman Joyce.

*A moment of silence was held for victims of Pearl Harbor.

Privilege of the Floor:

N/A

Reports:

Highway Report 11/6/15 – 12/8/15
Equipment

-2011 Dodge Ram 5500 – Still at Robert Green's awaiting decision from Dodge on what to do with the rear end housing that is off camber. Most likely this will be covered under warranty.

They have aligned truck and replaced transmission line under warranty. 30,000 miles

-2009 International 6x6 – Serviced Truck – Changed oil, fuel and fuel/water separator. Greased, checked all fluids and adjusted clutch. 44,275 miles.

-2009 International 4x4 – Changed oil and air filters, greased and checked all fluids. Replaced cab mount bushing 34,500 miles

-2004 International 7600 – Changed oil, fuel and fuel/water separator. Greased and checked all fluids 133,200 miles

-2004 International 4x4 – Ben Funks installed new power steering pump after finding out that the old one was not building enough pressure. Funks inspected truck. Changed oil, fuel and fuel/water separator. Greased and checked all fluids. 56,662 miles

-1999 International – Changed oil, fuel and fuel/water separator. Greased and checked all fluids and brakes 192,000 miles

-1996 Volvo Tri-Axle – Installed new front steer tires, Checked fluids and adjusted brakes
-1989 John Deere Grader – Changed oil, inner and outer air filters and greased.
*-1979 American General – Currently has seized transmission in it. We used the truck box on one of our other trucks and all other parts that we needed. We contacted the Town of Shandaken and they are interested in buying this truck from us for parts. They offered us \$2000 for the truck as is.

Road Work

- * Barkaboom Road – Cut down dead hazardous trees along the road.
- * Lower Dingle Hill Road – We have been out cutting brush along the road.
- * Installed four new culverts on Bullet Hole Road from county Rd. intersection down to bridge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael McAdams

*The Highway Department won a bid on a 1997 Case 4230 Tractor with mower for \$13,300.00 from the Town of Ulster. Councilman Gladstone asked if this could be paid from the 2016 Budget.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 1997 Case 4230 Tractor with mower from the Town of Ulster for \$13,300.00 plus the 10% buyers fee, made by Councilman Hall, Seconded by Councilman Gladstone. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to surplus the 1979 American General and to authorize the highway superintendent to negotiate a price not lower than \$2000, buyer must pick up the equipment, made by Councilman Hall, Seconded by Councilman Gladstone. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor's Report

- 1.) Follow up on Steve Miller's request that we take over the Andes Rural Cemetery of September and in writing on 11/1/2015. Dave has been in touch with Mr. Miller and Steve is aware of what he has to do for transfer to be completed.
- 2.) We have been in negotiations with the new owner of Decker's old building and property to allow us to create a parking area along the sale of the rail road station. This parking area will be used by anyone visiting Andes.
- 3.) A letter from the Andes Town Board to Tina Moshier, Andes Assessor, and Frank Winkler, Planning Board Chairman, requesting that the property class of 580 Main Street be changed from Governmental to Commercial. The building has been sold.
- 4.) On November 20th we had an inspection of the work we have been doing at the Andes Railroad Station. The inspector Dillon Waltrath was very pleased with the work we have done. Dillon is our contract person from NYS DEC.
- 5.) On Friday, Artie and I tried to set a date to transfer the telephone lines and computers during the period of December 15th-January 15th. Joe needs 30 days. I arranged it with the telephone company and a few minutes later Joe called and said it can't be done then. I think it's now on December 23rd per Joe.
- 6.) I would like to suggest to the board that a fee schedule be approved for the use of Ballantine Park for special events. The season would run from 5/1-10/31. The Park could be used for weddings and other events. But it would be only on a carry in/carry out basis. The fee schedule

would apply primarily to the usage of the pavilion. (Fee schedule attached). Contributors may reserve exclusive use of the pavilion at no additional fee.

7.) The New York State Comptroller's Office has contacted the Town in regards to a \$26,000 retirement contribution plus interest that was not paid from the 1970's. It is advised that we pay this amount. Senator Seward's office attempted to get the interest waived so we would only have to pay \$4000. NYS would not agree to this.

8.) Questions have been raised regarding the pavilion in Ballantine Park. It will be roughly \$31/month if the electricity was used 24/hours per day. Suzanne Gladstone graciously donated the money for the electricity for the community Christmas Tree in the amount of \$50. She also asked that Ace Hardware be thanked for their donation of the decorations and wreath. Also the McIntosh family is thanked for their help with decorating the tree.

Since this is my last Town Board meeting I would like to recap the status of the Town. We are almost debt free except for the Highway Garage and the new grader. All infrastructure has been replaced in the hamlet, new water lines, new sewer lines, and sidewalks. Our sewer plant was completely rebuilt, the new court is almost ready to open. The old 'railroad station' has been repaired. The old Town Hall has been sold. This has all been accomplished at no cost to you, the tax payers. Without the total support of both the past and present Town Boards this could not have happened. Thank you. ~Supervisor Martin Donnelly

*Councilman Joyce thanked Supervisor Donnelly for his 20 years of service.

*Councilman Gladstone thanked Supervisor Donnelly as well.

Motions:

Motion to approve the November 2015 Minutes, November Supervisor's Financial Report, Town Clerk's Financial Report, and Justices Financial Report, made by Councilman Joyce, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to hold the 2016 Organizational Meeting and January 2016 Regular Meeting on January 5th, 2016 at 1:00PM, made by Councilman Joyce, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to request the reclassification of 580 Main Street from Governmental to Commercial by Assessor Tina Moshier and the Town of Andes Planning Board, made by Councilman Hall, Seconded by Councilman Gladstone. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to pay the NYS Retirement System \$26,000 that has been requested by the NYS Comptroller's Office, made by Councilman Gladstone, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to authorize Thomas Hall, TAB Construction, Nick Burton, and Chris Kovba to install a permanent conduit installation at Bohlman Park for the Christmas Tree and lights, made by Councilman Joyce, Seconded by Councilman Gladstone. All in favor, motion carried.

*Thank you to Tom, TAB Construction, Nick and Chris for their time and work on this matter. It is greatly appreciated!

Motion to approve the fee schedule for the use of the pavilion in Ballantine Park, made by Councilman Gladstone, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 35 of 2015 Authorization to Close the 2015 Books for the Town and Districts

WHEREAS, the Town of Andes must close out the 2015 Town and District books; it is hereby resolved that; the Town of Andes Bookkeeper, Karen Kropp of By the Books, is hereby authorized to transfer budget line items and do whatever necessary to close out the 2015 Town of Andes and District books.

Proposed by: Councilman Hall
Seconded by: Councilman Gladstone

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Gladstone---Aye
Councilman Cole-----Aye
Councilman Hall-----Aye
Councilman Joyce-----Aye
Supervisor Donnelly-----Aye

Committees:

New Construction-

Supervisor Donnelly will be meeting with Justice Grieco to discuss the final plans for moving. The railing has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is received. The parking area will need to be completed next year.

Pool-

The leak was found. Jim Suazzo was here and is going to order a new pipe. It was discussed that a fiberglass pool could be installed to replace the vinyl kiddie pool. This would involve a new filtration system, etc. 21st Century Pools had some suggestions about fixing the kiddie pool. There are some other companies that Councilman Joyce is going to speak to along with Jim to find the best option/price. There shouldn't be any staffing problems in 2016.

Economic Development-

Councilman Gladstone stated that the meetings are going very well. There has been great attendance. Councilman Joyce stated that the Small Business Saturday was a success. There will be many future events planned. Another event is in the works being planned by Joe Damone, in support of the Andes Food Bank on February 20th. More details to follow. A new brochure is being created listing town businesses to be placed in the Catskill Interpretive Center as well as other locations. An inquiry was made as to whether or not the Town could help fund this. There is some money from our DASNY grant that may be able to cover this. It was suggested that the Town website should be updated to be more interactive. Future meetings for the economic development committee will be on the first Monday of the month, at 6pm at the Andes Hotel.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve General Warrants #407-440 totaling \$22,827.65

Highway Warrants #257-290 totaling \$54,551.87

WWTP Warrants #176-192 totaling \$6,820.27

Water Warrants #79-89 totaling \$5,066.71

FEMA Warrant #1 totaling \$3,100.88

Shavertown Warrant #5 totaling \$500.00, made by Councilman Gladstone,

Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

Districts:

Water-

1.) Marge has prepared the notices to all of our water users to please let the water run at a trickle until the cold weather is over. Hopefully this should prevent water freeze ups again this year.

2.) We are working with Delaware Operations and our surveyor on the proposed new well site.

*Margery Merzig, reported that we haven't been successful in the search for grant funding for the new well. She feels that the Water District may have enough reserve funds to pay for this. The numbers are not readily available yet, but there will be a presentation at the January meeting. The site issues have not been handled yet.

Sewer-

Motion to approve the purchase of two new UV sensors for the WWTP UV lights, not to exceed \$1995.00 plus shipping, made by Councilman Joyce, Seconded by Councilman Cole. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Donnelly, Seconded by Councilman Gladstone. All in favor, 2:18PM.

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**TOWN OF ANDES, NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
REPORT BY DELAWARE OPERATIONS
December 2, 2015**

1. Water System

- Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 27,228 gallons per day for the month of November 2015.

2. Plant Purchases

3. O&M

- Turnkey Controls on-site at the spring to do yearly cleaning of turbidity meters.

4. Equipment

- Turnkey Controls was on site to test availability of a wireless signal for a remote connection to check for alarms from the water plant to the wastewater plant. We are currently waiting for Margaretville Telephone Company to do an on-site inspection to determine what kind of internet service we can get at the water plant. Once meeting is had with MTC, Turnkey will be able to install the new panel and set us up with remote access to monitor the spring water system 24hrs per day.

5. Distribution System

6. Library Well

- After performing yearly quality water report testing in July test results showed high levels of chloride in the well, Dept of Health requested that we re-sample the well. After re-sampling we found that levels were not as high as originally indicated but levels are at the EPA threshold of 250 mg/l. We are waiting to hear from The Dept of Health as to the next steps for testing and will keep you

advised. It is anticipated that they will ask for quarterly testing at the well to track levels and make sure they do not increase. We would ask that the board continue to consider a new well in the event that we are unable to use this water source.

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1. WWTP Plant

- Plant effluent flow averaged 25,467 gallons per day for the month November 2015.

2. SPDES Compliance/NYSDEC, NYCDEP

- The plant discharges of treated effluent to the Tremper Kill Brook; permit compliance for November 2015 met all parameters.

3. Collection System

- No issues known at this time

4. Plant Purchases.

5. Plant O&M

- Turnkey Controls on-site to preform yearly testing and calibrations of turbidity and flow meters.
- EQ Pump was delivered by Pump Service Supply after repairs and installed on 12/2/15

6. Plant Equipment.

- We request the purchase of two new UV Sensors for the WWTP UV Lights. The sensors monitor the uv intensity, when the intensity drops too low it will alarm out. Currently one sensor has failed causing us to run only one unit with no backup. The cost for the sensors is \$1995.00 plus shipping (quote is attached) The vendor advises sensor life at 3-5 years

7. Gladstone Hollow Septic System

- 10 of the 15 septic's were in need of pumping. All 10 have been pumped and disposed of at the Delhi WWTP by Schmidt Trucking. We will be monitoring the 15 and implementing a rotation of 5 per year most likely starting in 2017.



KOESTER

QUOTATION
November 17, 2015

To: Jason Craig
Andes WWTP

E-mail: andeswste@catskill.net
Phone: 845-676-3990

We are pleased to offer the following quotation:

015269 UV Sensor assembly

- Total Price: **\$1955** plus shipping not to exceed \$25
 - Shipment **2-4 weeks ARO** dependent on factory stock and production times.
 - Standard Terms and Conditions, on the attached page, are incorporated in this quotation. Except for shipping charges, which may be subject to change at date of shipment, prices quoted shall remain firm 60 days. Payment is due net 30 days after shipment.
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Accepted on (Insert Date): _____

Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Accepted by KAI on date: _____

Prepared by: _____

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