

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Casale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Casale led the Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the United States military

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmembers Councilmember Lee Kyriacou, At Large (LK); George Mansfield, At Large (GM); John Rembert, Ward Two (JR); Jodi McCredo, Ward Three (JM); Amber Grant, Ward Four (AG) and Mayor Randy Casale (RC) **Total: 6, quorum present**

Also Present:

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero (AR); City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis (NWW)

Excused:

Terry Nelson, Ward One (TN)

1ST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers:

- Theresa Kraft spoke about overdevelopment in Beacon, historical legacy of Beacon and encroachment of sidewalks.
- Dave Brewer spoke about the state of fire protection in Beacon and the decreasing number of interior firefighters.
- Tom DiCastro, Sr. spoke about the staffing levels of the Fire Department.
- Jeff Simko spoke about the state of the Fire Department and the lack of manpower.
- Pat Kelleher spoke about the possible reasons recruitment of volunteers has become difficult and concerns about the staffing levels.

PRESENTATIONS:

David McGuill - Related Management Company & Tompkins Terrace

PUBLIC HEARING

- **A public hearing to receive public comment concerning the proposed 2019 Budget for the City of Beacon, New York**
Speakers: Pat Kelleher spoke about the need to add staff to the Beacon Fire Department
⇒ Motion made by GM, seconded by JR to **close the public hearing**. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
- **A public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Local Law to delete Chapter 183 entitled "Signs" and to amend Chapter 223 Sections 15 and 63 of Code of the City of Beacon, concerning sign regulations in the City of Beacon**
Speakers: Theresa Kraft spoke about sign regulations along Route 52
⇒ Motion made by GM, seconded by JR to **adjourn the public hearing to December 17, 2018**. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- AG- Thanked the Highway Department for a good job clearing the streets following the snow storm and would like to further workshop Municipal IDs
- JR – thanked the water department for fixing the water main break
- LK – thanked the audience and commenters; taxes are up on the commercial side -asked for statistical information; does not support the sign law, would prefer 3 separate laws for Main Street, commercial district off of Main St and residential areas
- GM – advised residents to reach out to state representatives to legislate in support of Airbnbs
- JM – thanked the firefighters for coming; wants to workshop incentives for volunteers – more local jobs would be helpful, offering health insurance, wants to draft a resolution asking county and state representatives for their help; thanked the Highway Department for the job they did clearing snow; thanked the organizers of the Veteran's Day service

- AR – on Saturday 11/24 there will be a “traditional tree lighting” by the visitors’ center from 3-5 pm; on 12/8 there is the annual lighting of the Beacon Arts “Bicycle Tree”; thanked the Highway Department for the job they did on clearing the streets following the snow storm
- RC – thanked the firefighters who came out to express their concerns - discussing regional fire departments is not politically popular but is crucial, will workshop ideas, may be able to get 3 full-time firefighters through a federal grant, cannot add expense to current budget as that would push tax rate over cap, need to work with county and state legislators to help with this; thanked public works for their efforts in fixing the water main break and clearing the roads following the snow storm; reminder – sidewalks must be shoveled 24 hours after snow has ended, parking is permitted in municipal lots but cars must move when storm is over so lots can be cleared, responsibility is on car owners to make sure their vehicles are off the streets when there is 2 inches of snow or more; announce the “Love Holds Life” Toy Drive – toy drop off locations are Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. at 13 South Avenue, City Hall at 1 Municipal Plaza and The Elks Club at 900 Wolcott Avenue. More information is available on the www.cityofbeacon.org

LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution appointing George A. Kolb, Jr. Building Inspector for the City of Beacon
⇒ A motion was made by JR, seconded by AG to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
2. A resolution setting a public hearing for December 3, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to repeal Chapter 135 and to amend Chapter 1, Article I, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Beacon to remove reference to Housing Standards in the City Code
⇒ A motion was made by AG, seconded by JR to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
3. A resolution setting a public hearing for December 3, 2018 to receive public comment on an application to amend a Special Use Permit for the project known as “The Roundhouse” on East Main Street
⇒ A motion was made by JM, seconded by GM to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. A resolution setting a public hearing for December 17, 2018 to receive public comment on a Local Law to repeal Chapter 223-24.8 of the Code of the City of Beacon regarding amusement centers containing only vintage amusement devices
⇒ A motion was made by JM, seconded by GM to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by roll voice vote.
5. A resolution awarding the contract for Asset Management Services to Delaware Engineering and Pattern for Progress
⇒ A motion was made by GM, seconded by AG to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.
6. A resolution awarding the contract for a Conservation Easement Appraisal of Property to McGrath & Company
⇒ A motion was made by JM, seconded by JR to adopt. The motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ⇒ A motion was made by JM, seconded by JR to approve the minutes from November 5, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

2ND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers - none

Adjournment:

- ⇒ A motion was made by JR, seconded by JM to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Next Council Workshop is Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

A video recording of this meeting in its entirety can be found here -<http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Government/videos.htm>

Submitted by Lisa Edelson