

## **SUMMARY OF TOWN BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2018**

### **PRESENT**

Supervisor William A. Smith, Jr., Deputy Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger, Councilpersons Kevin Beckford, Matthew J. O'Connor and Stephanie Townsend were present.

### **ATTENDANCE**

There were nineteen (19) members of the public in attendance. There were also twelve (12) staff members present.

### **IN ACTIONS, THE TOWN BOARD APPROVED**

- Amendment to the March 6, 2018 Minutes
- Minutes of the March 6, 2018 Town Board Meeting as amended
- Consent to State DOT to use Monroe County DOT Standards and Guidelines for East Avenue reconfiguration
- March Vouchers
- Budget Transfer
- Setting Bid Date for Refuse and Recycling Services for Town Facilities
- Hiring Recommendation
- Training Requests

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Smith led a standing moment of silence in honor of the late Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

#### **Canal Clear-cutting Litigation Update**

Supervisor Smith reported that the recent court decision in favor of Pittsford, Perinton and Brighton asked for counsel for the three towns to prepare an Order, consistent with the decision, for the judge to sign. Our Town Attorney, Robert Koegel, has prepared and submitted on behalf of Pittsford, Perinton and Brighton a draft Order, as requested. The Judge is expected to sign it soon. It is anticipated that the Power Authority and the Canal Corporation will file a Notice of Appeal thereafter. The Notice of Appeal does not, by itself, constitute an appeal. It merely preserves the Power Authority's and Canal Corporation's right to file an appeal. Supervisor Smith noted that the Canal Corporation plans some maintenance on the canal in Perinton. The Supervisor has been in touch with the Canal Corporation about this and the Canal Corporation confirms that there will be no tree cutting as part of the maintenance, nor any other activity inconsistent with the recent court decision.

#### **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Update**

Supervisor Smith reported that he has reached out to the two (2) possible administrators of the CCA initiative to schedule presentations to the Town and the Village at a joint meeting sometime in April. The Supervisor indicated that the joint meeting will not be scheduled for the first week of April, as it is school break week and many residents may be out of town.

### **FINANCE – DISCUSSION REGARDING CREDIT CARD FEES**

Finance Director, Greg Duane, discussed his Memorandum to the board regarding credit card fees. The Town's credit/debit processor, JP Morgan Chase Bank, has been absorbing the credit/debit card fees over the last several years. They have advised the Town that they will no longer be able to absorb the fees. Greg Duane reviewed with the Board the potential courses of action they need to consider and recommended that the Town absorb the fees as a cost of doing business. He indicated that he would be presenting Resolutions at a future meeting to confirm the Board's intentions. Each board member commented and agreed that the Town should absorb the fees as a cost of doing business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Scholl, co-founder of Rochester Cycling Alliance, thanked the Supervisor for his persistence and efforts with the New York State DOT in encouraging them to widen the shoulders an additional 6-inches to permit properly marked bicycle lanes as East Avenue undergoes its reconfiguration. Resident Leonard Linde, also spoke in favor of the Town's resolution to permit the use of Monroe County DOT standards in the East Avenue Reconfiguration Project, thereby allowing for 5-foot bicycle lanes. He noted that having properly marked bicycle lanes would increase use and safety for cyclist while also improving property values. He encourages and supports the Supervisor to continue in his efforts. Resident Brooke Fossey, offered her support of the resolution and sincere thanks to the Town for their efforts to encourage the NYS DOT to implement properly marked 5-foot bicycle lanes, noting that the additional space would promote bike safety without compromising vehicle safety. Resident Kelly LeBlanc inquired about the Town reviewing procedures for posting Minutes of the various volunteer boards on the Town website, to assure timely posting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The next Town Board meeting:*  
**Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, at 6 PM.**