

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on March 13, 2018 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Ilan D. Gilbert, Supervisor
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman
Edward A. Lachterman, Councilman

Absent: Alice E. Roker, Deputy Supervisor

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Richard Abbate, Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Gilbert opened the meeting with a prepared statement commending all departments, particularly Highway, Police, Refuse & Recycling, and Parks & Recreation for all of their efforts in keeping our Town operating during the recent storms. He thanked Ed Mahoney – Sewer Department, Dave Paganelli – Highway Superintendent, and all of those at the YCCC who kept the warming center open and served those residents without power. He complimented the entire Board for their efforts, as well as Town Clerk Diana Quast and A/V Technician Tom Sciangula for organizing Public Service Announcements with Police Chief Noble. Supervisor Gilbert thanked local businesses who donated food to the YCCC.

Supervisor Gilbert stated that the utility companies were woefully underprepared for the storms and their actions need to be examined so that in the future we can expect better results. He asks that the Town Board intervene in the proceeding that is before the NYS Department of Public Service in the matter of utility preparation and response to the recent power outages.

Supervisor Gilbert also encouraged all residents to sign up for the NIXLE alert system by texting 888777.

STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL

Highway Superintendent David Paganelli came before the Board to discuss removal of the debris from the storms. He is implementing a permit that allows commercial enterprises that are working on behalf of residents to be able to move the debris to our composting station on Greenwood Street in order to dispose of the brush and broken limbs. He will work on the permit to ensure that it is only debris from Yorktown residents and will regulate the size and diameter of the limbs being dumped. Stumps are an issue because rocks are usually attached to them. He will find out what the county is willing to take.

Supervisor Gilbert raised the issue of an additional requirement for salt. Mr. Paganelli said that 10 events in the usual winter with a \$400,000 budget. The Town is now in its 16th or 17th event and there is more to come. We need to be prudent and plan for this.

PROCEEDING BEFORE THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Supervisor Gilbert stated that he will be intervening as a party in the proceeding before the New York State Department of Public Service in the matter of utility preparation and response to power outages during the March 2018 storms. More information will most likely be placed on a future agenda.

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE GRANT

Supervisor Gilbert spoke to the grant application for the Landmarks Preservation Committee (committee members were not present). He said that documentation for the grant has been submitted to the Board. This is a 60/40 grant (Town would contribute 40% that can be matched in kind) and a preliminary amount will be addressed as an upcoming agenda item. Supervisor Gilbert spoke of the importance of preserving Yorktown's disappearing architectural legacy.

Councilman Diana said that he would like to explore the possibility of providing generators to other Town buildings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Diana, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiation and will adjourn immediately thereafter.

DIANA L. QUAST, RMC
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF YORKTOWN