

JULY 17, 2017
ONTARIO TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

A workshop meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor John Smith at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Smith, Council members: Jason Ruffell, Frank Robusto, Joseph Catalano, Richard Leszyk, Director of Recreation and Parks William Riddell, Business Manager Paul Liess and Deputy Town Clerk Shelley LaRocca.

5 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting.

Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Revisions to the Agenda - A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **approve the agenda with the addition of several resolutions**. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

New Business – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, to **surplus an HP Officejet Pro 8630 from the Building Department that is no longer working as requested by the Code Enforcement Officer in a memo dated June 21, 2017**. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Leszyk, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **adopt a**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLVED, that Reginald P. Higgins II and Paul E. Sucher, Town Justices of the Town of Ontario, are **HEREBY** authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York Justice Court Assistance Program L. 1999, c280, up to the maximum amount available and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Ontario Justice Court, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and sign said application. 5 Ayes 0 Nays RESOLUTION ADOPTED

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to **adopt a**

**Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Town of Ontario New York State
Consolidated Funding Application, Water Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant**

WHEREAS, the Ontario Board, Town of Ontario, Wayne County, supports the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for the Water Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program to conduct a study on waste water effluent disinfection at its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in conjunction with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program to assist in the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario meets EPG eligibility and is considered a funding priority, as upcoming modifications to the Town's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will require the disinfection of waste water effluent from its WWTP, and meets municipal median household income thresholds; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received it will allow the Town of Ontario to prepare an engineered planning report that explores cost effective solutions to implement disinfection, and enable them to seek further financing for construction through the CWSRF program; and others, to advance the required water quality improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies Supervisor John J. Smith as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for the CFA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Town Board, on behalf of the Town, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the CFA for an EPG for waste water effluent disinfection. 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Workshop – Bear Creek Harbor Presentation – William Riddell and Kurt Rappazzo gave a presentation on the Bear Creek boat launch and proposed park.

A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **adopt the following:**

**Resolution of Support for Grant Application from the Town of Ontario,
For the New York State Consolidated Funding Application,
Environmental Protection Fund for Parks – Bear Creek Harbor, Thompson Park**

WHEREAS, the Ontario Town Board, Town of Ontario, Wayne County, supports the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for the expansion of Bear Creek Harbor at Thompson Park; and

WHEREAS, EPF Parks grant funding is available for the development and improvement of parks, located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York and properties developed with grant funds will receive long term protections to ensure the public benefit from the investment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario would like to develop and expand community recreation through improvements at Bear Creek Harbor, through the addition of site features, repairs to existing work, as well as reconstruction of the boat launch area on Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, if awarded funding, the first component of the project would replace the boat ramp and associated break wall as the boat launch is failing due to intense wave action over the years, removing most of the stone that supports the ramp, causing it to settle as well as break in various locations; and

WHEREAS, the second part of the project is the creation of community recreational opportunities of the east side of the park including trails, picnic tables, a gazebo, a fishing dock and a small parking lot which will promote many healthy activities, as well as walkability with updates to area trails, encouraging and increasing the overall vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario, on behalf of the Town, identifies Supervisor John J. Smith as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for the CFA; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ontario recognizes and fully supports the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application on behalf of the Town, for Park improvements at Bear Creek Harbor in Thompson Park. 5 Ayes 0 Nays **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **adopt the following:**

**SEQR RESOLUTION
DECLARING THE INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) has reviewed the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Town Engineer) on the above referenced Bear Creek Harbor at Thompson Park Improvements Project (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is classified as a Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is also subject to a coordinated review and approval by other involved agencies under SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario has completed and submitted a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Parks Grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board intends to direct the Town Engineer to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) once funding is made available on the behalf of the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Parks Grant. 5 Ayes 0 Nays
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **adopt the following**:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REAFFIRMING
THE TOWN OF ONTARIO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario, of Wayne County, supports the submission of a New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Village, through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for Bear Creek Harbor Enhancements at Thompson Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2006 states:

- In the early days, the ore was hauled by horse and wagon to Bear Creek Harbor on Lake Ontario and loaded on ships bound for the Charlotte Harbor and the railroad cars at the mouth of the Genesee River in Rochester.(Early History, pg 166)
- The only publicly accessible land adjoining Lake Ontario is at Bear Creek Harbor. (Open Space and Visual Resources, pg 11)
- Thompson Park/Memorial Point: Develop the east parcel by installing picnic tables, docks and landscaping. (Plans and Programs, pg 155)
- Acquire additional public access to Lake Ontario.(Recommended Actions, pg 162)
- Grant funding is available to public owners of historic properties. The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation administers a competitive grant program for the restoration of historic buildings. (Tools and Techniques, Grant funding pg 171)

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2004, the Town of Ontario Parks and Recreation Department surveyed Ontario residents to determine the adequacy of various Town recreational facilities and programs, the survey questionnaires were distributed in the Department's recreation program announcement booklets mailed to all households in the Town. Respondents rated the need of recreational resources using a scale from 1 (most needed) to 3 (least needed) and *special use and lake access* was rated the highest at 2.21; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario Town Board wishes to continue the utilization of the Town Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2006 as a guide for community development, growth and investment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ontario, Town Board of Wayne County reaffirms the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and its support of the (EPF) application for Bear Creek Harbor Enhancements at Thompson Park. 5 ayes 0 Nays RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Executive Session – A motion was made at 7:51 p.m. by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, **to enter into executive session for a personnel matter leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion or suspension of a particular person** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Reconvene – 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, **to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.** 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley LaRocca
Ontario Deputy Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.