

Town of Broadalbin

Special Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2021

The 2021 Special Meeting of the Town of Broadalbin Town Board was held at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 30th, at the Municipal Complex, 201 Union Mills Rd, Broadalbin, NY

Sheila Perry, Town Supervisor, presided.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

The Pledge was said in unison.

Roll Call

Supervisor Sheila Perry-present
Councilman Doug Kissinger-present
Councilman Dave Bardascini - present
Councilman Dave Bogardus-present
Councilwoman Junell Pasquarelli-present

Special Presentation – Meeting to discuss how to use ARPA Funds (Stimulus)

At this time Supervisor Perry introduced Mari Kate Mycek, the Senior Project Manager of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. serving Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie Counties. Mari Kate supplied the Board with a list of reporting guidelines to review the possibilities of using \$403,793.66 in the Town of Broadalbin, of ARPA Funds, to be received half in 2021 and half of the amount in 2022.

-Mari Kate stated the ARPA Funds must be used towards something showing that we suffered a loss, due to COVID.

-Discussed was the possibility of paying down the BOND on the Town Park. Fundraising was not held due to COVID, therefore the Youth Commission suffered loss of income. By using the ARPA Funds to pay down the Town Park Debt it would make funds available to use for other purchases such as for equipment or replace the Highway Garage.

-Replacing the Highway Garage was not possible due to not having a COVID suffered loss.

-Any improvements to a public facility must be for something like ventilation for hospitals or schools.

-Mari Kate stated ARPA Funds can be used to hire new employees or use as Hazard Pay or any negative impact to the public. Workers must have to work directly because of COVID.

-Bruce VanGenderen inquired as to if Mari Kate is authorized to tell us how to move forward with paying off the Town Park Debt?

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- Mari Kate stated she can authorize the Town how to move forward. She is not the Treasurer or the IRS, but she will check to see if we can use our ARPA Funds to pay off the Town Park Debt.
- Supervisor Perry stated we had a good couple years with sales tax which looks like we didn't suffer any loss due to COVID.
- Councilwoman Pasquarelli stated we were proactive in shaving off all extra spending in 2020 to be safe.
- Previously the Board was hoping to replace or repair the Highway Garage, which has not had any improvements since 1961. Since there wasn't any loss suffered due to COVID, the ARPA Funds can't be used for the Highway Garage.
- Mari Kate also stated the person who will manage the ARPA Funds can use some of it to pay themselves for their hours.
- Supervisor Perry stated they may need to since it can be quite time consuming, like writing a grant.
- Mari Kate stated she will check and see if we can use the money to pay down the Town Park Bond and see if there are any pitfalls due to the fact that the BOND was in place prior to March 23, 2021. Mari Kate also stated the Town has until 2024 to spend the ARPA Funds.
- Eric Alley stated another possibility may be using the Funds for moving the Communications Tower to the Highschool because of bad reception at the Highway Garage. He believed it would be quite costly for the Town to move it.
- Supervisor Perry stated he should look into possible Grant money for Highway improvements.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:15 PM

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and a second by
Councilman Bardascini the November 30, 2021 Special
Meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Briggs, Town Clerk