

April 23, 2016

A Joint Official Meeting of the Nunda Village Board of Trustees, Nunda Town Board of Councilmen and Keshequa Central Schools Board of Education was held on April 23, 2016 with the following present:

**Village Board: Mayor Robert Cox
Deputy Mayor Fritz Amrhein
Trustee Darren Snyder**

Village Clerk-Treasurer: LeRoy Wood

**Town Board: Supervisor Merilee Walker
Councilperson Doris Marsh
Councilperson William Mann
Councilperson James Forrester**

**Town Clerk: Cheyenne DeMarco
Town Highway Superintendent: Rick Moran**

**Keshequa Central School Board of Education
President, Todd Galton
Ron Duttweiler
Monica Morris
Terry Lowell
Jill Burley**

Keshequa Schools Superintendent: Thomas Kopp

Call Informal Meeting to Order

School Board President Galton called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by School Board President Galton.

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

The agenda for this Informal Meeting was presented to all. School Board President Galton stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss findings from last meeting that would help strive to avenues in reaching common goals of introducing business back into the Nunda area and saving taxpayers money through shared services.

Old Bus Garage – Busy Bees

Town Supervisor Walker presented a packet to all board members of properties the Town Assessor compiled in comparing locations where businesses could flourish if given the opportunity.

School Board President Galton stated the assessments looked high.

Councilperson Forrester stated IDA- Phil Brooks could be contacted to discuss leasing and work on some sort of an abatement.

School Superintendent Kopp discussed a conversation with Nunda Mustard about using Busy Bees.

Trustee Snyder stated Nunda Mustard is interest in Busy Bees, however, not discussing consideration until all facts are in on the property.

Councilperson Forrester stated that we are trying to get the taxes down, however, there is no commitment at this time for that.

Trustee Snyder stated Nunda Mustard would like to get going soon however, there are items like rent, utilities, taxes that need to be corrected.

Deputy Mayor Amrhein stated a worst case scenario is that taxes would need to be paid.

School Board Member Lowell asked about the flood plan.

School Board President Galton stated he has discussed this with Nunda Mustard.

Mayor Cox stated having Nunda Mustard in Town would create some job growth through Economic Development.

Trustee Snyder stated that Nunda Mustard would not need all of the space allocated within Keshequa Central Schools property known as Busy Bees.

School Board President Galton mentioned that insurance would need to be reviewed if the Busy Bees Building was to be lease out.

Dalton: Grant Opportunities

School Board Member Lowell asked about the direction on the water/sewer to Dalton School.

Councilperson Forrester stated that the Dalton building is available and talks with the County for services in this part of the County should occur.

Councilperson Mann asked about studies on the water/sewer extension.

Mayor Cox referenced the Town had an engineering study approximately ten years' prior in reference to adding water and sewer utilities to Dalton.

School Board President Galton asked what would need to be in place first water or sewer?

Mayor Cox stated water before sewer.

School Board President Galton asked would water need to be sent from Dalton to the Water Treatment Plant then back to Dalton.

Mayor Cox stated another treatment plant would need to be built to alleviate that process.

School Board President Galton stated we need water and sewer in Dalton.

School Board Member Duttweiler asked about grant writers and start developing a grant to see what we may be able to receive.

Town Highway Superintendent Moran stated he believes this was a County Project to have water and sewer utilities in Dalton at one time.

School Board Member Lowell stated we would be reluctant to do anything with the Dalton Building without water hook-up.

Trustee Snyder stated that Phil Brooks worked on this project in the past.

Councilperson Forrester requested the Town Clerk and Village Clerk to research any original water and sewer project documents that may be available for review.

Town Supervisor Walker stated there are water and sewer grants available and that Senator Cathy Young should be contacted for assistance.

Mayor Cox stated that there is a County Grant Writer that can assist as needed.

Once Again Nut Butter (OANB)

Councilperson Forrester stated that OANB would like to exercise their rights to the Town property, however, are willing to work with the Town. This would require the Town to find a new place for equipment and vehicles. The Town does have a Highway Committee and Building Committee to research potential properties.

Councilperson Mann stated the small groups emphasis is in the macro scale to look around and see what is available at this point.

School Board Member Lowell asked how much land is needed?

Town Highway Superintendent Moran stated about five acres.

Councilperson Marsh asked where would be the ideal choice of location be?

Town Highway Superintendent Moran stated, centrally located outside the Village to the east.

School Board Member Lowell asked is the Village looking at expanding?

Mayor Cox stated not at this time.

Councilperson Mann stated it would not hurt.

School Board Member Lowell stated shared more services to maybe have the Village and Town combine locations.

It was decided that Town Supervisor Walker, Deputy Mayor Amrhein, Councilperson Mann and School Board Member Lowell meet to discuss building.

Clark Patterson & Lee (CP&L)

In the coming weeks, discussion with CP&L will be on the twelve to thirteen empty classrooms located on the Nunda campus and designing the building to move the remainder of the Dalton student population to Nunda.

Capital projects that will need to be developed for the move to one campus. Regulations require certain students have certain space requirements. Expansion of the Nunda campus would need to take place in this instance.

School Board Member Lowell stated that building projects usually take three years.

School Superintendent Kopp stated it would be at least four years before Pre-K comes to the Nunda campus. Also, a good responsible budget must be created.

Councilperson Forrester stated he wanted the cost of working together to make move from Dalton campus to Nunda campus would be around \$15 million dollars.

School Board President Galton stated that closing a portion of the Dalton Building and moving students to the Nunda campus saved taxpayers approximately \$100,000.

Councilperson Forrester stated people have stepped up to the plate, healthcare costs,

School Board President Galton stated salaries,

School Board Member Lowell we have created reserves Keshequa Central School has not made in a long time. Concessions need to be made on behalf of the staff, sacrifices.

School Superintendent Kopp stated 40% of teaching staff live in the district along with most other staff too. That is an incredible feat.

Water Sampling for Lead

School Superintendent Kopp stated John Polito from LeRoy BOCES toured the buildings with Jim Van Sickle. All fountains- drinking water will be checked cost approximately \$4,000.

Mayor Cox stated there have been no problems with samples from within the Village.

Make Communities

School Superintendent Kopp stated his gratitude and appreciation for the street safety signs the Village placed at the four corners of Mill Street and South Church Street for student safety.

Mayor Cox stated The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) came along and took down the safety signs.

School Superintendent Kopp stated that signs looked great out there.

Mayor Cox discussed the before and after pictures and lack of support we were receiving from the NYSDOT. The Mayor stated he would like our signs back in our possession.

School Board Member Lowell asked what did Senator Cathy Young say?

Mayor Cox stated he has continually requested assistance at this location adjacent to the school for student safety. He has requested signs, red light and all the NYSDOT has done is place a red strip on the already existing Stop Sign.

School Board Member Lowell asked about Assemblyman Nojay?

Councilperson Forrester asked if the news media has been contacted for support?

Trustee Snyder mentioned the speed sign costs.

Councilperson Forrester stated we are far stronger working together on this issue and that maybe the Livingston County News should be contacted.

Mayor Cox stated that sidewalk information has been gathered and that strong community support is needed to be considered for any type of a grant. The Mayor stated that not having petitions or letters from the community residents does not give much traction in attaining a grant.

School Board Member Duttweiler asked about water and sewer grants

Councilperson Mann stated that a follow-up with Phil Brooks should be done.

School Board President expressed thanks for all in attendance and concluded this informal meeting at 9:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy J. Wood
Village Clerk-Treasurer