

Sept. 20, 2018

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Keith Brass, Superintendent Bill Pond, and 7 visitors.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor

Michelle Oswald – Michelle told the board that she is hearing good things around town that the LDC is making progress, visible progress. She thanked the board for their efforts. Michelle also talked about lighting the Fog Horn building at Tibbetts Point this year for Christmas. She said they would like the outline of the building done. The board agreed to do this. She thanked the board for their continued support.

Colleen Knuth – Colleen thanked Councilman Wiley for his efforts to help with her concerns with the new phones and the phone system. She said that she had met with the representative and she was able to share with her the troubles they are having. Not all issues will be able fixed, but they are working on retrieving the courts old phone number. She said that the court has a need for a portable phone but she does not think that the town should have to purchase one; she feels that the company should provide it.

Donna Essigian – Donna thanked the town for their support to the Christmas Committee. She said that the residents feel positive when they hear the town is supporting them. Donna told the board that she is disappointed that the town is not recording the meetings and she asked that they consider recording them for 4 to 6 months in the winter so that residents who are away for the winter or shut ins can watch. She also asked that the board contemplate recording the meetings in 2019 as they prepare the budget.

The minutes of the Aug. 16, 2018 and the Sept. 6, 2018 meetings were accepted by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the building has been used for wedding receptions quite a bit this year. He reported on other events held over the summer.

Water – Keith Brass said that water district 1 has been read and the bills are out. He said that they are still replacing meters and have done 3 new water hook ups. He said that they are starting to get requests for water shut offs.

Keith spoke to the board about an issue that came up at Lazy Acres trailer park, and he asked the board if they have all received and read a letter that he has written to the owner, Roger Alexander. Keith said he was notified by the Department of Health that the trailer park has hooked up to the town's water and they are also using their own system. Keith is concerned about contamination. Keith asked the board for their permission to send the letter to Mr. Alexander. He said that he would sign or the Supervisor could sign. Councilman Wiley said that he feels that Keith should talk with Mr. Alexander.

Councilman Mason suggested that Keith does not take the word of the Department of Health, and he should find out for himself if the allegations are true. Supervisor Bender said that Keith should have a meeting with Mr. Alexander and the Department of Health. Councilman Wood suggested that Keith has the meeting first and then send the letter. Councilman Aubertine said that he would suggest sending the letter too, and send it certified. Supervisor Bender said that he was glad to have this discussed at a meeting. Councilman Mason said that he does not think Keith should go to the meeting alone.

Highway – Bill Pond said that the truck conveyor has been used a lot along the sides of the roads this summer. He said that they have done shared service with Lyme, Clayton and the Village of Cape Vincent. He told the board that the mower is still getting flat tires. Bill told the board that they had a NYMIR inspection and has corrected any issues that were found. He said that they have started the bathroom renovations in the office and have also started the East End Park pavilion project. Bill told the board that Henry Construction has completed the roof project on the houses at Tibbetts Point and he has received their certified payroll. He said that they are starting to take delivery of salt. He told the board that the trailer needs repairs.

Bill discussed with the board the State Contract pricing for fuel, gasoline and diesel. He said that everything was with Griffith and now it is divided between Griffith and Mirabeto. He said that he has talked with Griffith and Bill said he would like to have everything with one company. Supervisor Bender suggested he contact Griffith to see if they will meet the price.

Bill gave the board his Machinery Inventory list.

Supervisor Bender reported that the board will hold budget work sessions every Tuesday in October at 7:30am.

Machinery Committee – Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to have a meeting with Bill to discuss the trailer, loader and broom. The committee agreed to meet with him one morning after the budget work session.

DANC – Councilman Mason said that a letter needs to be sent to DANC regarding the reduction of usage in water district 2. He said this letter needs to be sent by October 1.

LWRP – Supervisor Bender reported that the Club Street project is coming along and everyone seems to be positive and upbeat about it.

TI School – Councilman Wiley said that the turf field is open and encouraged residents to go and see it.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bender said that they have interviewed two candidates to fill the Assessor's vacancy and they will appoint by resolution. He also said that the board was handed a draft copy of the Sexual Harassment policy and he would like to adopt it.

Councilman's Discussion

Councilmen Wood and Wiley said that they have reviewed the zoning law proposed updates and that they are happy with the changes so far.

Supervisor Bender said that he has received a report from the clinic which says that the number of patients seen over the past year has dropped significantly. He said he would like to have a meeting with them and the Mayor as soon as possible to review this report.

Supervisor Bender reviewed the report of the Zoning Officer and the Planner.

Councilman Aubertine asked the status of the \$75,000.00 grant awarded for the pickle ball court. He asked if it was awarded and if so has it been assigned a project number. He said that he is concerned about this.

Councilman Wiley said that he looked over the area and layout of the pickle ball court. He said that he likes it and it keeps the concrete safe for future development.

Councilman Wiley asked Keith Brass if they have fixed the berms around the ballfield and Keith said they have to speak with the school regarding this because the fields are theirs.

Resolutions

Resolution #44

Resolution #44 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #44 is the adoption of the Sexual Harassment/Sex Discrimination Policy.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #45

Resolution #45 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #45 appoints Cindy Shaw as the Sole Assessor to complete the remainder of the term held by Tim Ritter which will expire Sept. 30, 2019 and the board agrees to a 12 hour work week with a salary of \$18,720.00.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #46

Resolution #46 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #46 is the agreement to enter into a contract with GYMO to perform Phase 1 of the Environmental Site Assessment for tax parcel 39.81-1-65.1 and 39.81-1-64.1 and that the board agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Wiley said that he liked the fact that GYMO can get the job done within two weeks and will check for asbestos. He said that a contract could be signed and the job done in two weeks. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #47

Resolution #47 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #47 authorizes the Highway Superintendent to enter into a contract with Environmental Products & Services to pump out the 1,000 gallon oil water separator located in the highway garage.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: General Fund, \$47,715.12; Highway, \$33,196.41; WD #1, \$54,805.90;WD #3, \$967.47; WD #4, \$3,688.76; WD #5, \$450.59; WD #6, \$458.12.

Councilman Mason made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

No one wished to speak at privilege of the floor.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition at 7:35pm, seconded by Councilman Wood.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:03pm and resume regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Wood.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed the report. He said that the fund balances are on track and they have received some sales tax payments. He reminded the board that the budget work sessions will start next month.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the Supervisor's financial report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk