

July 3, 2019

Town Board Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley and two visitors.

Absent: Councilman Paul Aubertine, Excused; Councilman Alan Wood, Excused.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 5:15pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bender said that he would like to schedule a public meeting with Samaritan Medical Center and he will call Mr. Fipps regarding this.

Councilman Mason suggested that the Ambulance Squad be contacted to have their public meeting at the same time.

Supervisor Bender said that the Water Committee has given him a copy of their final water law changes. Supervisor Bender said that he is not in agreement with all of it, as they are recommending just one meter for all outside users. He said that there are situations where easements are not obtained and this will cause problems. He said that the only way he would go for a one meter system for outside users is if easements are obtained.

Supervisor Bender discussed the REDI (Resilience and Economic Development Indicative) meeting that he attended regarding the program that they have to try to assist waterfront businesses. He said that there is a lot of misinformation out there and he said that he has not heard anything regarding help for residents who have homes along the waterfront. Councilman Mason said that the Mayor has collected information from the village business owners and has mailed it in.

Supervisor Bender said that he believes it is hard to get estimates because the high water is still covering the damages.

Councilman Mason said that he had talked with the US Boarder Control to ask if they would send in a letter of support for Horne's Ferry as they have had damage to equipment at that port of entrance. Supervisor Bender said that he has contacted Legislator Cantwell and Assemblyman Walczyk and they told him that they too are receiving complaints daily regarding the high water situation.

Councilman Wiley asked the board if they would agree to let him talk with Attorney Joe Russell regarding the buildings at Tibbetts Point. He said that he would like to talk to him and ask what they could use the buildings for, what they can and can't do there. Supervisor Bender and Councilman Wiley said that they would like him to call Attorney Russell and agreed they would also like to know what the town could do there.

Councilman Wiley said that he would like to see the pickle ball court started.

Councilman Mason said that the new public address system has been installed in the village and it is working very well.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn at 5:43pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk