

June 17, 2021

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 15 visitors.

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor:

Charles De Rose – Mr. DeRose presented to the board a petition requesting that the town post a 15-mph speed sign on Riverview Drive. He talked to the board about trying to make drivers slow down on the road, as there are no sidewalks and a lot of the residents walk there. He said that he had unanimous support of this effort to reduce the speed limit.

Bill Pond reviewed with the board the rules and steps that need to be taken to have the speed reduced. Councilman Wood made a motion to approve that the Highway Superintendent move forward with the process to change the speed limit on Riverview Drive to the recommendation of the State Police, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Bernice Brown – Mrs. Brown told the board that she is a seasonal resident and she wanted to issue a complaint about an individual in the township. She said that the individual is a contractor that she had hired, and paid to do work for her that is not complete and the work that is done is not right. She asked the board what does someone do with a contractor that collects money for the job, and never completes the work. She said that she does not understand why the town does not have protection for tax payers. She said that she would like the town to have a law that all contractors be licensed. Supervisor Bender and Councilman Wood told her that they understand her situation, but they don't know what the town can do for her.

Councilman Wiley told her that unfortunately the town does not have anything in place to help her and that he knows this type of activity should not be allowed to continue.

#### CV Ambulance Squad

Dave McIntyre and Tim White from the Cape Vincent ambulance squad spoke to the board about creating a tax line for the ambulance district. Dave told the board that the ambulance squad is seeking a budgeted amount of \$250,000.00 from the tax payers. Dave and Tim explained to the board how they came up with the budgeted amount, stating number of calls, billable amount, and donations. They also told the board what is currently being paid for salaries for EMT's and they said that there are a number of volunteers currently giving their time to the squad.

Tim White passed out an information sheet to the board members.

Councilman Wiley asked what their current budget is that they are working with, stating that the Town has given \$90,000.00.

Councilman Aubertine asked what share of the squad is volunteer workers, and asked if the drivers are paid.

Dave and Tim told the board that they have been discussing what they can offer their volunteers and drivers, and what they can do to house them.

Councilman Wiley asked if there were grants for facilities to be built or purchased and Jeff Call told him that grants are available through Emergency Management.

The board also discussed the district boundaries, specifically, will the Islands of Fox, Grenadier, Carleton, and Linda be included. They told the board they would, and that they have talked with the Pilots Association to use their boat in case of an emergency on the Islands. Jeff Call said that the Pilots Association are agreeable and ready to help the ambulance squad.

Councilman Wood said that if this is the budgeted amount, the tax rate for the ambulance district would be higher than the tax rate for the town. He asked if they could keep the rate under .67 cents.

Councilman Aubertine agreed with Councilman Wood stating that he would like them to look into this further.

The minutes of the May 20, 2021 town board meeting were accepted by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Matt Cooper from Barton and Loguidice spoke to the board about the sewer project, stating that the remainder of the grant for the sewer study will be released after the DEC has reviewed the report. Matt said that the next step will be a feasibility study.

WD #7

Matt talked with the board about the funding options and their deadlines for water district #7. He also told the board that if they wish to include the laterals in the project that a new SEQR will have to be done because the first one did not include laterals. He told the board that an updated map plan and report will have to be completed as well as the district boundaries.

Matt reviewed the time lines for the public hearing and referendum.

Councilman Aubertine asked if the board does not meet the deadline for the WIIA grant this year, will the grant that was already awarded expire before they could try again. Matt said he would check on this.

Councilman Mason asked if the new map will include the changes that they wanted to make and Matt said that it would.

The board and Matt discussed adding the placement of the laterals to the project. They discussed the correction to the costs, depths, and maintenance.

Keith Brass, water superintendent told the board he really is not in favor of the town being responsible for the placement of the laterals, and most importantly, the maintenance of them. He said that this causes more issues for the water department. Matt said that he would look into it, but feels that if the town includes the laterals, the town can stipulate that the homeowner is responsible for maintenance from the meter pit to the home.

The board agreed to move forward with a public hearing.

## Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass told the board that they have had the usual meetings and parties and a Zumba class has started in the building. He said that the calendar is filling up fast for July and August. Keith reported that he had a NYMIR inspection, with a few areas that need correcting. He told the board that he and John Lawrence will be staining all the wood and they have an additive to put in the

stain that will keep the bees away. Keith told the board that the pickleball court fence will be put up and that they need to purchase coating. He told the board that he would like them to give him permission to order the product to do this.

Water – Keith Brass reported that they have done a few more installs and they have fixed a few leaks and they had a main leak on Tibbetts Point. He said that he had also helped the town of Lyme with a water main break.

Keith told the board that the water tower was inspected internally. He said that it showed some ice damage and it will need to be addressed. He said that the tower is not turning over enough water and that is causing the water in the tower to freeze.

Highway – Bill Pond reported that Steve and Scott have been mowing and they are doing a good job keeping up with the grass. He said that he has had a lot of complements with the job they are doing. Bill said that they are done with the culvert replacements on the Mason Road, and they will be working on the Gosier Road to County Rt 8 in July. He explained to the board the system they are using for paving. He also said that they will be paving Hell Street. He talked about using the CHIPS money to pay for the paving, adding that at this point Suit-Kote and Jefferson County are busy and trying to meet everyone's timeline.

Bill reported that the culvert on the Pelo Road is open now and that it has been seeded. He said that the intersections are still being swept and that he swept the intersection of Branch Road and Rte 12E. Bill told the board that they have had MSHA training too. He reported that the house on Club Street is down and that he had to take a few loads to the County in addition to the truck that Jefferson County sent for clean-up. He said that he also had a NYMIR inspection, and that he needs to have a contractor's contract stating that they need to have insurance, and they will need to name the town as an additional insured. Bill said that Taylor Fence will be repairing the fence at the transfer site soon. Bill also told the board that somehow people had gotten into the homes at Tibbetts Point. He said that no damage was done, but they got in, somehow. He said that all the doors were locked and secure. Bill told the board that he has had the transfer site and the chamber building sprayed for bees.

Councilman Wiley said that he is looking for support to having the area in front of the Dollar General store mowed. He said that the grass is very tall and is unsightly. Bill Pond said that he would have to call the State for their ok to mow it, but he will call them. Keith Brass said that there are a lot of rocks there and asked Bill to look it over before they send a mower in.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed his report, and the account balances. Councilman Aubertine made a motion accept the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley reviewed the baseball season and said they were headed to the playoffs.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that there will be a joint meeting with the town, village, the steering committee and Edgewater on June 24.

Councilmen's Discussion

Tim White spoke to the board about the preliminary drawing for the bath house on Club Street. Councilman Aubertine said that he thinks the bath house at East End Park looks good and he would like the bath house on club street to follow the same style. He would like everything to be uniform in style and color moving forward.

Councilman Mason said that he would like the cupola to be a hexagon, like the Lighthouse, with glass in it.

Tim said that they can make the changes, and if the board is ok with the general layout, he will move ahead.

Councilman Wiley spoke to the board about the Tibbetts Point shoreline repair. He said that he would like to get an engineered estimate for the repairs. He said that he has talked with Mr. Alteri from Bernie and Carr, and he gave him a quote of \$2,500.00. Councilman Aubertine asked if this fee could be paid by the LDC, and not the town. Councilman Wiley said that it could.

Councilman Wiley spoke about the proposal from the MRB group to take care of some of the paperwork for the town regarding the Club Street project. The board discussed this and asked if there was someone else that could do this without the expense.

Councilman Wiley said that he has asked various organizations for letter of support to be given to the town to submit with a grant application to cover the ice rink. He said that he has received a few.

The board discussed a letter of complaint that they received regarding a short-term rental property on Shady Shores. The board discussed the fact that they do not have a law in place and or anyone to enforce it. Councilman Wiley asked Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk to write a letter to the property owner and the complainant.

Keith Brass said that he would like to have the board act on his request to purchase the coating material in the amount of \$7,775.00 for the pickle ball court.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to allow for the purchase of the coating material for the pickle ball court in the amount of \$7,775.00, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

## Resolutions

### Resolution #31

Resolution 331 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #31 is to set the date of July 15, 2021 at 6pm for a Public Hearing to be held regarding Local Law #1 of 2021 the Cannabis law.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE

### Resolution #32

Resolution #32 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #32 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Atlantic Testing for Geotech evaluation and subsurface investigation services, and to the estimated cost of \$4,915.00.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #33

Resolution #33 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #33 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the amendment to the engineering services agreement with Barton and Loguidice for Water District #7, and agree to the fee of \$15,000.00.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #34

Resolution #34 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #34 authorizes the Supervisor to move \$15,000.00 from A1991.4 Contingence Fund to H4 Water District #7 Capitol fund for budget amendment.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #35

Resolution #35 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #35 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Bernier and Carr to provide an estimate for materials and labor for shoreline stabilization at Tibbetts Point, and that the fee is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$10,498.33; WD #3, \$282.93; WD #4, \$1,170.72; WD #5, \$12,547.70; WD #6, \$1,123.03; Highway \$23,210.25; Capital project, \$15,042.62; General Fund, \$28,241.21.

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

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition at 8:22pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:44pm, and adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC-Town Clerk