

June 16, 2022

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, and approximately 7 residents.

Absent: Councilman Tim Maloney, excused.

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

Privilege of the floor – no one wished to speak.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2022 and the June 10, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members present voted AYE.

The Supervisor's Financial Report was reviewed. Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial report, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Bills: General Fund, \$72,284.94; HI, \$1,445.00; Highway, \$69,861.30; WD #1, \$2,777.65; WD #3, \$18.80; WD #4, \$449.71; WD #5, \$11,921.67; WD #6, \$18.80.

Supervisor Mason asked Bill Pond why general fund pays for the replacement of the road signs. Bill said that he didn't know and he thought the general fund has paid for the replacement signs for many years. Bill said he would look into this.

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

#### Reports

Highway – Bill Pond said that they are moving along with the road project on County Rt 6, Tibbetts Point. He said that they have had some breakdowns, and the shoulder of the roads are being mowed. Bill also told the board that the mower needs to be replaced and he is looking into different options. He said that they replaced the floor in truck 56. Bill told the board that they had poured the concrete for the sidewalk at the office, they have helped the village, and the new truck is in and he would like to pick it up.

Supervisor Mason told Bill that he would like to have one of the trucks deemed as excess property. Bill said that he doesn't want to do that until the new truck comes in 2023 because they need to use it until then.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the usual meetings have taken place, and birthday parties. He said that the ball fields are being used and that the elementary school held their spring concert outdoors at Recreation Park.

Water – Keith said that they have flushed dead ends, and have fixed a few leaks and repaired a meter on Martin Drive.

Keith told the board that he has a customer who asked to have some of his water bill forgiven because of a leak. Keith told the board that the customer called in the fall to have his water turned off for the season, and it didn't get turned off. Keith said he is taking full responsibility for the leak. Councilman

Wood asked what the protocol was for this type of situation. Supervisor Mason said that if it was the town's fault, the town would pay.

The board discussed ways to make residents aware of the shut off procedure, and they said they would like to have notices sent out with the water bills explaining the procedure for calling in for a water shut off.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to forgive the water bill because it was the towns error, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members present voted AYE.

Keith apologized for the error.

Supervisor Mason said that he had a report from the Assessor discussing Grievance day. He said that because of the difficulties getting to the Islands, they would like to use a drone company to take pictures. Supervisor Mason said that he knows of a company from Glen Park that could help with this.

Councilman Wiley said that he spoke with Mike Couglar and he expressed his appreciation for the lawn mowing. Bill will let Scott know this.

Supervisor Mason said that the State Parks have gone through the homes at Tibbetts Point, and he is hoping to have an answer from them regarding the take over by the end of the month.

Councilman Aubertine said that the Youth Commission summer recreation program has 50 kids signed up already. He said that there are a couple of 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls that will act as counselors. Councilman Aubertine reviewed the activities planned, and he said that they are going to be submitting a grant application. Keith told Councilman Aubertine that BOCES contacted him for information on summer youth activities.

Councilman Wiley said that he would like to have the girls who are volunteering as camp counselors recognized in some way. He also said that the baseball teams are doing well.

Councilman Wood said that he attended the planning board meeting and there was one attendee that was not happy with the zoning law. The board discussed this with the Planning Board Chairman, Mr. Macsherry. Mr. Macsherry said that everyone who comes before the board has the same rules to follow with regard to the required paperwork for submission, and he said that there was also a disagreement with the subdivision law. The board discussed this offering different views and solutions.

Supervisor Mason said that he had a contract with B C & A for the Tibbetts Point Shoreline construction. He said that he was going to be sending the contract to the town attorney for review before he signs it. Supervisor Mason said that he needed approval from the board to sign the amendment to the contract with Barton and Loguidice for water district #7.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to have Supervisor Mason sign the amendment to the contract for water district #7, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members present voted AYE.

New Business

Supervisor Mason said that he wanted to discuss with the board the transfer site help. He said that Nina is scheduled for 4 weeks of therapy, and so will be out for another month or so. The board said that they know her replacement is getting a little burnt out, and they would like to find someone who could

step in to help in a temporary basis. Bill Pond said that he could fill the position if it was a full-time job. The board talked about finding someone and the length of time Nina might be off. Councilman Aubertine made a motion to advertise the position and have any interested persons attend the July 7 work session for interviews, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine discussed with Matt Cooper the WIAA grant for water district #7, and the role the USDA plays in the grant. He asked Matt if there has been any progress and Matt said that USDA understands the town needs the full grant amount and they are working on rectifying the matter.

Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to have the board raise the mileage reimbursement rate to meet the State standard of \$0.58 per mile. He said that the town's rate is currently \$0.50 per mile and with the rising fuel costs, he thinks the town should do this. The board agreed and will act on this during the July meeting with a resolution.

Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard told the board that Mickey Orvis has requested 6 American flags for the hamlet of Rosiere. She said that he told her if the town will purchase the flags he will put them up and take them down. The board agreed to the request.

#### Old Business

The board reviewed the Rock Beach Road request made by a resident that the town take over the road. Bill Pond said that the town will need a 50' right of way, drawing with specs need to be given, and everyone on the road would need to sign the petition. Councilman Wiley said that there are legal obligations and the town needs to look into this further.

The board discussed the request for a speed reduction on Rte 12E as you enter the village from the East. There has not been any news on this and Bill will call to see what is needed.

#### Resolutions

##### Resolution #37

Resolution #37 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #37 is the approval of the Certificate of Incorporation for the LDC and that this action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Mason	AYE	Councilman Aubertine	AYE	Councilman Wiley	AYE
Councilman Maloney	Absent	Councilman Wood	AYE		

##### Resolution #38

Resolution #38 was moved by Councilman Wiley, Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #38 is the approval of a sliding scale of income eligibility for a partial real property tax exemption for certain individuals sixty-five years of age or over.

There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Mason	AYE	Councilman Wiley	AYE	Councilman Aubertine	AYE
Councilman Maloney	Absent	Councilman Wood	AYE		

##### Resolution #39

Resolution #39 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #39 is to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the 2022 2500 Ram Tradesman that was ordered and now has been delivered to FX Caprara.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #40

Resolution #40 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #40 is to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$8,000.00 from A1990.4 to A8130.11 and to transfer \$40,000.00 from A599 to A1620.4 for budget amendments.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk