

Sept. 1, 2022

Special Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and 1 visitor.

Absent: Councilman Alan Wood

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

Supervisor Mason told the board that Matt Cooper from Barton and Lodguice did not hear back from all the agencies regarding their approval of the town's request to be lead agency so the board would not be able to act on the resolution. The board decided that they would set another date to act on the SEQRA at the scheduled budget public hearing on Sept. 6.

Highway Superintendent Bill Pond spoke to the board about the purchase of a roller and a mower. He said that he had 3 quotes for each and the board reviewed them. Bill told the board that he would like them to make a decision that evening because the quotes would expire in 10 days.

Bill told the board that he would like to purchase the Dynapac from Anderson. Councilman Aubertine said that he is in favor of that because of the availability and he felt the quotes were apples to apples. Bill also talked with the board about the mower and they reviewed the quotes. He said that he would like to purchase the Shulte mower stating that this is the brand of mower they use now, and it has lasted over 21 years.

The board discussed this and the mower quotes. Councilman Aubertine said that for a brief time he sold the Alamo mower and feels that it has the best value. Supervisor Mason said he agreed, and Councilman Maloney said that he will defer to the board's knowledge of the equipment.

Resolutions

Resolution #53

Resolution #53 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #53 is to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the Alamo 15' Eagle Flex-Wing mower from Tracey Road Equipment in the amount of \$39,548.00.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #54

Resolution #54 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #54 is to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a Vibratory Roller from Anderson Equipment Company in the amount of \$97,148.32.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason told the board that Steve Docteur has retired from the highway after 18 years of service. He said that Keith Brass wanted to give Steve some of his sick time, because Steve was out ill and used up the sick time he had left. The board agreed that this was not a procedure that the town allows, for time to be given to others, but they want to look into this further and change the policy when the Personnel Policy is re-written.

The board discussed the Lighthouse and said that Churchill Contractors are doing a good job. They talked about all the moisture that is present and said that Mr. Churchill wondered what the board would like to do as the roof timbers are rotten. The board would like to have Mr. Churchill finish putting the bricks in the Lighthouse.

Bill Pond spoke to the board about giving Nina the title of Deputy at the transfer site. He said that he and Nina talked about her role there, that she is a MEO like all the other highway workers. They also discussed the managerial duties at the transfer site that Nina does and he told her he would speak to the board about it the title of Deputy. After discussion, the board said that they do not want her to have the title of Deputy. They told Bill that he has a deputy already, and they believe for a town the size of Cape Vincent, one deputy is all that is allowed.

Supervisor Mason spoke to the board about Scott Burto's payment. He said that at the last board meeting they agreed not to pay him because they did not know if the GDA was part of the contract with State Parks and they all wanted to see the contract. Supervisor Mason said that Scott has called him and he wants to be paid. He said he discussed this issue with Scott and Scott said that it is in the GDA as part of the contract. He said that he is going on Scott's word that it is because he has not seen the contract. The board agreed to pay Scott from the contingency fund.

Supervisor Mason spoke about Tibbetts Point and the work that has been done there. He said that the town has paid out a lot of money, and no grant reimbursements are coming in. He asked the board how they felt about hiring Tim White to see the projects through. He said that they should speak with Scott Burto first.

Councilman Aubertine said that he feels they should bring Tim on; he said he feels that Tim would take it to its conclusion. He said that then the town would know. Councilman Aubertine suggested paying Tim on commission.

Councilman Wiley said that he doesn't like paying on commission. He also said that he thinks the board should talk with Scott about having Tim assist him. Councilman Wiley said that he feels Scott may have enough on his plate, and would welcome some help.

Councilman Aubertine said that Tim will have answers in three months.

Supervisor Mason made a motion to hire Tim White to assist with grant reimbursements, after Scott Burto has been notified, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

The board discussed the ambulance budget and service. They are concerned that there isn't 24/7 coverage and the fact that they can't get volunteers to drive.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the WIIA grant application for the sewer district project and for the water district 7 project, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Darrell Aubertine addressed the board regarding the speed limit entering the village on NYS Rt 12E from the Branche Road to the village limits. He said that he wants it to be 30 mph not 35. The board told him that he would have to petition the residents along that stretch of road and send it to the State. Darrell asked for the board to support this and they said they would.

Darrell spoke to the board about the Sub-division law. He reviewed the process he recently went through for his subdivision and he said that he feels a lot that is in compliance should not have to be subject to a public hearing. He said that there are too many steps; SEQRA, perk tests, water, and an Ag District form.

Councilman Aubertine said that it shouldn't be that way and the law needs to be changed.

Councilman Maloney said that the board should get the Attorney's opinion on this.

Darrell told the board that he feels the town should stamp the subdivision maps/application if it is in compliance and the planning board has no business looking at it.

Councilman Aubertine agreed the process is messed up. He said that if the lot is not in compliance, then it should go in front of the Zoning Board.

The board agreed to look into the sub-division law.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk