

April 20, 2023

Regular Town Board Minutes

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass and approximately 5 visitors.

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

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the minutes of April 16, 2023, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Bills: Capital Project, \$4,906.00; General Fund, \$93,208.18; WD #1, \$27,555.01; WD #3, \$1,186.22; WD #4, \$137,884.14; WD #5, \$1,437.94; WD #6, \$2,214.27; Highway, \$21,545.62.

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

David Powers, from Barton and Loguidice, gave a funding update for water district #7. He said that the State has just announced they will have funding available for water infrastructure. He said that 425 million dollars has been set aside and the applications will be competitive. He said that the town could submit a grant for up to 60% of the project costs and the applications will roll out in June. David told the board that he will need their permission to submit the application on behalf of the town.

The board gave their approval for Barton and Loguidice to start the process, and at the May meeting will pass a resolution to submit the grant.

#### Reports

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that they have completed CPR training. He said that they have completed the road sign inspections, swept roads, fixed the plow divots and had their OSHA training. Bill told the board that they will have to act soon in filling the vacancy at the transfer site. He said that Nina still has days to use before she retires.

The board discussed this and the vacancy will be advertised, and the board will hold interviews at the meeting on May 4.

Bill told the board that Hanson's is interested in the gravel pit on County Rte. 4. He said that he has had a couple of individuals express interest in it, too. The board discussed this, and would like to have an appraisal done first.

Bill told the board that he can't get sand from the pit any longer and he will have to purchase sand now. He said that the amount they receive from the sale of the pit, he would like to put in an account to be used solely for the purchase of sand.

Bill told the board that he has a few guys who are interested in having their unused vacation time being paid out to them.

Bill told the board that the humps in the road on County Rte 4 will be fixed in the next few weeks and that the County will be sending the grinder to help with the road.

Supervisor Mason told Bill that he would like to have a report on the sign inspection and asked Bill to give him a spreadsheet. Bill said that he could give him a report, but it won't be on a spreadsheet.

Supervisor Mason said that he would like to look at it.

Bill told the board that the new mower should be in soon. He said that Pat Thompson will be mowing and has asked to use the old mower first until he has taken a couple of passes to get used to the route.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass said that they have had the usual clubs and meetings. He said that the inmates came and stripped and waxed the floors in the building. Keith told the board that the ice rink has been put away, and they are working on the ballfields.

Water – Keith Brass reported that there are seven meters left to replace in water district 4, and they have had some repairs. He told the board that during the last thunder storm, lightning struck the master meter and it caused several issues. He said that they have had to replace parts. Keith told the board he would report it to the insurance company.

Keith told the board that they had a water main break in water district #5 and issued a boil water advisory.

Supervisor and Councilman's reports

Supervisor Mason and Bill Pond talked about Tibbetts Point and the need for a fence to be put up.

Supervisor Mason said that the village has snow fence that could be put up. Bill said that the town will install the fence.

Supervisor Mason talked to the board about weddings at Tibbetts Point. He said that a request has come in to reserve the property. The board said that they don't have a problem with it and asked Michelle Bouchard to let the people know there is construction at the site.

Councilman Aubertine said that he wanted to discuss the DANC line. He said that every three years DANC reviews the allocation in water district #2. He said that water district #3 is not using the DANC line. Councilman Aubertine said that the debt service is up by a third, and the O & M is in the debt line. Supervisor Mason said that the O & M used to be part of the water rate.

Councilman Aubertine said that Dexter uses their wells to save on the O & M charge, he said they have a lot in reserve. Councilman Aubertine said that he feels it is an unfair billing situation.

Supervisor Mason said that water district #2 was above the allocation and that is why the fee went up.

Councilman Aubertine said that water district #3 is still paying for part of the debt. He said he wants the other towns to understand that Cape Vincent is carrying the load. He said that he would like the town of Cape Vincent to get off the regional water line.

Supervisor Mason said that they would need another water source for those residents if they did this.

Councilman Aubertine said that he doesn't have a solution.

Councilman Aubertine reported that the Planning Board and Zoning Board chairmen have agreed on a new direction for the boards. They want the two boards to exist, and do not want to move forward without legal recommendations. He said that they would like a letter from the board to move forward.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to allow the two boards to contact the town attorney for legal advice and to allow the two boards to have a meeting with the attorney and that the town send a letter to the two boards with their approval, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley reported that the LDC will have a community forum with Edgewater regarding the Club Street project. This will be on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Councilman Wiley said that the LWRP has submitted the draft plan and the board will need to review and accept it.

Councilman Maloney said that the LWRP plan will be helpful with grants.

Councilman Maloney said that he is taking Jason from Horizon Media to fly his drone over Fox and Grenadier Islands to gather information for the assessor.

Councilman Maloney also reported that the ambulance squad has purchased the property next to the bank.

Supervisor Mason said that he spoke with Steve Hall regarding the furnace installation at the museum. He said that they will need to upsize the furnace, and will charge for the duck work. He said that they want to build a 6x8 furnace room. Supervisor Mason will speak with Scott Parliament regarding the work to be done.

Bill Pond reminded him that the museum needs to be climate controlled.

Councilman Aubertine asked if they were still moving forward with moving the water lines in the building for the museum and chamber office.

The board discussed Gov. Hochul's new Sexual Harassment guidelines.

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept the Sexual Harassment policy, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason said that he would like the town's forms and applications put on the new website.

Resolutions

Resolution #26

Resolution #26 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #26 is to declare the 2005 International Truck (#59) surplus equipment and directs the highway Superintendent to dispose of it as he sees fit.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #27

Resolution #27 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #27 is the acceptance of the draft copy of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) as presented and accepted by the Department of State.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #28

Resolution #28 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #28 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal for the website design, maintenance plan and creation of logo quote from North Shore Solutions.

There was no discussion. All member voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk