

March 16, 2023

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 4 visitors.

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

Privilege of the floor

Frank Giaquinto – Frank told the board that he was speaking as the Chairman of the Planning Board. He asked the board how far they are willing to go with the minor subdivision issue. He said that he feels the Public Hearings are not necessary if the applicant is complying. He said that he also feels that the SEQR process is not necessary. He said that there are categories to check with regard to the SEQR application and he would like to see “No Effect” be added to the list. Frank said that he would like to be able to do the Lot Line Shifts.

Councilman Aubertine said that he has been an advocate for making the subdivision process simpler. He said that he would like it to be treated the same as a zoning permit, and handled by the Zoning Officer. Frank said that the ad hock committee will be meeting and he wants an idea of what the board wants from them. He said that he doesn’t want the committee to do the work and the board throw a monkey wrench in it.

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

Supervisor’s Financial Report – Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Wood. There was the following discussion.

Councilman Maloney asked if the Generator Reserve account was just for the pump station. Supervisor Mason said it was, and is funded by water districts 1 and 5.

Vote was taken, all members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$20,755.12; WD #3, \$6,083.23; WD #4, \$305.15; WD #5, \$330.68; WD #6, \$75.20; Capital Water Project, \$315.00; Highway, \$35,556.46; Gen Fund, \$79,380.62.

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

Reports

Highway – Bill Pond said that they have been plowing, repairing mailboxes, cold patching and chipping brush. He said that each year he is required to send 2 men, over the age of 50, to check road signs while it is dark out.

Bill said that he has 2 new oil tanks now. This will allow him to have the oil in house, and it will cost less than the \$3,000.00 procurement amount. He is also updating and renewing his bulk storage tank permit. Bill told the board that the new roadside mower will be delivered in April, and the new truck will be assembled in May for delivery next fall.

Bill asked the board about the Personnel Policy. He said that his men are asking if it has been updated yet showing the new holiday schedule. Bill said that he will be going on the four ten-hour day schedule soon and would like to have this done, soon.

Bill said that he knows that the board is investigating a cashless transfer site. He said that he does not want to make more work for the town clerk or anyone else. He said would like to know how this will transition, and asked the board to keep him in the conversation. Bill also reported that Dave Miller will be working at the transfer site with Nina.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that there has been the normal meetings and clubs. He said that the skating party was a success and that John was keeping the rink in good shape with the handmade Zamboni. He said that John was also building a podium and the school will be holding a marshmallow party at the pavilion.

Water – Keith said that they had a water turn on that needed to be rescheduled because their driveway had 2' of snow on it. He said that he is still doing the report on the lead and copper pipes in the town, and they are flushing hydrants.

#### Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Mason said that he has been in touch with Mark Walczyk regarding the grant for the building repairs at Tibbetts Point. He said that Senator Walczyk feels that the grant won't be awarded for political reasons, but he will check on the status after the State budget has been set.

Supervisor Mason said that he spoke with Mike Couglar, who told him that the Historical Society would like to apply for a \$2,000.00 grant to paint the fog horn building. The board discussed this and said that knowing all the entities that would have to be contacted and the work involved with the grant application, that it would just not be worth it. The board is not in favor of the Historical Society applying for the grant.

Supervisor Mason said that he had a phone conference with George Robinson regarding the Tibbetts Point shoreline repair. They are waiting to hear from the US Fish and Wildlife Department. He said that they have the application and information and if the town has not heard from them after 30 days, they will be able to move forward. Supervisor Mason said that the US Coast Guard has replied that they will provide a letter to the town.

Supervisor Mason also reported that Matt Cooper has reviewed the bid from Siewart for the pump replacement at the booster pump station, and has said all was in order. Supervisor Mason said that he signed the bid agreement and sent it to Siewart. He said that they will invite local contractors to look over the project and then put it out to bid.

#### Councilman's Discussion

Councilman Aubertine reported that the Youth Commission will be assigning spring coaches and would like to use the Rec Center for CPR training.

Councilman Wiley said that Scott Burto has submitted all the documents for the LWRP, and he has not heard anything yet. He said that Scott has told the Ambulance squad that there are grants available that he feels will be beneficial to them.

Councilman Wiley said the LDC had a meeting and three guests were in attendance. He feels that everything is running smoothly so far.

Councilman Wood reported that he had contacted a few surrounding towns regarding the use of cash at their transfer sites. He said that most of them accept cash, or use stickers, which allows residents a certain number of garbage bags per sticker. The board discussed the issue, and talked about contractor debris as well.

Councilman Wood said that the towns he spoke with, most of them accept the contractor debris and either accept cash or checks for payment.

Supervisor Mason said that he would like to use stickers and asked Councilman Wood to look into this further.

Highway Superintendent Bill Pond said that they are picking up garbage along side the roads now, and asked the board to consider this when they decide. He said he would not like this to make the garbage on the road sides worse.

Town Clerk Michelle Bouchard said that she would like to be included on the conversation as ultimately, she is responsible for the funds collected at the transfer site and the audit trail.

Councilman Maloney said that the ambulance meeting went well and they seem to have things a bit more organized. He said that they had started construction on the building purchased on Broadway.

Supervisor Mason said that he attended the Chamber of Commerce's Spring Mixer and felt that it was well attended and he would like to see them have the event every third month.

Supervisor Mason has cancelled the April 6 work session as he will be at the Tug Hill conference.

Councilman Aubertine told Bill Pond that he questioned the Personnel Policy and he knows the board needs to focus on this.

Supervisor Mason told Bill Pond that he should have Dave Miller work all day on Good Friday if Nina does not want to work it. Bill said that Nina is willing to work a half-day. He said that the transfer site is part of the highway now and the highway crew only works half day on Good Friday. He said that Nina also puts the hours on her answering machine and wants to know what if she is required to be open all day or half day.

Councilman Maloney said that residents expect that the transfer site will be closed.

Councilman Wood made a motion to have the transfer site open half-day on Good Friday, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason said that there will be another AED/CPR class and he will contact a contractor regarding the HVAC system for the Chamber building.

Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard, asked the board to audit her books for the 2022 year. Supervisor Mason and Councilman Aubertine will audit the town clerk's records on Monday March 27 at 3pm. Councilman Maloney expressed that he would like to attend as well.

Resolutions

Resolution #24

Resolution #24 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #24 is to accept Hon. Colleen Knuth's and Hon. John R. Fix's records as presented for audit, and a copy of the resolution shall be mailed to the Director in Internal Audit at the NYS Office of Court Administration.

There was no discussion.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Resolution #25

Resolution #25 was moved by Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #25 is the appointment of Shannon Featherly as a regular member of the Planning Board with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2023.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Privilege of the floor

Kevin Jackson, Jr. spoke to the board saying that he submitted a job application for a position at the transfer site. He said that he has not heard anything from the board and he wants them to know he is interested in the job as Nina's replacement when she retires.

Councilman Aubertine made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:25pm to discuss land acquisition, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:34pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk