

February 17, 2022

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass, Matt Cooper and approximately 6 visitors.

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

The minutes of the Jan. 20, 2022 meeting were accepted by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

All members voted AYE

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Aubertine.

All members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$24,338.24; WD #2, \$1810.81; WD #3, \$1367.05; WD #4, \$1588.80; WD #5, \$2532.29; WD #6, \$569.95; Highway, \$59,938.92; General Fund, \$313,045.11.

Councilman Wood make a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason said that the board needs to fill the vacant Councilman's seat, and he wants the board to act on it.

Resolution #19 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by councilman Wood. Resolution #19 is to appoint Tim Maloney to serve as Town Councilman to fill the vacancy, and it was further Resolved that the term of the appointment be until December 31, 2022.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Wiley said that he was happy with the interviews and that both candidates were qualified. Councilman Wood agreed and said that he hoped Michelle Oswald would consider filling the vacant seats on the Planning or Zoning boards.

All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason invited Tim Maloney to sit at the board table. Town Clerk, Michelle Bouchard, had Councilman Maloney sign and take his Oath of Office.

Reports

Highway – Bill Pond said that they have been busy plowing and sanding, and they have helped the village with snow removal. He said that they are taking precautions to stay ahead of the flooding that is predicted. Bill told the board that they have done some work in the court room replacing wainscoting and they have also painted some of the plow wings. He said that he has everyone signed up to complete the 2022 compliance training.

Bill told the board that he has a quote from FX Caprara in Alexandria Bay for a new truck. He said that the truck will have to be ordered, and he knows that he needs to get three bids.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to put the truck out to bid, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Bill said that if he can order it this month he would have it by summer. He also told the board that Keith Brass is also interested in a truck from the dealership. He said that they have talked about giving Keith's current truck to Scott to use for mowing.

Councilman Wood said that he doesn't think Keith should give the truck to the highway, that the highway should buy it. They talked about a price of \$10,000.00.

Bill also reported that he needs to order culvert pipe for the summer. He also said he has talked with Doug Estell about purchasing grates for the garage. Bill said that they need to be replaced, but the price has gone up. Bill told the board he needs their approval to purchase as the cost is over his spending limit. Bill said that he would like to replace half of the grates and the cost is \$4,000.00.

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

Recreation Park – Keith Brass said that they have had the usual meetings and clubs using the building. He said that there is now an exercise class. He said that the internet has been upgraded and the service is much better. Keith told the board that snow was dumped at Rec Park for the kids to use for sledding.

Water – Keith Brass said that they had to have the dialer repaired and also the flow meter at the booster pump station needs to be replaced. He said that the cost of this is over his spending limit, and he would like board approval for the purchase.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve the cost \$4,400.00 for the flow meter, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Keith told the board that he has found a truck through Sourcewell. He said that he and John have been painting the interior of the booster pump station. He said that he had a meeting with Matt Cooper regarding the water tower issues.

Matt Cooper – Matt told the board that they are still waiting to hear on the WIIA grant award. He said that the sewer study was on pause and he would like the board to consider picking it back up again by doing an interest survey. He talked about grants that may be available for sewer districts.

Matt said that he met with Keith regarding a mixing system at the water tower and a valve replacement at the booster pump station.

The board discussed with Matt about hiring Barton and Loguidice for their engineering services with small projects. Matt said that the board will need to sign an agreement with the company. He said that the insurance company will not cover any work done if there isn't a signed agreement.

The board also discussed the water pumps with Matt, and they discussed replacing or rebuilding the pumps.

Councilman Aubertine asked Matt if he would do an audit of the pumps for efficiency. Matt said that he would as he believes because of their age, they have dropped their efficiency.

Councilmen's Report

Councilman Wood said that Edward Ponto is interested in serving on either the Planning or Zoning boards. He said that Mr. Ponto attended meetings of both boards. He also said that Mr. Macsherry would like to have Mr. Ponto serve on the Planning board.

Councilman Wiley said that he feels a letter should be mailed to Michelle Oswald to thank her for her interest in serving on the board. Supervisor Mason said that he will do that.

Councilman Wiley said that the LDC met with the MRB Group, and the LDC will have a kick-off meeting with the new board on March 10. He said that the MRB Group submitted a proposal to the LDC for services for the year, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Councilman Wiley said the LDC is very happy with them and find the are very good to work with.

Councilman Wiley reported that the CVLDC will be renting the office space next to Barnard's Insurance office. He said that the rent is \$200.00 per month for a year, but if they rent it for more than a year, the rent will be \$150.00 per month. He said that they could also share the space with the Chamber for their winter office.

Councilman Wiley said that he met with Peyton Taylor the Regional Director for the State Parks to discuss the transfer of Tibbetts Point. He said they were very interested.

Councilman Wiley said that SHIPO recommends a structural analysis of the tower at Tibbetts Point. He said that he will speak with Rick Tague for a quote to have this done.

Councilman Aubertine said that the Lion's Club will sponsor skating at the rink in Clayton for the Youth Commission.

New Business

Supervisor Mason said that he would like the town to look into a solar array. He said he contacted Fourth Coast, Rob Campany will look into this.

Supervisor Mason said that NYSIRDA has a Street light and charging station replacement program available. He said that he would like to look into this for the Rosiere Light District.

Old Business

Supervisor Mason told the board that the town passed a flood plain law in 1994. He said that because the law is already in place, that the Zoning Officer will have to let residence know if they are in it or not. He said that the law protects the town because now the residents will be made aware of it.

Supervisor Mason said that the town will hold a special meeting on March 3, at 6:30pm to interview a couple of Attorneys.

Supervisor Mason said that he spoke to Mickey Orvis regarding the vacancy on the BAR. The board agreed he would serve the board well and will appoint him in time so that he will receive the training.

Resolutions

Resolution #17

Resolution #17 was moved by Supervisor Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #17 is to approve of the changes to the Zoning Application and the Zoning Permit which will allow for a notation of a "Yes" or "No" if the property is in the flood plain.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Aubertine said that he is not in favor of this as he is concerned it will cause a hardship for residents seeking financing.

Councilman Wiley said he does not feel that it is up to the town to say if a resident is in the flood plain or not. He said that this just does not make sense to him.

All members voted AYE.

Resolution #20

Resolution #20 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #20 is to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$46,250.00 from A 599 to A 8160.2 for a Transfer Site budget amendment to pay for the new backhoe.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE

Resolution #21

Resolution #21 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #21 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with WCP Consultants to be the Grant Administrator for the 2021 CFA Grant for the Tibbetts Point shore line project, and be it further RESOLVED that the board agrees to the contract amount of \$18,000.00 to be paid out as follows: \$4,500.00 due when award is announced; \$9,000.00 due when the grant agreement is signed, and \$4,500.00 due at closeout.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #22

Resolution #22 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #22 is the acceptance of the grant for the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Shoreline Stabilization, and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and also agrees to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Master Contract and any amendments required, required deed of easement and any other certifications to the individual(s) who hold(s) the elected municipal office.

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 #23

Resolution #23 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #23 is to agree to the purchase of a 2022 Ford Super Duty Crew Cab Truck in the amount of \$51,028.50 from National Auto Fleet Group through the Sourcewell contract 091521-NAF-Quate ID #19680 and it was further RESOLVED to authorize the Water Superintendent to make the purchase.

There was the following discussion. Keith Brass said that the truck he is driving now has value, and he would like for Scott to use if for mowing, he would like to sell it to the Highway Department, but Scott is also responsible for mowing Recreation Park, the water tower, the pump station and cemeteries. He added that Scott mows for the water department and recreation park.

All members voted AYE.

Resolution #24

Resolution #24 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #24 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice for engineering consultations for

small projects and it was further RESOLVED that the fee will not exceed \$10,000.00 during the budgeted year.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Aubertine asked if the potential sewer project would be paid for from this agreement. Supervisor Mason said no, it would be on its own.

All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine said that he wanted to discuss the sewer district, stating that Matt Cooper wants the town to do an interest survey, which will determine the future of the district.

Councilman Wiley asked if the town wants to move forward, and Supervisor Mason said yes, they should.

Councilman Aubertine said that he remembers the user costs being high, and he would like to have updated numbers. Councilman Wiley agreed and said they need to get the numbers.

Councilman Aubertine said that he would like the interest survey to have updated numbers. He said that he wants it to reflect the same information as the water district 7 interest survey. He said that the board waited to see real figures, and potential grant funding.

Supervisor Mason said that he will ask for updated figures.

Privilege of the Floor

Jarrold Radley – Jarrold said that he has questions on the sewer district. He asked the board where the need for this district was and who is crying for it. He said the old figures were over \$900.00 per tax payer for this.

Councilman Aubertine said that the village sewer system has unused capacity, and the board agreed to look into this with an interest survey.

Councilman Wood made a motion to pay the Chamber of Commerce budgeted funds to them in one lump sum, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

The Town Clerk requested an audit be done of her books. The date of the audit will be March 3.

Supervisor Mason said that the Planning and Zoning boards will be participating in the Tug Hill training classes at the Turning Stone this year. He said that the town pays for this and will pay for rooms for those who are staying.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk