

March 3, 2022

Special Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Mayor Jerry Golden, and one visitor.

Absent: Councilman Tim Maloney, excused, Councilman Paul Aubertine, excused.

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

The board spoke with Attorneys Dave Ferrara and Brody Smith with the Bond, Schoeneck, and King law firm via zoom. The Attorneys gave an overview of their field of expertise, the length of time with the firm, and the clients they have in Jefferson County.

The board, individually asked questions of each attorney. The highlighted points being: having matters done in a timely manner; their availability; fee structure; that the board would like to have a long-standing relationship.

The board then spoke with Attorney Jim Burrows with Kendall, Walton and Burrows. Mr. Burrows appeared in person. Mr. Burrows gave an overview of his expertise, stating he has worked in the field of municipal law for many years. He talked about some of the issues that town and villages deal with that he could help the board with.

The board individually asked questions of Mr. Burrows. The highlighted points being: having matters done in a timely manner; his availability; fee structure; that the board would like to have a long-standing relationship.

Tim White gave an update on the Club Street project. He said that he has requisition requests that need to be signed by the Supervisor so that he would submit them for payment. He also reviewed other purchase orders. Tim told the board that there are a lot of items that need to be submitted with the requests. Tim also told the board that he wants the boathouse down before May and that he spoke with Bill Pond and the highway department will help with the construction of the bathhouse.

Resolutions

Resolution #25

Resolution #25 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #25 is the appointment of Mickey Orvis as a member of the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire Sept. 30, 2026.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE

Resolution #26

Resolution #27 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Supervisor Mason. Resolution #26 is the appointment of Edward Ponto as an alternate member of the Planning Board with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2024.

There was no discussion, all members present voted AYE.

Resolution #27

Resolution #27 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #27 is the appointment of Jim Burrows from the law firm of Kendall, Walton and Burrows to be the town's attorney, and it is further resolved that the town board authorize the Supervisor to sign any agreement with Kendall, Walton and Burrows.

There was the following discussion. The board expressed that they felt comfortable with both firms and they were satisfied with the answers they received to their questions. The board decided to hire Jim Burrows because his field is specifically in municipal law, and that he has the experience in the many aspects therein.

All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk