

2021
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
IN PERSON MEETING

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Patrick Britton	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Jim Yuhas	Bookkeeper
Terry McKeever	Code Enforcement Officer
James Burrows, Esq.	Town Attorney
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider
Michael O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on August 9, 2021. Unanimously passed, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider for RACOG was present and noted that the next RACOG meeting will be on September 21, 2021 at a location to be determined. "Friends of the Black River" Group is interested in historical sites along the river, and there is continuation of marking the navigation hazards. LED Lighting construction will begin at the end of September for some of the communities and continue through November.

Communications: NONE

Community Development Director Report: Sarah Bullock reported that she has wrapped up two applications for grants and expects to hear in December of the awards. These were for the BOA for Deferiet and the Water Disinfection project for Herrings. She is working on a Downtown Revitalization Initiative for the Village of Carthage, and has begun an initial organization of household income survey for future CDBG and USDA Funding.

Town Highway Superintendent Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy noted that the crew has helped Village of Carthage with a paving project, Village of Deferiet has asked for help with fall cleanup, mowing of Town properties and cemeteries is complete, tree cutting on Hickey Road, and trees and brush on Boyd Road, Hewitt Park Circle and Milady Road; replaced culvert on Persha Road, blind child signs, paving on Hickey Road is complete and shoulder work will be done soon; hauling of blacktop for Cty. Rt. 42 paving; routine repairs on machinery and equipment. He has asked for Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Dog Control Officer Report: Mr. Hall noted that he has had several calls on dog complaints or loose dogs. Had a complaint in the Village of Deferiet which is being taken care of.

Town Clerk Report: Water district collections for August were \$2839.60. Town Clerk fees for August were \$1635.90. Transfer site fees collected for August were \$4289.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: A proposal was received from Independent Commercial Contractors for the demolition and removal of the Bartlett Gill Property in Natural Bridge for \$24,000.

RESOLUTION #23-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to accept the ICC proposal for \$24,000, contingent upon the last paragraph being removed concerning contamination. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Mr. McKeever noted that there were four cases scheduled for Thursday Court. He has condemned a house in Deferiet. Buckingham property is being demolished by a brother in the area. Owner lives in Maryland.

Assessor's Report: None

Attorney's Report: Attorney Burrows noted that there needs to be a SEQR review on the condemned properties.

Gill Property: This is a Type 2 SEQR.

RESOLUTION #24-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton to adopt a resolution for a negative declaration on the SEQR report on the Gill property. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

RESOLUTION #25-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to adopt a resolution for a negative declaration on the SEQR report for the Smith Property. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

RESOLUTION #26-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to adopt a resolution for a negative declaration on the SEQR report for the Hajdasz property. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

It was noted that the property was sold to a William Mono on tax sale.

RESOLUTION #27-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton to adopt a resolution for a negative declaration on the SEQR report for the Helmer property. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

RESOLUTION #28-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton to adopt a resolution for a negative declaration on the SEQR report for the Foy property. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

It was noted that on all of the above properties, that there have been no efforts by the owners for clean up therefore, the Town will be proceeding accordingly.

Town Supervisor's Report: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the August Supervisor's Report. Unanimously passed, carried.

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #9 in the amount of \$273,649.69. Unanimously passed, carried.

Old Business:

Union Contract – Contract negotiations are set for the week of 9/19/21.

Highway Roof Replacement – It was noted that the price for the roof replacement would be held until next spring when construction will begin.

LED Lighting –

RESOLUTION #29-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to name Paul H. Smith, Supervisor, as the signatory on any paperwork for the LED Lighting project. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

New Business:

Budget Transfers: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the budget transfers as noted. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

RESOLUTION #30-2021 – Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton, to move the October regular meeting to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

A Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Notice will be put in the paper.

Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Executive Session began at 7:49 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Borland, Town Clerk