

2023 Regular Meeting MINUTES

January 9, 2023

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman
Patrick Britton	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Frank Skvorak	Councilman
Mike O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent
Robert Ball	Assessor
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Rebecca Shultz	Deputy Town Clerk
Larry Pacola	Public
Martin Yadow	Public
Daniel McBride	County Legislator

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Storms to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on December 30, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider, noted that he has compiled a list of communities interested in Digital Radar Signs and will get quotes. Promotional Video is nearing completion. Interns will begin on February 1 and March 23. NYSERDA will be a Deferiet's next meeting and Sarah Bullock will be giving an update on the BOA in Deferiet. Matt Johnson from Tug Hill Commission will be attending the February meeting to discuss interest in a new Comprehensive Plan for the area.

Communications: Martin Yadow and Larry Pacola, residents of Boyd Road, were in attendance along with County Legislator Daniel McBride to address a feral cat problem on Boyd Road that are infesting a property adjacent to them. They wondered what could be done. It was noted that if they took them to be spayed or neutered, that it could be quite costly. Basically, there is nothing that the Town can do, and they can take matters into their own hands to decide how to handle the matter. They were not advised in any way to handle the situation.

Community Development Director Report: Sarah Bullock, CDD, presented a draft Resolution for authorization of the 2022 Restore NY application.

**RESOLUTION #1-2023** - Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Storms to adopt the resolution as presented. This is in regard to the old Railroad Depot and the former NAPA building across the street. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Highway Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent, noted that he has turned in his yearly inventory and key lists to Supervisor Smith and has submitted his calendar work hours for the CPA firm. Work performed for Jefferson County for 2022 was billed plus shared services. Payment was received from the insurance company for the damage to the pressure washer. Plowing and sanding continues. Snow removal, removal of Christmas lights, and filling of the sand barn has all been done. General repairs have been done to the equipment.

Dog Control Officer: No Report

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Borland noted that the Water District collections for December, 2022 were \$12,510. The Town Clerk fees for December, 2022 were \$845.64. The Transfer Site Funds collected for December, 2022 were \$3960.00. DECALS commissions for December were \$21.03. Deputy Clerk Shultz noted that she is awaiting more figures from the CPA's in order to complete the annual transfer site report.

Code Enforcement: No report

Assessor Report: Robert Ball reported as follows: 103/215 property sales/transfers for 2022 were arm's length sales. He has 228 open site visit/permits for 2023 Assessment Roll. He has visited 23 of them this month. He has received 2 exemption renewals since last month for a total of 15. He is still waiting to receive 15 back from property owners. He has processed three new exemptions and removed five exemptions due to sale of properties. He further noted that the Carthage Energy tax bill had a mistake and that has been corrected.

Attorney Report: No report

Town Supervisor's Financial Statements: Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Britton to approve the Financial Statements as provided by the CPA's. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Britton, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #1 in the amount of \$108,604.99. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Storms, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lori Borland, Town Clerk