

2022 Regular Meeting MINUTES
July 11, 2022

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Michael O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent
James Burrows	Counsel
Terry McKeever	Code Enforcement Officer
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider
Faith Parks	Justice
Peter Kelley	Court Clerk

Excused: Patrick Britton, Councilman, and Frank Skvorak, Councilman

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

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on June 13, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider, noted that the Regional Map is done, Riverfest is coming up. Banner is done and will be at the Fairs; there is a promotional video meeting scheduled, hazard mapping on the Black River will be done Thursday; there are ongoing trainings and workshops; Smart Cities is waiting for our selections; an inventory of the converted lights needs to be compiled.

Hon. Faith Parks and Court Clerk Peter Kelley talked about court security and him being a Constable. They indicated that DA night needs a bailiff; Supervisor Smith requested that a letter should come from Judge Gideon requesting the same.

Communications: None

Community Development Director Report: Sarah Bullock, Community Development Director, submitted her written report which was read by Supervisor Smith. It included: BOA – A contract has been reviewed and executed. A Steering Committee can begin to be put together. Main Street Grant preparation is underway and the CIDC will be the applicant for this project. She has attended several webinars, etc.

Highway Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent, noted that help was given to Town of Champion and Town of Rutland and Village of West Carthage in various projects. Generator control panel will be installed on July 14. The bulldozer repair is complete and he is working with Anderson on the final price. Mowing has been done. Alexandria Street shoulders and ditches are complete, four culverts have been replaced, and all others cleaned and flushed out. Highway Department will be shut down during the week of July 4 per contract.

Dog Control Officer: no report

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Borland noted that the Water District collections for June, 2022 were \$13,638.93. The Town Clerk fees for June, 2022 were \$1998.57. The Transfer Site Funds collected for June, 2022 were \$3590.00.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McKeever noted that on the Reginald Smith property, there is an unregistered motor home with drug dealers on site, and law enforcement won't do anything about it. The trailer that the squatter resides in has been condemned. In order to clear the title to the property, there needs to be a quit claim deed signed off by the heirs of Reginald Smith. Supervisor Smith suggested that the Town offer \$500 for the trailer and have a Bill of Sale signed by Jeanne Wilcox, Reginald Smith's daughter.

RESOLUTION #21-2022 – Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to offer \$500 to Jeanne Wilcox for the trailer and have a Bill of Sale signed over to the Town of Wilna. Motion passed unanimously, carried. This will expedite the removal of the trailer.

RESOLUTION #22-2022 – Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to accept the quote of \$26,400 for demolition of the house, garage and boat by Bronze Contracting out of Remsen, NY. Motion passed unanimously, carried. A contract will be drawn up by the Town for the demolition.

Assessor Report: Marlene Norfolk, Assessor, noted that the final roll is done and needs to be put on the website.

Attorney Report: Mr. Burrows noted that the Pierce case against the Town and Code Officer has been dismissed due to untimely filing, but is still pending against the contractor. There is a small claims case pending Watson vs Town of Wilna and Terry McKeever. Carthage Energy order has been signed and is being held in escrow pending the payment by July 15, 2022 from Carthage Energy. Sugar Maple Solar project should have efiled documents in August.

Town Board Committees: No report

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

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Storms, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #7 in the amount of \$78,130.57. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Old Business: Smart Cities Grant – There needs to be a conference call with Ilya to discuss the options of what we can get.

New Business:

Deferred Compensation payments are going to be made electronically now, and there needs to be a designated person.

RESOLUTION #23-2022 – Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to designate Emily Philippe as a person to handle the electronic Deferred Compensation payments. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

The West Carthage Housing Authority administration needs to be transferred to the Town of Wilna Housing Authority.

RESOLUTION #24-2022 – Resolution made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to transfer the administration of the West Carthage Housing Authority to the Town of Wilna Housing Authority. Roll call vote - Councilman Storms: Aye; Councilman Gerber: Aye; Supervisor Smith – Aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue. Executive Session began at 8:09 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 8:18 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Borland, Town Clerk