

2022 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting MINUTES
October 11, 2022

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman
Patrick Britton	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider

Excused:

Frank Skvorak	Councilman
Mike O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. to hear the public's comments, if any, on overriding the 2% tax cap for the 2023 budget. No one was present to speak. Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Britton to close the public hearing, and the public hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on September 12, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider, submitted his written report. He noted that the Town of Croghan wishes to join RACOG, and an Intermunicipal Agreement was presented which needs to be signed by all communities. Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Storms to approve the IMA to have the Town of Croghan join RACOG, and to have Mr. Smith sign the same. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Mr. Dietrich also noted that digital radar signs are being looked into for those communities interested. He further noted that federal funds are being sought for RACOG.

There is a two day conference on budget preparation at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, NY on November 29 and 30, and a motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Britton to have Supervisor Smith and Town Clerk Borland attend. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Communications: A letter of support was requested in support of the Deferiet BOA. Such letter was drafted and signed and sent in to the appropriate entity.

Community Development Director Report: No Report

Highway Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent, submitted a written report in his absence. The crew has helped the Village of Deferiet with clean up and Town of LeRay with paving along with Jefferson County as needed. Trees were cut on Lewisburg Road; winter sand is complete; drainage stone was trucked, service work on the trucks in preparation for winter has begun.

Dog Control Officer: No report

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Borland noted that the Water District collections for September, 2022 were \$22,819.60. The Town Clerk fees for September, 2022 were \$971.41. The Transfer Site Funds collected for September, 2022 were \$3537.00. It was noted that the last day for payment of water/sewer fees is October 26, 2022, and thereafter, the unpaid fees will be relieved.

Code Enforcement: It was noted that the Sheriff will be on the Smith property site to remove Mr. Fuller prior to demolition of the trailer.

Assessor Report: Marlene Norfolk, Assessor, reported that she has been processing sales with the RPTS in Albany. Exemption renewals will be sent out this month.

Attorney Report: Mr. Burrows submitted a written report in his absence. He noted that the 2% tax cap override will be considered at this meeting.

RESOLUTION #35-2022 – Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to pass a local law which overrides the 2% tax cap for 2023 budget. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Regarding the Carthage Energy matter, Mr. Burrows suggested that no disbursement of funds be done for the balance of this calendar year, in an abundance of caution.

A public hearing needs to be set for the 2023 preliminary budget. Motion was made by Councilman Gerber, seconded by Councilman Britton, to set a public hearing on November 7, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. for public comments on the 2023 preliminary budget. The regular monthly meeting will commence immediately thereafter. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Town Board Committees: No report

Town Supervisor's Financial Statements: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Storms 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 Britton, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #10 in the amount of \$99,744.57. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Old Business: The maintenance agreement for the LED street lights has been signed and turned in.

New Business: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Storms, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Borland, Town Clerk