

2023 Regular Meeting MINUTES
May 8, 2023

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Frank Skvorak	Councilman
Patrick Britton	Councilman Via ZOOM
Mike O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
James Burrows, Esq.	Town Attorney
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider
Robert Ball	Assessor
Terry McKeever	Code/Zoning Officer

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 meeting on April 10, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider, noted that the next RACOG meeting will be May 24. He noted that the Economic Visioning Summit was deemed a success. THC submitted a grant application for a Transportation Safety Coordinator in connection with the digital radar signs, and should hear sometime in June or July. Discussion regarding the digital radar signs for Wilna was held, and the matter was tabled for the time being.

Communications: None

Community Development Director – Mrs. Bullock provided a written report in which the majority of her time has been spent on the Deferiet BOA Project. Steering Committee meetings have been held and a public meeting is to be held in the spring. She noted that she attended the Economic Visioning Summit in Glenfield and it was very well presented.

Highway Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent, noted that the high bid at auction for the surplus truck was too low, of the which Board agreed. It was decided that it would be offered to anyone for \$6,000 and to be placed out front of the highway building and sold "as is, where is". He noted that Deferiet would like to have two clean ups in 2023, which the highway crew assists with. This was approved by the Board.

Dog Control Officer: No report

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Borland noted that the Water District collections for April were \$9304.08. The Town Clerk fees for April were \$860.80. The Transfer Site Funds collected for April were \$3433. DECALS commissions for April were \$53.31.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McKeever noted that he has done 15 permits this year, with two of them for new homes, and two more will be coming in. He has issued several violations. The Potter residence in Natural Bridge is scheduled for demo this month (privately), and there have been complaints about a cat problem at the Foy house on Cty. Rt. 41 in Natural Bridge.

Assessor Report: Mr. Ball noted that 10 of the 15 new property sales or transfers for 2023 were Arm's Length sales. He noted that he has finalized the 2023 Tentative Assessment roll and has filed it with the Town Clerk on May 1. He mailed out 145 change of assessment notices. The net change including the loss from Carthage Energy results in a change of \$-7,083,795. He further noted that he has 88 open site visit/permits for the 2024 Assessment Roll. He has finalized the land tables and has been working on the Cost Depreciation Tables for the Reassessment Project. He had a start up meeting with NYS regarding the Reassessment Project, and the initial analysis indicates an average increase of 25% or more for residential properties. He has agreed to send out disclosure notices to all of the property owners near the end of the project, which is optional, but he felt that it would be beneficial to allow property owners more time to grieve their assessments due to the large increase.

Attorney Report: Mr. Burrows noted that he has not received a response from Brian Nutting at DANC regarding the insurance language in the new O&M contract. The construction contract with M&M Contracting will be sent to Mike McLane for the new cold storage building. Mr. Burrows further noted that it is okay to distribute the funds from Carthage Energy. Ms. Borland and Mr. Smith will work on the calculations for approval by the Board.

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

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Britton, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #5 in the amount of \$65,282.79. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Old Business: Supervisor Smith noted that he and MaryAnn Yuhas have a meeting tomorrow with the representative of NY Class at 11:15 a.m.

New Business: The Board of Assessment Review has two vacancies due to people moving out of the township. **RESOLUTION #14-2023** – Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to appoint Cynthia Kilburn to the Board of Assessment Review and to have Ms. Kilburn arrange to take the training as soon as possible in order to be able to participate in the negotiations at the Grievance Day. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Supervisor Smith noted that the landscaping in front of the Town Clerk building is in need of attention. A quote from Zehr's Landscaping came in at \$3724 and the other for \$3525 with a different rendition. After review of the photo renditions by the Board, it was decided to accept the \$3724 quote. **RESOLUTION #15-2023** – Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Storms to accept the quote of \$3724 from Zehr's Landscaping for the change in the landscaping in front of the Town Clerk's Building. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Borland, Town Clerk