

2024 Regular Meeting MINUTES

January 8, 2024

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
Patrick Britton	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider
James Burrows, Esq.	Town Attorney
Robert Ball	Assessor

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the minutes from the final meeting on December 28, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider, noted that the next RACOG Meeting will be on January 24, 2024 at Village of Copenhagen. RACOG is looking to join with BOCES for a Water/Wastewater Operator Licensing Class. NYS DOS is interested in having student involvement in the local government. There were Participation In Government classes in the past, but have not been involved this year. Amber Swan is the new Associate Circuit Rider. There are two multiple municipalities comprehensive plans in the works. They are: Wilna, Carthage and Deferiet and Denmark, Castorland and Copenhagen.

Communications: None

Community Development Director – Sarah Bullock, CDD, gave a report that all paperwork for the BOA has been submitted to the state for reimbursement of costs. Steering Committee meeting will be in January or February. She has been reviewing the Downtown Economic Resiliency Strategy for the town to identify key projects and now is a good time to prepare for the upcoming grant season. She attended a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting for the Town. She has met with Mike Astafan, President of Carthage, to discuss a potential project to rehabilitate portions of the Carthage Park.

Highway Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent gave a written report in his absence. 2024 Inventory has been completed and key list, etc. turned in to the Supervisor. Shoulder work has been done on Rt. 40 and Rogers Crossing Road. Plowing and sanding are being done. Repairs and maintenance are being made on equipment. Two employees out with Covid. There has been someone spreading truckloads of trash, garbage, furniture and building debris all over the Town roads.

Dog Control Officer: Still many calls and working on dogs running at large, barking, defecating, etc.

Town Clerk Report: Ms. Borland noted that the Water District collections for December were \$11,219 with an annual amount of \$117,223.98. The Town Clerk fees for December were \$536.63, with an annual amount of \$13,985.22. The Transfer Site Funds collected for December were \$2933.00 with an annual amount of \$41,739.25. DECALS commissions for December were \$20.49, and that the total DECALS sales for December were \$1594.65, with annual amount of sales of \$31,913.00.

Code Enforcement: James Potter property still needs to be hauled away, and Bronze Contracting will be notified and asked for priority.

Assessor Report: no report

Attorney Report: Mr. Burrows noted that Gregor Smith of BCA regarding the Herrings WWDP has cost savings relected in the contract. The Bond Resolution has been published, and after the 30 day period, the Estoppel Certificate needs to be published.

Town Board Committees: No report

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

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Skvorak, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #1 in the amount of \$124,330.95. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Old Business:

It was noted that the Spectrum change-over will be done soon.

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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Borland, Town Clerk