

A regular meeting was held January 17, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following Board members were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember
Warren Smith, Councilmember
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember
Brett Walter, Councilmember

Also Present:

Jared Martin; Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town; Dan Cheresnowski, Code Enforcement Officer; Joe Onofrio and Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer

Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2022, December 29, 2022 and January 3, 2023

Resolution # 12-2023

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for
December 20, 2022, December 29, 2022 and January 3, 2023**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the Board Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2022, December 29, 2022 and January 3, 2023 as submitted.

Councilmember Walter - AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
Councilmember Smith - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

There was a brief discussion about dissolving the Village.
Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Report January 17, 2023

- 1 I would like approval on agreement to spend of \$10,000. (Material for Road Repair.)
- 2 The salesman from Burr called and said there was a \$4,000.00 surcharge on the Truck.
- 3 Roads are muddy, we have been trying to fix them when they are froze and hard enough to get on them.
- 4 Working on Trucks and Equipment between storms.
- 5 We are going to start brushing again.

There was a discussion about #1.

Resolution # 13-2023

Authorization for Highway Superintendent to Spend

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$10,000.00 for materials for road repair to be taken from Highway Contractual until the Highway Contract is completed.

Councilmember Walter - AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
Councilmember Smith - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

There was discussion about #2 of the Highway Report.

Supervisor Yetter mentioned that we will be making the last payment on the escalator this week. He will be lining up financing for the next equipment purchase.

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said the Financial Report for December looks good.

Supervisor Yetter said we had a pretty good year. We had \$125,000.00 over what was budgeted. There was discussion about finances.

Resolution # 14-2023

Supervisor's Financial Report for December 2022

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the Supervisor's Financial Report for December 2022.

Councilmember Walter - AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
Councilmember Smith - AYE
Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

EMS Discussion

Keith Flesher, Town of Berkshire Supervisor, is looking into alternatives for Maine EMS. He is talking with Candor EMS and they would take over if Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford all agreed. They have a higher rate than Maine EMS. Mr. Flesher will be doing a Power Point presentation. Supervisor Yetter said he will share any information he gets with the Town Board.

Old Business

Pole Barn

Supervisor Yetter is still working on talking with Steve McElwain about the pole barn.

Department & Council Reports Code Enforcement

Dan Cheresnowski discussed with the Board:

- There is an onslaught of people living in campers. He said he sent an email to the State to get their guidance on the situation. They said someone can live in a camper for six (6) months, but then have to have a permanent place to live after that. He talked with the Planning Board Chair and he would like the Planning Board to start working on a Local Law for living in campers. He believes a fee for a permit would be necessary. There was discussion about this issue. Supervisor Yetter said that by the end of the next Planning Board meeting, they should have some input for the Local Law. There was discussion about people living in campers.
- Mr. Cheresnowski said he has been doing Fire Inspections.
- Mr. Cheresnowski is working on the Annual Code Report for the State.
- Concerning John Smith's situation, Mr. Cheresnowski said he has talked to all the parties involved.

The Code Enforcement Officer's Report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Dog Control

Denise Liske said there has been nothing significant going on. A woman had a dog running at large and would rather move than have a problem so she moved. There has been a couple of other dogs running at large. She will be going to court for delinquent dog licenses. She said she is catching up from when everything shut down for Covid.

Council Members and Committees

Supervisor Yetter said the wish lists for grants can be emailed to him. He has been in touch with the grant writers and their contact information.

There was a discussion about grants and some of the items we might want to look into for grants are: software for the Bookkeeper, Code Books, televisions for the Board room, inside lights for the Town Hall.

A big thank you to Councilmember Tomazin for getting the lighting taken care of in the parking lot.

Planning Board

A report was sent to Supervisor Yetter.

Executive Session

The purpose of this Executive Session is for a discussion for disciplinary action.

Resolution # 15-2023

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Johnson the Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:32 P.M.

- Councilmember Walter - AYE
- Councilmember Johnson – AYE
- Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
- Councilmember Smith - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution # 16-2023

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

- Councilmember Walter - AYE
- Councilmember Johnson – AYE
- Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
- Councilmember Smith - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution # 17-2023

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H1 to H4, inclusive in the amount of \$61,480.08.

- Councilmember Walter - AYE
- Councilmember Johnson - AYE
- Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
- Councilmember Smith - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution # 18-2023

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers A1 to A25, inclusive, in the amount of \$38,585.18

- Councilmember Walter - AYE
- Councilmember Johnson - AYE
- Councilmember Tomazin - AYE
- Councilmember Smith – AYE
- Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

David Hotaling sent a proposal for mowing the cemeteries and the Town Hall and flowers for the planter out front. This was tabled.

We have not received a contract from Stray Haven yet.

There was a discussion about the Highway Employees uniforms.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

The next meeting will be a Work Session scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk