

A regular meeting was held February 21, 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:

Joe Tennant, Highway Superintendent; Jared Martin; Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town; Dan Cheresnowski, Code Enforcement Officer; John Pastalan, Planning Board Chair; Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer; Joe Onofrio.

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 January 17, 2023 and February 7, 2023

Resolution # 25-2023

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for
January 17, 2023 and February 7, 2023**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the Board Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023 and March 7, 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

Joe Onofrio asked the Board what their thoughts were if the Village was to dissolve. Supervisor Yetter explained that it would be under the influence of the Comptroller. There would be little change to services except garbage pick-up. The Trout Ponds and the Green would still be maintained. The transition would probably take a couple of years.

The water district would be turned over to a manager, any buildings would be absorbed by the Town but the taxes and maintenance of the buildings would be absorbed by all. The taxes should go down. If the Village has a debt load, the Villagers would have to cover that. Everyone would have to pay for the roads, Trout Ponds, library and maintenance on buildings. There was a lengthy discussion about the water district and about the

possibility of the Village dissolving. There will be adjustments if the Village does dissolve, but it is up to the Villagers to decide whether they want to dissolve or not, the Town has nothing to do with that. Jared Martin asked the Board about joint services between the Town and the Village and there was a discussion on this issue.

There was discussion about the water leak at the school.

The Board discussed the Debt Service Charge the Village puts on the water bills.

Supervisor Yetter thanked Mr. Onofrio for coming to the meeting and discussing these issues with the Board.

Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Report:

Highway Report February 21, 2023

1. We put an ad in the Tioga County Courier on the bid for the grader.
2. We have hauled in gravel for Spring road repair.
3. Truck #82 is back from Burrs, we had them replace the bad injectors.
4. I would like to get bids to crush our pile of creek gravel.
5. Truck #83 will be going to Robert Greens to have the oil pan replaced Thursday or Friday.

Highway Superintendent Tennant read his report. There was discussion about the bids for crushing the gravel. The ad for the bids has to include the prevailing wage. Supervisor Yetter said the Highway Superintendent's secretary Terry should get with Theresa for the prevailing wage number.

There was a discussion concerning the grader.

There was discussion about #83's oil pan.

Truck #82 came back from Burrs the next day and everything is good on it.

Resolution # 26-2023

Authorization for Highway Superintendent to Advertise for Bids for Crushing Gravel

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for crushing creek gravel.

Councilmember Walter - AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin - AYE

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

New Business

Supervisor's Financial Report

Supervisor Yetter said the Financial Report for January 2023 looks good after the second try and hopefully the Board will agree that it is good now. The Sales Tax Revenue is the best it has ever been. The surplus tax revenue can pay for the grader. Supervisor Yetter is checking for financing for the truck. The grants haven't gone anywhere yet.

Resolution # 27-2023

Supervisor’s Financial Report for January 2023

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved the Supervisor’s Financial Report for January 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Letters of Interest for Planning Board Member and Board of Assessment Review Member

We received a Letter of Interest from Lane Painter who would like to be appointed to the Planning Board. We have four members and need five, the fifth person needs to make the majority of their living from agriculture. We will hold on to his letter in case someone resigns from the Planning Board.

We received a Letter of Interest from Jamey Remaley who would like to be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review. The Board discussed this for a few minutes and will appoint him.

Resolution # 28-2023

Appointment of Jamey Remaley to the Board of Assessment Review

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board appointed Jamey Remaley to the Board of Assessment Review.

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

Motion Carried

Spring Clean-up Days – E Waste Agreement

The Board discussed the E-Waste contract with Tioga County for electronics. Spring Clean-up Days will be May 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Resolution # 29-2023

E-Waste Contract with Tioga County

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Yetter to sign the contract with Tioga County for E-Waste for our Spring Clean-up Days.

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

Motion Carried

Stray Haven – Dog Holding Service Agreement

After discussing the contract and amendments, this was tabled until we get more information.

Dog Control

Denise Liske said she has a repeat offender for delinquent licenses. The woman has been issued five court dates and will finally be going to court.

Old Business

Financial Support for Tioga County REAP

REAP has asked us for financial support of \$773.00. After discussing the organization, the Board decided to support them.

Resolution # 30-2023

REAP Support

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board agreed to give REAP financial support in the amount of \$773.00.

Councilmember Walter - AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin - AYE

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

EMS Discussion

There was a brief discussion about the contract and previous years contract. Supervisor Yetter is talking with Chris Dyer and working out the details for the new contract.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

Dan Cheresnowski will be gone for the month of March. Tioga Center’s Code Enforcement Officer will be covering for him while he is gone and is only charging for mileage. We need a resolution for mileage.

An ongoing situation is people living in campers. We need to draw up an ordinance or local law for living in campers. There was discussion on this issue. Mr. Cheresnowski discussed with the Board the junk issues in the Town.

Council Members and Committees

There was a discussion about the new building.

Planning Board

John Pastalan said the Planning Board would like to see something from the Town Board to support Code.

There was more discussion about junk in yards and how we need some kind of local law to control it. Lindsey Johnson will look over a few of the issues and go to a Planning Board Meeting.

There was more discussion about living in campers.

Executive Session

The purpose of this Executive Session is for a discussion about an employee issue.

Resolution # 31-2023

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Johnson the Town Board entered Executive Session at 8:53 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution # 32-2023

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 9:01 P.M.

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

Highway Bills

Resolution # 33-2023

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H5 to H19, inclusive in the amount of \$37,292.22.

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

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution # 34-2023

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers A26 to A50, inclusive, in the amount of \$41,940.48

Councilmember Walter - AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin - AYE

Councilmember Smith – AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

A motion was offered by Councilmember Tomazin to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock

Town Clerk