

A work session was held March 7, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following Board members were

PRESENT:

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

Also Present:

Joe Tennant, Highway Superintendent; Abbey Ortu

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.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Report March 7, 2023

- 1 Truck #83 is at Robert Green's to be repaired. (Oil Pan) I need to get Truck #89 to Burr's for D.E.F. system repair. The soot filter is plugging and it won't regen. It might be a module.
- 2 The Grader bid should start coming in. I had a few calls already.
- 3 I haven't put the bid in the paper yet for crushing gravel.

There was discussion on Highway report.

- 1- Oil pan is on back order.
- 2- Interest from another township on our Grader.
- 3- Bids are ready to go in paper

There was a lengthy discussion on Grader purchase without having a wing on. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant said he would look into one with a wing and the cost would be much more. Was brought up to Abbey Ortu on a grant and was said that they can take up to a year. Was decided to see what bids came in.

New Business

Supervisor Yetter discussed the Chief Fiscal Officer Audit.

Town Clerk Audit has not been done yet.

Supervisor Yetter discussed letter he received from Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation that they were asking for a donation and that their goal was to raise \$3,000 for the programs that they do. Decided to table it.

Tioga's Code Enforcement Officer is the back up while our Code Officer is out of the office for March.

Mileage reimbursement for March

Resolution # 35-2023

Reimbursement for Mileage for Tioga's Code Enforcement Officer for March

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved Mileage reimbursement for Tioga's Code Enforcement Officer for March for back up for the Town Of Newark Valley Code Enforcement Officer. Mileage form to be submitted.

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

Motion Carried

Old Business

Lengthy discussion on storage building and that the water line could interfere with new building and they would have to go around it. Supervisor Yetter asked Highway Superintendent Tennant to check with the village and have them mark it out, the water pressure isn't good at the town garage, could be possible that the line is crushed or corroded. The Town Board and Supervisor Yetter said this would be a good time to have it looked at and repaired and wouldn't want to bury new pipe under the building.

Storage Building Bids

Resolution # 36-2023

Request for Proposal for Storage Building

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board agreed to publish a legal notice for RFP, bids open May 2nd 2023 and have to be received by April 30th 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter discussed that Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant can mail and RFP letter to contractors.

Stray Haven – Dog Holding Service Agreement

Tabled

Abbey Ortu discussed the Grants and asked the Town Board what they are looking for. The Town Board stated that they will need another Plow Truck and that would like a mower with a boom and a force feed loader. Abbey discussed that the grants were through USDA and would put them in touch with us as they will help. It was brought up that three Towns could share equipment. Abbey well set in motion with Boom Mower. Supervisor Yetter can draft a letter to town Supervisors to discuss USDA grants and Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant can reach out the other Highway Superintendents from Berkshire and Richford. The three Towns do a lot of work together when help is needed. Supervisor Yetter feels this could work well. Abbey would group all into one if that it was decided to do a grant with the other two towns. Was discussed about ARPA money and if there was a time frame it had to be used, Supervisor Yetter said we had plenty of time.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement Officer
Dog Control
Council Members & Committees
Planning Board
No Reports

A motion was offered by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be a scheduled for March 21, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Corson
Deputy Clerk