

A regular meeting was held March 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; Karen & Dale Gunther, Joe Mooney; Ted Hardenstine

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 February 21, 2023 and March 7, 2023

Resolution # 37-2023

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for
February 21, 2023 and March 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

Dale and Karen Gunther discussed that the Solar people reached out to them and wanted them to put sheep on it. The Gunther's told them that they were a dairy farm. Karen Gunther stated that if they wouldn't cooperate that they would have to pay 2 years rent or no land use. Karen had also said that the Solar people said they couldn't put corn on it. It was also said to the Gunther's that the Solar people would have a business in 2024. Supervisor Yetter discussed that the decision is out of the Towns hands as they have not been in touch. Solar people stated to Gunther's that if they couldn't get solar, they would sell. Supervisor Yetter mentioned that they should have found out about putting the Solar in before purchasing.

Chris Dyer discussed the radio system in Broome County. They are also doing specs for a new Ambulance and it's a 16 to 18 month planning process.

Joe Mooney had several questions for The Town Board in regards to Village being dissolved. There was a lengthy discussion on the Village Petition.

If the petition was valid would the town be open to attending meetings. Supervisor Yetter discussed if there were a takeover it would be according to State regulations, The Town isn't able to say anything unless it was in our hands. If the petition were validated the Village would have to hold a vote after 30 days and no longer than 60 days.

Village taxed at 100% rate

Joe Mooney asked about our plan. Supervisor Yetter discussed that there would be one tax rate, 2 tiers to our budget. If the Village had any debt that would stay with the Village. Everyone would be taxed the same. Joe Mooney had said the Village has a water debt and it can't be charged to the town's people. It was asked would the Town have its own staff.

Water has to have someone certified.

Village owns all the street lights and are in charge of all repairs. Would that continue the same or reach back out to NYSEG? Supervisor Yetter mentioned that the town's NYSEG bill went to half with the LED lights.

About the municipal building, Supervisor Yetter said it just can't go away, it would be a serious study.

There was concern for the Youth Program that the Village does. Supervisor Yetter said it would remain the same.

Joe Mooney asked about the sidewalks. The Town wouldn't do personal sidewalks. A question was asked about when the last external audit was done, Supervisor Yetter said that one had been done before he became Supervisor. One had been done 6 to 8 years ago and went through all the books, saw no need for an audit. Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Highway Report:

1. #89 is at Burr's to get regen issue looked at, still waiting on oil pan for #83
2. Price of wing for grader \$21,800 installed?
3. Need another \$5,000 for road material
4. Bids went out for building and gravel crushing, have been cleaning brush and patching pot holes, have 2 bids on grader
5. Labor rate at truck shops:
Cooks - \$140, Stadium - \$145, Tracey's - \$150, Burrs - \$155, Peterbilt
Owego - \$160
6. Rebar in concrete floor of new building would be \$3,000 - \$5,000 less with mesh

Discussed wing on the Grader Councilmember Tomazin firmly believes we need the wing. Lengthy discussion on purchasing separately.

Resolution # 38-2023

Authorization for Highway Superintendent to Get More Road Material

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to get more road material in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Motion Carried

There was a lengthy discussion on the 2 grader bids.

Bradco Supply

2016 Grader with 5200 hours \$180,000, 50/50 all parts and repairs, defective workmanship parts, 90-day powertrain. This Grader didn't have plow equipment. Didn't meet specs.

2013 Grader 4950 hours \$137,500. This one has a front pusher frame for snow plow. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant told us that it was in the shop as they have found some fixable issues and had to do with the differential lock. It will be about a month until it is ready.

Resolution # 39-2023

Authorization for Approval of 2013 Grader

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the approval of the 2013 Grader with 4950 hours in the amount of \$137,500.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

There was continued discussion on the Grader wing. When feasible it could be done within a year, we could use money from selling old grader. At the present time, the Town doesn't have the money. It was discussed that most Towns do not have wings on their graders. When the time comes, the grader can be taken to have it installed.

Resolution # 40-2023

Budget Money for Wing on Grader

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved to budget money for grader wing within the next year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

New Business

Budget Transfer

Resolution # 41-2023

Budget Transfer for Tioga County R.E.A.P. Funds

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved the following Budget Transfer:

\$773.00 FROM A1990.4 Contingency TO A6989.4 Economic Opportunity/Development C.E.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution # 42-2023

Supervisors Financial Report for February 2023

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved the Supervisors Financial Report for February 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Old Business

Stray Haven – Dog Holding Service Agreement

Nothing new on agreement at the present time.

Grants

The meeting had to be canceled as all couldn't attend.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

The fill-in has been handling things very well.

Dog Control

No Report

Council Members and Committees

Planning Board

Supervisor Yetter discussed that they were looking at two things, Junk Law and also living in Camper. The Town Attorney had some Local Law paperwork.

Highway Bills

Resolution # 43-2023

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H28 to H39, inclusive in the amount of \$36,637.65.

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

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution # 44-2023

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers A51 to A77, inclusive, in the amount of \$8,929.89

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

Motion Carried

Association of Towns – Finance School Training

There is training from the Association of Towns in Geneva N.Y. May 8th and 9th. Supervisor Yetter hasn't been in a few years and would like to attend. The cost is \$200.00 for the training and Hotel is \$98.00 a night and would be two nights, plus his mileage.

Resolution # 45-2023

Authorization for Supervisor to Attend Finance School Training

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Yetter to attend the Association of Towns Finance School Training May 8th and 9th in Geneva, N.Y. at a cost of \$200.00 for the training and \$98.00 a night for two nights, plus his mileage.

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

Motion Carried

A motion was offered by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

The next meeting will be a Work Session scheduled for April 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Corson
Deputy Town Clerk