

A Work Session was held April 4, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.

The following 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

**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's Report**

Highway Superintendent Tennant didn't have a report, but discussed a few items with the Board. Superintendent Tennant said the town's people need a place to put brush. He said he would like to provide a place for people to drop the brush off and when the highway employees have some free time, they can chip it and add it to the pile near the Town Hall. The Board thought this was a good idea.

Superintendent Tennant said he received one (1) bid for crushing gravel.

T&C Gravel said they would do it for \$32,500. We have approximately 4,000 to 5,000 yards.

There was discussion about crushing gravel. We can use CHIPS money for the cost of the crushing but will need receipts.

**Resolution # 46-2023**

**Approve and Accept the Gravel Crushing Bid  
Pending Approval to Use CHIPS Money for the Cost**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approves and accepts the gravel crushing bid from T&C Gravel, pending approval to use CHIPS money for the cost.

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

**Motion Carried**

There was discussion about the pole building. Superintendent Tennant said he has had three people inquire about it.

**New Business**

**Local Law #1 of 2023 – Recreational Vehicles and Campers**

Supervisor Yetter talked with the Board a little about the new law. He asked the Board if it would be alright if he had the Planning Board take a look at it to give their input and the Board agreed.

**Old Business**

**Discussion of Grant Applications**

Supervisor Yetter had the meeting with Abbey Ortu. We are eligible for a grant, but we can only get 15%. We are too high per capita. There was a discussion about the finances of a grant. There are two pages of information to see if we are eligible. Supervisor Yetter went over some of the information and will have Theresa look it over. The grant application should be in by September. The Board would like to move forward with it. If it is after September, they will use the 2020 census data and our percentage will go down.

**Department and Council Reports**

Supervisor Yetter received the amended contract from Stray Haven. The attorney has looked it over and it is ready to be signed by him.

The Board talked about the contract for a couple of minutes.

**Resolution # 47-2023**

**Authorize Supervisor to Sign Stray Haven Contract**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Yetter to sign the Stray Haven contract with the amendments.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Dan Cheresnowski will be back in town tomorrow.

**Dog Control Officer**

Denise Liske told Supervisor Yetter everything is fine, no issues.

**Planning Board**

The Planning Board is working on some of the same issues as before.

**Council Members and Committees**

Discussion about the Highway Superintendent’s Agreement to Spend. There was a lengthy discussion about the bridge on Dalton Hill Rd. and Barbertown Rd. and CHIPS money. Superintendent Tennant will put together some ideas and the Board will look it.

**Adjournment**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is a Regular Meeting to be held on April 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock  
Town Clerk