

A Regular Meeting was held April 18, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.

The following were Present:

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, Douglas Cornwell and Terry Patrick: Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowki, Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town

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.

Resolution # 48-2023

**Approval of Board Minutes March 21, 2023
And April 4, 2023**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the meeting minutes for March 21,2023 and April 4, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Douglas Cornwell was inquiring to check on the status of his application for Town Historian. Supervisor Yetter had said there had only been the one application, he also would like to be sure that whomever becomes The Town Historian that they would be compatible with the current Volunteers. Supervisor Yetter discussed that things have been busy and he get it on the agenda.

Highway Superintendent's Report

HIGHWAY REPORT APRIL 18, 2023

The grader came in on 4/14/2023.

We started working dirt roads.

We hauled in Millings from the Town of Union; we did Stage Coach, Water Man, Smokey Zimmer and Bailey Hollow.

We are still working on prices for Barber Town Pipes.

Truck; #83 goes next week for an oil pan to Robert Greens.

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that the Grader arrived last Friday. The road millings are working well, was said they are \$3.00 a ton. Discussed stone and oil over the top to tie them together. Supervisor Yetter would like Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant to get new spec sheet on the new truck with amounts on it for the Pre Grant-Application.

New Business

Supervisors Financial Report

Resolution # 49-2023

Approval for Supervisors Financial Report For March 2023

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

Councilmember Walter - AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin - AYE

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

Budget Modifications

Resolution # 50-2023

Budget Modification Transfer

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the following Budget Modification Transfers.

\$11,575.27 FROM A1990.4 Contingency Account TO A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance

\$99.00 FROM A1990.4 Contingency Account TO A1920.4 Municipal Assoc. Dues

\$79.23 FROM A1990.4 Contingency Account TO Historian C.E.

\$137,500 FROM DB Surplus A1990.4 Contingency Account TO DB5130.2 Machinery

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter discussed that the Town Historians were given money after Ginny Mullins passed away. It is distributed when it is needed.

Old Business

Supervisor Yetter discussed Local Law #1. The Planning Board feels the initial law is stricter than needs to be. Not ready to go over it yet. Code revision was discussed briefly at previous meeting.

Douglas Cornwell brought up questions if Village was dissolved. It became a lengthy discussion. Supervisor Yetter discussed the firearms policy in the work place, and feels we should adopt the policy.

Resolution # 51-2023

Adopting Town of Newark Valley's Firearm Free Workplace Policy

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved the Adoption of The Town of Newark Valley's Fire Arm Free Workplace Policy.

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter discussed briefly that the Gunther's left of papers from the Solar Company, and they are going to incorporate sheep grazing. There are copies available to see.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski discussed that things were going starting to pick up, had sent out five violations today and waiting to hear back from those people. Was discussed that a Lawyer called asking about a house a client was interested in buying on Barbertown Rd. Code Enforcement Officer Cheresnowski had said he will look into it for the Lawyer. House isn't in good shape at all.

Supervisor Yetter discussed the Double wide on Route 38 that it is having wheels be put on to move it. Was also discussed about home inspections between renters. Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town is going to look into home inspections.

Dog Control Officer

DCO Liske has had several difficult situations with barking dogs, and a situation on Brown Rd also some issues with other folks about being able to get Rabies shots. She has offered herself to transport dogs for vaccinations. Was discussed that she shouldn't have to be offering to do transport for others. Lengthy discussion on the Rabies Clinics and how we really need to get one back here in Newark Valley. Hoping to get back next year. Discussion on the fees with AG & Markets. Supervisor Yetter said to follow state law. More discussion on how long before DCO Liske would seize a dog, due to not meeting license requirements.

Council Members and Committees

Planning Board

No Report

General Bills

Resolution # 52-2023

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers A78 to A105, inclusive, in the amount of \$8,424.57

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

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution # 53-2023

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H40 to H50, inclusive in the amount of \$159,641.65.

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session

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

Resolution # 54-2023

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Johnson the Town Board entered Executive Session at 8:25 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution # 55-2023

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:33 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is a Work Session to be held on May 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Corson
Deputy Town Clerk