

A Regular Meeting was held August 15, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.

The following were Present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember

Also Present:

Joe Tennant, Highway Superintendent; Jared Martin, Douglas Cornwell, Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowki, Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson, Attorneys to the Town, Chris Dyer, Domonica Geist, Kristian Geist, Ember Geist.

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 # 83-2023

**Approval of Board Minutes June 18, 2023
August 1, 2023 was cancelled**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved the meeting minutes for June 18, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

The Geist family was there just to observe. Chris Dyer from the Maine Emergency Squad brought File of Life magnets that your medications can be listed on, Chris had said they have been a big help if there is a call and the patients is not able to speak. Maine Emergency Squad had done several grants and the File for Life came from the Community Foundation for South Central NY.

Highway Superintendent's Report

HIGHWAY REPORT August 15, 2023

- Have an agreement to spend for stone and oil, chips projects
- Jeff Rockwell came in and laid out the building, had to add more fill dirt to the site
- Have the broom from the County, it works well
- Still nothing on the broom that was in the accident
- Tire quotes 33 tires

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that he was able to get just to quotes on tires. First one was from Talmage Tire \$5,445.00, second was from Palmatier Tire \$7,425.00.

Resolution # 84-2023

Authorize Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant To trade in used tires toward new tires

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant to trade in tires toward new tires.

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

Resolution # 85-2023

Approval for Road Projects Per Amendment Given to The Town Board on August 15, 2023

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved road projects per Amendment given to The Town Board on August 15, 2023.

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

New Business

Supervisor Yetter discussed that the sales tax is coming in and things are very good.

Supervisors Financial Report

Resolution # 86-2023

Approval for Supervisors Financial Report For July 2023

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved the Supervisors Financial Report for July.

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

Motion Carried

Old Business

Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson discussed that we have to have a resolution for the Solar contract. Was mentioned that can piggy back of the old one.

Resolution # 87-2023

The Town of Newark Valley received the Solar Farm application and it is complete

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved the Solar Farm application and it is complete.

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter discussed scheduling Public Hearing for September 5th which is the next Town Board meeting.

Resolution #88-2023

Authorize Town Clerk to advertise a Public Hearing on September 5, 2023 at 7pm for installation for the Solar Farm at 1779 West Creek Rd Newark Valley

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing on September 5, 2023 at 7PM at Hutchinson Hall;

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

Motion Carried

Camper Law was discussed briefly as there has been no meeting.

Amendments to Building Code Laws was briefly discussed that the Local Law needs some changes to keep in compliance.

Lindsey Johnson, Levene, Gouldin, & Thompson discussed the Sexual Harassment Policy as there are names that need to be added and some removed.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Cheresnowski discussed some issues that are going on, and he sent a letter out. There is a lot of re-modeling and building going on. Also discussed properties that need cleaning up.

Dog Control Officer Denise Liske had a lengthy discussion with The Town Board on some incidents. There were two dogs that went to stray haven, two outstanding court cases. Denise discussed that she had been to a Village meeting and stated that their Village Law is way out of date, she is going to be working with them to get it updated. Denise also talked about the cost of the phone call being forwarded to her phone. She said most of the calls come directly to her cell phone and she's fine with that. Code Enforcement Officer also said he was fine with getting calls to his Cell phone. They both had said that the other Towns don't do anything but cell phones. Supervisor Yetter stated that we will change it on the Website to let the public know that the 642 numbers will no longer work after January 1, 2024.

Council Members and Committees

Supervisor Yetter received notice that Wanda Grover has resigned as Tax Collector, and suggested that it go back to The Town Clerk as that is part of the job.

Planning Board
No report. They hope to meet in September.

Historian
Doug Cornwell read his Historian report.

Highway Bills

Resolution # 89-2023

Highway Bills

On a motion, offered by Councilmember Walter, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H85 to H97, inclusive in the amount of \$104,165.82.

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

Motion Carried

General Bills

Resolution # 90-2023

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Johnson, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bill Vouchers A197 to A215, inclusive, in the amount of \$145,152.06

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

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Johnson the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is a Work Session to be held on September 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Corson
Town Clerk

8/15/2023