

A Work Session was held December 5, 2023 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M.

The following were Present:

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember
Brett Walter, Councilmember
Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember

ABSENT:

Warren Smith, Councilmember

Also Present:

Joe Tennant, Highway Superintendent; Jim Marzen, Code Enforcement Officer; Dan Cheresnowski

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 Report

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that the new truck was back from Burr as there was Transmission issue, new building is coming along really well and the have started to put some things in it. They are just waiting for it to snow.

New Business

Steve Palinosky Director of Tioga County Real Property came and discussed the Counties Tax Exemptions. The new exemption he discussed was the Fire Fighter & Ambulance workers, and with 2 years of service they could get up to a 10% reduction of the assessed value of their property. The next was the Senior Exemption and could be up to 50% on property taxes based on income – similar adjusted gross income. Taxable IRA distributions can be deducted from federal adjusted gross income. Steve also discussed Roth IRA'S being added to adjusted gross income, loss of limitations cannot include more than \$3,000.00 for any category of loss. the maximum is \$15,000.00 in total losses. Discussed set base amount, and what the maximum the state allows. Supervisor Yetter shared that it was better for the Firefighters to do the tax exemption.

Supervisor Yetter discussed with the Town Board that Jeff Rockwell would like the next building draw.

Resolution # 139-2023

Authorize payment to Jeff Rockwell for the Remaining frame work on the Town Highway Building in the amount of \$14,095.00

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board authorized Supervisor Yetter to make the payment to Jeff Rockwell for the remaining frame work on the New Highway Building.

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

Motion Carried

Old Business

Supervisor Yetter discussed that the Solar Farm is suing the Gunther's. Supervisor Yetter is hoping that they can get it settled.
Supervisor Yetter discussed the Historian and that the Attorney had sent the letter out to him, and he will also look into locks and or keypad for the historian building.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Code enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowki discussed that all was pretty quiet. He is working with a resident on Howard Hill on getting drawings for their project. Was also discussed that if you have a 1200 square foot building you do not need stamped drawings. He also has been riding around and checking on things and doing Fire Inspections. A home on Chamberlin Rd that had been getting cleaned up has become very messy again and will have to get cleaned up.

Dog Control

No report

Council members & Committees

Planning Board

Supervisor Yetter has a draft of the camper law and the it needs to be discussed, and he will get it emailed to the councilmembers.

Supervisor Yetter discussed that there was \$200.00 petty cash needed from the Bookkeeper for the tax collector.

Resolution # 140-2023

**Authorize Velvet Lyke Bookkeeper to get
\$200.00 petty cash for the Tax Collector**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Johnson, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board authorized Velvet Lyke Bookkeeper to get \$200.00 petty cash for the Tax Collector.

Councilmember Walter - AYE

Councilmember Johnson – AYE

Councilmember Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. – AYE

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

The next scheduled Regular meeting will be held on December 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Corson
Town Clerk