

March 14, 2018

Supervisor Walker opened the Public Hearing on the 2018 Fire Protection Contract at 7:28 pm in the Supervisor's office. Those present: Councilmen Feinen, Wik, and Sutton, Highway Superintendent Feinen, Code Enforcement Officer Crowell, and 7 residents.

Councilman Wik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Walker opened the floor to the audience. Steven Gilbert spoke about an issue on his O'Brien Rd. property with water drainage. Highway Superintendent Feinen mentioned that the town started digging a drainage line but the inclement weather had caused it to be delayed. Mr. Gilbert stated he would wait and see how things go after the drainage line is finished.

Heidi Pierce thanked the Town Board for raising concern to the state about the speed on Middle Rd. and getting the speed reduced. She also asked the board if she could rent the community center on Saturday's to have a fitness class, the board decided to allow her to rent the community center for her fitness class. Mrs. Pierce also mentioned that her and her neighbors' wells are fed from a creek and they do not have a good quality source of water. She was questioning what could be done to possibly get a water line put in. She was advised it was the County's water system and she would have to speak to them about it.

Eva Gadewoltz stated the JCAP grant they received still had monies that had not yet been spent, she requested the board allow her to purchase a walk through metal detector for \$2147.25 and a better quality hand held detector for \$134.75. Councilman Feinen made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilman Wik seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

Copies of the Minutes from last month's meeting had been distributed to all Town Board members prior to this meeting. Councilman Feinen made a motion to accept the minutes as reviewed. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

Copies of the Financial Report were also distributed prior to this meeting. Councilman Sutton made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilman Feinen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

After having reviewed the bills, Councilman Sutton made a motion to pay all outstanding bills in all funds. Councilman Wik seconded the motion. **Resolution #9-3/18** passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", and Supervisor Walker votes "aye".

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Charter Communications payment of their franchise fee covering the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

From the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Research Department, a check for FOIL payment for 42 pages sent to them at a cost of \$.25 per page.

From the State of New York Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Bureau letting us know that the speed on Middle Rd. between Martin and Newell Roads has been reduced to 45 MPH.

From the Sheridan Memorial VFW Post #6390 a request for the Town to provide the VFW Post with any available truckloads of stone (preferably crushed limestone) for their parking lot.

From the Assessor a letter discussing Mr. Rosas's request to have the paper street that splits his

property closed and deeded over to him.

From the Association of Towns and Office of the Comptroller a flyer about the 18th Annual Town Finance School registration form.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Justices Romer & Foley report 234 Vehicle and Transportation Law cases, 5 Penal Law cases, and 2 Environment Conservation Law cases for the month of February. A total of \$29,048.00 was collected and turned over for distribution.

Code Enforcement Officer Crowell reports for the month of February: 5 Building permit applications received, 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 6 inspections on construction, 2 public safety inspections, 1 complaint was investigated, 1 notice of violation, 1 address change, 40 miles traveled and 60 hours worked. A total of \$670.00 was collected in fees. The town is currently researching 4 actions required by NYCERTA to receive a total of \$5,000 in grant money, he would like 2 members of the board to meet with him and NYCERTA.

Highway Superintendent Feinen reports 662.5 total hours worked in Jan:

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| **240 hours on general repair | ** 102 hours of shop work |
| ** 36.5 hours off | ** 262 hours of snow removal |
| ** 122 hours brush chopping | ** 22.5 hours of overtime |

#6 Truck shut down in the road, it was towed to DeMarco's, a new primer pump was put in and it was back in service. 2 couches were picked up and about 2 dozen tires on the road. Crews chopped brush on Meyers, Miller, Stone Quarry, Christy and O'Brien roads. New steer tires were put on the sterling and roads were posted. A washout was fixed at the town line on Miller Rd. Fixed potholes 3 times and have only used 1,000 lbs of cold patch.

Met with David Spann from Chautauqua County Soil and Water about Cook Rd. to see if we can get grant money to fix it. Talked to Mr. Englos from the wind project about Straight Rd. and advised him that they need to obtain a permit. Got prices for a loader trade, a mini excavator, skid steer and a new box. Only was response was received for a box for truck #5 and we will wait for more quotes. DOT wants to change a pipe on Newell Rd. in preparation for the detour for 39 being shut down. They will be replacing it with a bigger structure at no cost to us.

Town Clerk Schafer reports a total of \$287.00 was collected in the month of February. \$255.00 was turned over to the General Fund and \$32.00 total was sent out to NYS Dept of Ag & Markets for dog licenses.

Dog Control Officer Purol reports 6 dogs running at large, 3 gone on arrival, 1 returned to owners, 1 deceased dog, and 1 impounded. Currently there are 2 long overdue dog licenses, 1 that is 15.5 months overdue and 1 that is 18.5 months over due.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Woodland Services contract was drawn up, Councilman Feinen made a motion to accept the

review, Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. **Resolution #9-3/18** passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman Feinen votes “aye”, Councilman Wik votes “aye”, and Supervisor Walker votes “aye”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Feinen made a request the Town purchase a skid steer for the Town Highway department. Councilman Wik made a motion we purchase the skid steer at the the cost of \$45,959.55 at the New York Contract bid from the National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA) Contract #021815, Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. **Resolution #10-3/18** passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman Feinen votes “aye”, Councilman Wik votes “aye”, and Supervisor Walker votes “aye”.

Jeff Passafaro sent out a letter and newspaper article regarding the installation of wireless telecom towers. Small cell units have been going up in clusters on existing poles within municipal right of way without application under local telecom laws. The town will continue to stay informed on the issue.

Superintendent Walker would like to attend the Smart Management for Small Communities Practical Resources for Governance conference through Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center at at Minnowbrook April 24-26. Councilman Sutton made a motion we send Supervisor Walker to the conference, Councilman Wik seconded the motion. **Resolution #11-3/18** passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman Feinen votes “aye”, Councilman Wik votes “aye”, and Supervisor Walker votes “aye”.

The City of Dunkirk is requesting the Town to send a letter of support received a grant from the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge to put towards the CREATE project. Councilman Wik made a motion we send a letter, Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman Feinen votes “aye”, Councilman Wik votes “aye”, and Supervisor Walker votes “aye”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Workshop meeting: March 28th at 7:00pm in the Supervisor’s office.

Next Board meeting: April 11th at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

Councilman Feinen made motion we table the letter regarding Mr. Rosas’s request until we can get more information. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman Feinen votes “aye”, Councilman Wik votes “aye”, and Supervisor Walker votes “aye”. As there was no further business or discussion, Councilman Wik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schafer, Town Clerk