

February 20, 2020

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Marty Mason, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and two visitors.

Absent: Councilman Paul Aubertine, excused

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor

Elizabeth Brennan – Liz told the board that on behalf of the Christmas Committee, she would like to thank them and the highway crew for their support and helping to put the lights up at Tibbetts Point. She said that the committee appreciates the support. She also said that they are in need of new members.

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were accepted by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass told the board that they have had the usual meetings, and a pancake breakfast was held. He said that the library has moved in and so far things are running smoothly for them. Keith told the board that they had to do some repairs on the chimney and they have cleaned up one of the closets and put shelving up.

Water – Keith Brass said that they are installing meters and radios in water district three. He said that they had a blow off hydrant break on the Branche Road, and it is repaired. He said that he and John Lawrence attended training in Watertown. He said that they also lost two computers because of the Windows 10 updates. He was working with the older version of Windows and it went down for good. He sent the computers away, and they are working fine now.

Keith told the board that he would like to purchase a mini excavator. He reviewed some of the quotes that he received and he told the board that he would like to purchase the Takeuchi from Anderson Equipment. Keith said that he would also like to purchase the service agreement which will cover up to 2,000 hours.

The board discussed the excavator with him and Supervisor Bender asked Keith if he would recommend buying this machine. Keith told him yes, that he tried it out, and feels it will work the best for the work they want it to do. He said this machine will fit on the trailer that they purchased last year.

Councilman Mason made a motion to purchase the Takeuchi mini excavator from Anderson Equipment and the extended service agreement in the amount of \$47,424.00, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that they have helped the village with various jobs, cut trees and cut brush along the roads. He said that the grader needed to have the turbo replaced, that work has been done and the grader is back at the garage. He said that they helped the library move to Recreation Park and they borrowed a lift from the town of Orleans to take the lights down at Tibbetts Point. He said they borrowed a lift so they didn't have to rent one, saving money. Bill told the board that he; Supervisor Bender and Michelle Bouchard attended the FEMA kick off meeting in Watertown so that the town can apply for funding to help repair damages to Dablon Point Road and Wilson Beach Road. These damages occurred at the end of October 2019. He said that he will be moving forward with this.

Bill told the board that they have made upgrades at the transfer site, and explained that the town will no longer be able to accept mattresses' at the transfer site. He said that he attended a meeting where this was discussed and that mattresses can only be disposed of at the County recycling center.

Bill told the board that he needs an answer regarding raising the fee at the transfer site for a bag of garbage. He said the reason for this is because the County will be charging the transfer site for recycling and he and Nina discussed this and they feel it would be better to raise the garbage fee instead of charging fees to recycle. Councilman Wood said that he talked with Nina and he agrees the garbage fee should be raised one dollar. He said he feels this is reasonable. Councilman Wiley also agreed.

Councilman Mason asked about the tires and Bill told him that Nina has a quote from a company, but they will only pick up if there is 14 ton or more. Bill said that he will ask about tractor and large truck tires.

Councilman Wood made a motion to increase the fee for a bag of garbage from \$2.00 to \$3.00, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Supervisor Bender, Councilmen Wiley and Wood all vote AYE, Councilman Mason OPPOSED.

Councilman Wiley asked Bill for the repair estimates for the houses at the Lighthouse as he wants to provide them to Scott Burto.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender gave the financial report and said that the town is in receipt of the monies collected through taxes.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members present voted AYE.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that they are now emailing time lines and get a report every Friday. He said that the timeline is aggressive and they will have the plan ready to review at the end of April.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that baseball sign-ups are starting.

TI School – Councilman Wiley told everyone that the girls will have a sectional game Friday at 7pm.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that they are moving along with the 501C3 process. He said that he and Scott Burto have attended several meetings over the last month. They have met with the DOT about the Street Scape and also the Thousand Islands Tourism Council regarding the bike trail. Councilman Wiley said that they will meet with DASNY on March 18 to discuss receiving the grant monies that were awarded.

#### Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Bender said that he would like the town to explore options to install solar that would provide electric service to the town office and highway garage, and in the future, Recreation Park. He said that he knows there is no money in this year's budget, but would like to start the process and budget funds next year for this. Councilman Wiley asked him if he wanted to start with a consultant, and he said yes. Councilman Mason said that there are incentives available and suggested this be looked into as well. Supervisor Bender will look into different consultants.

Supervisor Bender said that the Town Clerk has requested an audit be done of her books. He asked Councilman Wood if he would assist with this. Supervisor Bender and Councilman Wood will meet with the Town Clerk next week to perform the audit.

#### Councilman's Discussion

Councilman Mason said that he would like everyone to know that the new ambulance has arrived.

Councilman Wiley said that he met with Bob Martin, Planning Board Chairman, and they discussed the time spent on re-writing the zoning law. He said that the board worked hard on this and he feels that they should be recognized for their time and effort. Councilman Wiley suggested monetary consideration or a gift card. Supervisor Bender said that they would not be able to do anything from this year's budget, but would like to revisit the idea during next year's budget time.

Councilman Wood said that he attended the Association of Towns training conference in New York City. He thanked the board for allowing him to attend and he felt it was very informative. Councilman Wood reviewed the classes that he took.

#### Resolutions

##### Resolution #18

Resolution #18 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #18 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Ambulance Service for the time period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

##### Resolution #19

Resolution #19 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #19 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Timothy L. White for independent contractor services for the undertaking of the Club Street Land Acquisition and restroom/dock project and the board agrees to compensate Mr. White, \$10,000.00 for one year commencing April 1, 2019 and in the event that the project is not completed, the Term may be extended by mutual agreement between Mr. White and the Town Board.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

##### Resolution #20

Resolution #20 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #20 is to authorize the Supervisor to make the following budget amendments for the purchase of water meters: \$7,947.96 from SW3-599 to SW3-9310.2 \$7,002.00 from SW5-599 to SW5-8310.2.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

##### Resolution #21

Resolution #21 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #21 agrees to move the date for Grievance Day from the fourth Tuesday in May to the fourth Wednesday in May.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Bills: General Fund \$258,515.83; Highway \$31,716.38; WD #1, \$32,329.48; WD#2, \$63,539.23; WD 3, \$13,431.32; WD #4, \$2,134.83; WD #5, \$12,858.45;WD #6, \$873.76.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve of the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm.