

December 17, 2020

Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Bill Pond Highway Superintendent, Keith Brass. There was one visitor.

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that they have had a few activities for kids. He said that they inspected the roof and it was discovered that the chimney needs to be repaired and that they will need to paint or coat the roof. He said that the broken window has been replaced, and they need to replace another broken window.

Keith asked the board if they would like to limit the use of Recreation Park because of the increased number of Covid-19 cases. Supervisor Bender said he would like to lock the doors for events, but keep it open for meetings. Councilman Wiley said that he felt it would look bad if the board closes the building to the public, but yet they use it for meetings. Councilman Wiley said that he would suggest that it stays open and limit the number of people to 10 or less. All agreed.

Water – Keith Brass said that they have done just a few shut offs. He said that they had repaired the yard lights; they bought new tools and tool box. He said that they bought meter pits and supplies too. Keith said that he has renewed his water license, and John needs 22 hours of education to renew. Keith said this will be done virtually. Keith said that he had a meeting with Homeland Security regarding the water system. He said that all went well. He also told the board that there will be a DANC meeting on December 30 to discuss the budget. Supervisor Bender will attend the meeting.

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that the crew is hauling the tires from the transfer site to the County center and at the January board meeting he will need the board to make a budget amendment to pay for the tire disposal.

Bill said the office at the transfer site is done, they have been cutting brush and the excavator was taken to Syracuse for repairs to the tracks and roller. He told the board that the excavator will need a new bucket. He said that he has a quote for a new bucket in the amount of \$900.00. He said that the repairs to the excavator will be a lot less than what he thought. Bill said that they have done the cold patching and ditching. He told the board that the new sweeper was delivered and he will have the invoice to pay in January.

Bill told the board that he has the 2500 truck in for repairs. He said that it needs a new cam shaft and Bud Albro is doing the work.

Bill told the board that the President has declared Dec. 24 a Federal Holiday and the crew would like to take advantage of this. He asked the board for their ok to give this day off to the employees. After discussion, the board did not agree to it.

Bill told the board that he strongly feels this should be the last year for the lights to be on the lighthouse. He said that the wind has whipped the lights and it has taken a lot of stucco off the lighthouse. He said it is all over the yard. He said that the new truck is in the shop.

Councilman Wood told Bill that he has seen the new office at the transfer site and he thinks it looks good. Councilman Wood said that he has thought about the 24<sup>th</sup> holiday and he would be ok with giving half the day off.

Councilman Wood made a motion to allow the employees half a day off on December 24, seconded by Councilman Wiley. There was the following discussion.

Councilman Mason said that he wants this to be for this year only. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Bender gave the Supervisor's Financial Report.

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

Councilman Mason said that he would like to discuss water district 3 with DANC again. Councilman Wiley said that he would like him to discuss the walking trail on the water line again too.

Councilman Wiley said that the town will need to add a line in their budget to indicate Tibbets point Lighthouse Capitol Project. He said that this will be needed for grant purposes.

Councilman Wiley also suggested moving the CD to Bitcoin. He said that he has listened to a podcast on this and he feels that it will earn the town more than the interest it is currently getting.

Councilman Wood said that he knows a little about Bitcoin, and he said that it could also lose everything.

Councilman Aubertine said that he believes in Bitcoin and he would agree to move the CD. He suggested speaking to RBC.

Councilman Wiley said that he feels something needs to be done with the CD.

Bill Pond told the board that the lawsuit from 2018 is still going on. He said that he had to give a deposition.

Supervisor Bender set the date of January 5, 2021 at 9am for the Organizational Meeting at Recreation Park.

#### Resolutions

Resolution #46 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #46 is to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$301.12 from the General Fund to the Capitol Proposed Water District #7 fund for a budget amendment.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

#### Resolution #47

Resolution #47 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #47 is to authorize the Supervisor to make budget modifications to balance all accounts to close the 2020 year.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$30,187.41; WD #3, \$307.78;WD #4, \$1,278.30;WD #5, \$507.56; WD #6, \$429.12; Club Street Project, \$750.00; Highway, \$8,064.45; General Fund, \$29,567.23.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk