

September 16, 2021

## Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass and approximately 10 visitors.

Absent: Councilman Mason, excused.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

### Privilege of the floor

Amy Pond – Amy told the board that she was there on behalf of the Library board. She said that a letter from the board had been submitted to the town board members and that they are asking that the town board reinstate funding to the library in the 2022 budget. Amy told the board that she is willing to come to a budget work session to discuss the funding reinstatement.

Councilman Wiley told her that he would get back to her with a time to attend.

Karin Beauchamp – Karin said that she lives on Kelly Street and she does not want the water and she was in attendance to make sure that they do not get the water.

Brian Kempisty – Brian said that he was there to talk about water district 7, and he understands that it will be voted on again. He said that last year the vote to have water district 7 established was voted down. He said that it should not have come up again for another vote but for some reason the board is pushing it. Brian told the board that it is too expensive and people can't afford it. He said that the board should wait until next year to have the vote when more seasonal residents can vote in person, expressing that people don't vote absentee. He said that he does not want his children paying for the district for the next 40 years. He said he will fight it and he has money in an account for an attorney to make sure it does not happen. He said the water line has to be forgotten.

Brian Russell – Brian said that he just found out about the meeting 2 hours ago. How that is happening he doesn't understand, and he doesn't know why this keeps happening.

Councilman Wiley asked him if he was referring to the board meeting, and he said he was referring to the meeting about the water district. Councilman Wiley and Supervisor Bender explained to him that the meeting was their regular board meeting, their business meeting and not a water district meeting. Brian said that he wants guarantee of what the water will cost. He also wants a guarantee that they will approve his lot line shift. Brian said that absentee ballots don't work because you only get one vote.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the minutes of Aug. 19, 2021, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

### Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the building is still being used with not many open spots. He explained that the village is also using the building for meetings as the Community House is temporarily closed.

Keith also told the board that they have been working on the bleacher to make them safe for the time being, but he said that he needs to have them replaced. Keith shared with the board a quote from BSN sports. He reviewed the quote in the amount of \$3,189.65, for a set of aluminum bleachers.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the purchase of the bleachers from BSN in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.00, seconded by Councilman Aubertine.

All members present voted AYE.

Water – Keith Brass reported that they have done a few installs in water district 1. He said that they have a water leak in water district 6. He said that they have tested the master meter, but will need to correlate to find the leak.

Highway – Bill Pond reported that he has been using the County boom mower for mowing the sides of hills and around guard rails. He said that they have done maintenance on some dirt roads and have done shared service with paving and also helped Brownville on County Rte 59. Bill also told the board that the project on County Rte 54 in Clayton is complete. He said that they have put in a few driveways and they are mowing roads and town properties. Bill told the board that truck 56 is still at Beam Mac; the repairs are taking a bit longer than he thought. He said that he would get sample flooring from Rienmans for the Assessor's office. Bill said that they have finished the sidewalk from the school to Recreation Park and they had helped the village remove docks from East End Park.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed the account balances.

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

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that the events offered by the Youth Commission had tremendous participation of the summer.

LDC – Councilman Wiley said that the MRB Group is working on the 501 C3 status for the LDC, and they have had some good meetings with them.

Matt Cooper, Barton and Loguidice – Matt spoke to the board regarding the sewer district stating that the final grant funding for the study should be coming to the town.

Matt also spoke about the water district, giving updates, and he told the board that they need to set a date to hold the vote.

The board discussed the vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review, Planning Board and Zoning Board. They told the Town Clerk to place a notice in the newspaper to fill the vacancies.

Covid-19 Regulations

Councilman Aubertine said that he did not add much when the initial conversation during the budget work session took place, but he said he is not in favor of mandating employees get vaccinated or bring in a negative covid test each week. He said that he is not in favor of mandating anything.

Councilman Wood said that he didn't care, but wondered what to do when the unvaccinated are together with the vaccinated, such as riding in the trucks together.

Councilman Wiley said that they had talked about giving days off if they are vaccinated, but admitted he has mixed feelings about all of it.

Councilman Aubertine said that he thinks the employees should be vaccinated for their own health, but he will not vote to make them be vaccinated.

Councilman Wiley said that as long as it was budget time he thought the board might think about what to offer those who are vaccinated.

The board decided to table the discussion.

Councilman Wiley said that they have looked at the cracks in the Lighthouse and have seen what needs to be done. He is hoping the State Historic Preservation Office will sign off on the repairs.

Councilman Wiley said that they had a productive meeting with the Ambulance board. He said that he feels the ambulance board has put in a lot of time to have the coverage here.

The Planning Board made a request to the town board that the \$150.00 subdivision fee be waived for Wood Farms for the piece of property that they are subdividing to give to the Ambulance Squad.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to waive the \$150.00 subdivision fee for Wood Farms, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

#### Resolutions

##### Resolution #52

Resolution #52 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #52 approves the Standard Workday for New York State Retirement.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

##### Resolution #53

Resolution #53 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #53 agrees to pay Atlantic Testing for Geotech evaluation and subsurface investigation services for the public restrooms on Club Street in the amount of \$4,673.50.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

##### Resolution #54

Resolution #54 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #54 accepts the petition submitted for a permissive referendum regarding the creation of water district #7, and sets the date of November 2, 2021 from 12noon until 4pm for the vote.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #55

Resolution #55 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #55 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Brownell Abstract Corp. for deed search services for the creation of water district #7 and agrees to the fee of \$5.00 per deed and \$150.00 per stub search.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Bills: Highway, \$43,271.36; General Fund, \$34,561.41; Club Street, \$4,673.50; Capital Project, \$21,666.49; WD #1, \$9,916.66; WD #3, \$256.72; WD #4, \$1,444.29; WD #5, \$407.00; WD #6, \$434.37. Councilman Wiley made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk